

Council Meeting Agenda

Wednesday 28 October 2026 at 6:00pm

Maryborough Town Hall, 71 Clarendon Street, Maryborough
Hybrid Meeting (in person and online)

CENTRAL GOLDFIELDS
SHIRE COUNCIL

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1 Welcome

2 Apologies and Leave of Absence

RECOMMENDATION

That council approve leave of absence for Councillor Anna de Villiers for the period 12 October 2026 to 30 October 2026.

3 Declarations of Conflict of Interest

4 Confirmation of Minutes from Previous Council Meetings

RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 23 September 2026, be confirmed and the Minutes of the Additional Council Meeting held on 28 September 2026, be confirmed.

5 Minutes of Delegated and Advisory Committees

6 Petitions

6.1 Petition Report - Objection to Recommended Carisbrook Rural Living Rezoning

Author: Governance Officer
Responsible Officer: Director Corporate Services

The Officer presenting this report, having made enquiries with relevant members of staff, reports that no disclosable interests have been raised in relation to this report.

SUMMARY/PURPOSE

To present a petition objecting to the recommended Carisbrook Rural Living rezoning and seek Council's resolution to refer the petition to the Chief Executive Officer for consideration in accordance with the Governance Rules.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Receives and notes the petition submitted on 30 September 2026 containing a total of 83 signatures, objecting to the recommended Carisbrook Rural Living rezoning and;
2. Refers the petition to the Chief Executive Officer for consideration as prescribed by section 53.9 of the Governance Rules.

LEGISLATION AND POLICY CONTEXT

Central Goldfields Shire Council's Council Plan 2025-2029:

The Community's vision: **Informed and engaged community**
3. Strengthen community engagement and belonging through Shire-wide participation.

Sound leadership and financial management
6. Embed good governance in all aspects of the organisation to create the fundamentals of fair, open, and equitable decision making.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

September 30, 2026, Council received a written petition containing 83 signatures objecting to the recommended Carisbrook Rural Living rezoning.

The petition was accepted in line with Council's Governance Rules, Section 53.4; *Every petition or joint letter presented to Council must be in writing (other than pencil), contain the request of the petitioners or signatories and be signed by at least 12 people.* And 53.5; Every petition or joint letter must be signed by the persons whose names are appended to it by their names or marks, and, except in cases of incapacity or sickness, by no one else and the address of every petitioner or signatory must be clearly stated.

Subsequently, a second petition containing 441 signatures was received, however it did not meet the requirements under the governance rules: Division 9 – Petitions and Joint Letters; 53. Petitions and Joint Letters; Section 53.8 *Electronic or online petitions, joint letters, memorials or like applications must contain the name and email address of each petitioner or signatory, which details will, for the purposes for Rule 51, qualify as the address and signature of such petitioner or signatory.*

REPORT

Acceptance and processing of a petition must be conducted in line with Council's Governance Rules.

Rule 53.9 requires that where a petition relates to an operational matter, it must be referred to the Chief Executive Officer for consideration.

The matters raised in the petition relate to the Land Use Planning Framework and Urban Residential Land Opportunities. It is therefore appropriate for Council to formally acknowledge the petition and refer it to the Chief Executive Officer for consideration in accordance with these requirements.

RISK MANAGEMENT

Governance - Failure to transparently govern and embrace good governance practices
Community engagement
This risk is mitigated by managing the petition in accordance with the requirements of the Governance Rules, ensuring the petition is formally received, assessed for validity, and referred to the Chief Executive Officer for consideration as prescribed.
This approach supports transparent, consistent, and defensible decision-making.

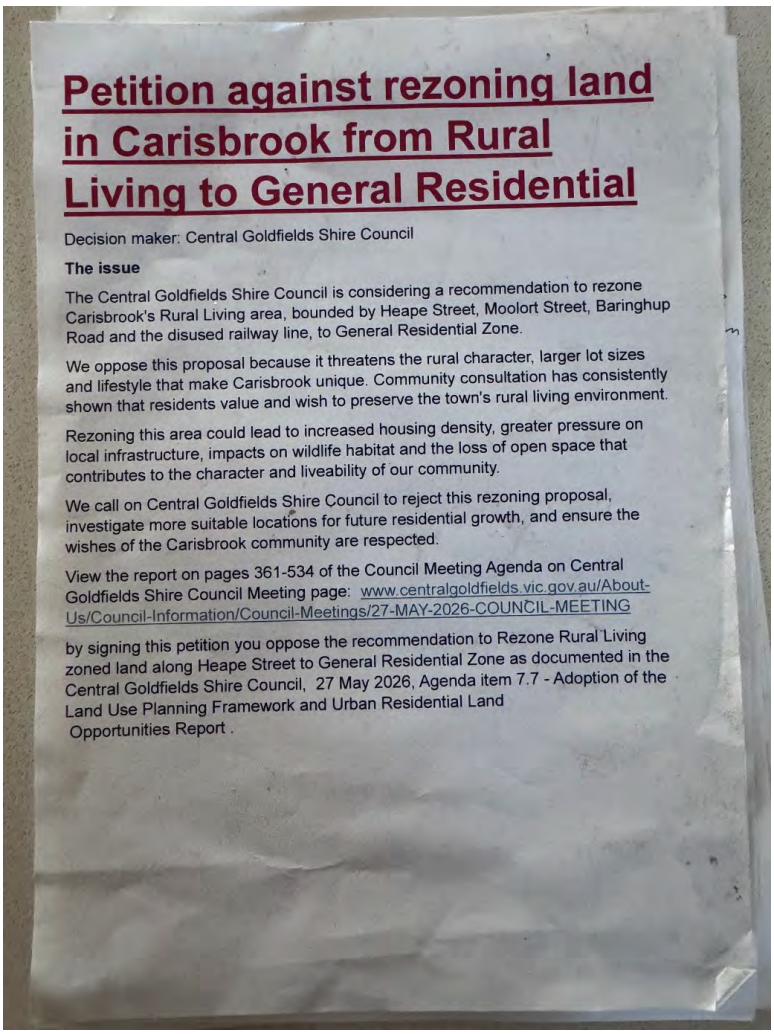
Inadequate stakeholder management or engagement impacting brand reputation and community satisfaction in Council decision
This risk is mitigated by formally acknowledging the petition, ensuring the views of petitioners are appropriately recorded, and referring the matter for consideration through established operational processes.
This demonstrates Council’s commitment to listening to community concerns and engaging in a fair and respectful manner.

CONCLUSION

The petitions received by Council meets the requirements set out in the Governance Rules.
In accordance with these requirements, it is appropriate that the petition be formally acknowledged and referred to the Chief Executive Officer for consideration as it relates to an operational matter.
This approach ensures transparency, procedural compliance and appropriate consideration of the matters raised by the petitioners.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Redacted Petition Copy [**6.1.1**]



Petition against rezoning land in Carisbrook from Rural Living to General Residential

Decision maker: Central Goldfields Shire Council

The issue

The Central Goldfields Shire Council is considering a recommendation to rezone Carisbrook's Rural Living area, bounded by Heape Street, Moolort Street, Baringhup Road and the disused railway line, to General Residential Zone.

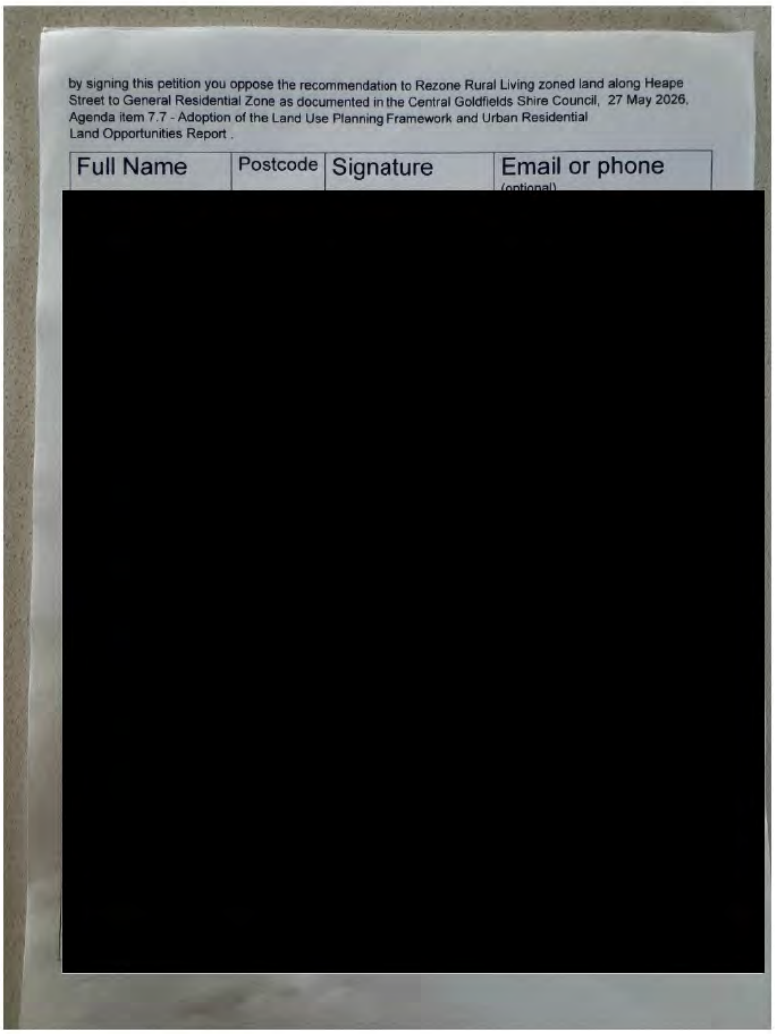
We oppose this proposal because it threatens the rural character, larger lot sizes and lifestyle that make Carisbrook unique. Community consultation has consistently shown that residents value and wish to preserve the town's rural living environment.

Rezoning this area could lead to increased housing density, greater pressure on local infrastructure, impacts on wildlife habitat and the loss of open space that contributes to the character and liveability of our community.

We call on Central Goldfields Shire Council to reject this rezoning proposal, investigate more suitable locations for future residential growth, and ensure the wishes of the Carisbrook community are respected.

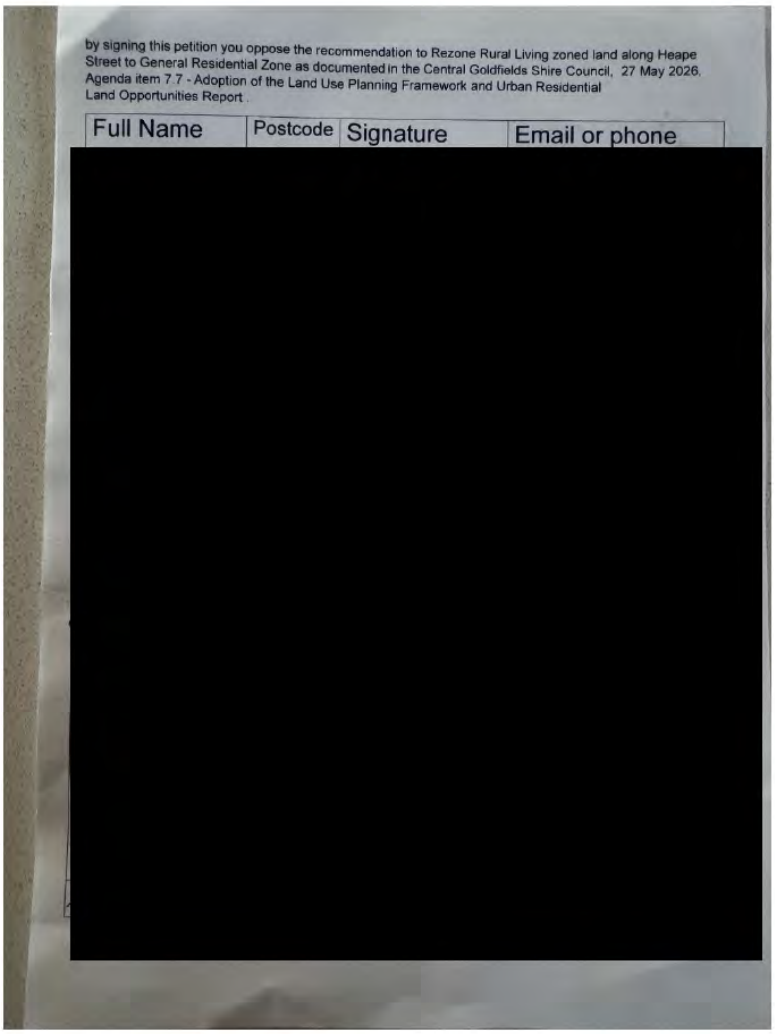
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by signing this petition you oppose the recommendation to Rezone Rural Living zoned land along Heape Street to General Residential Zone as documented in the Central Goldfields Shire Council, 27 May 2026, Agenda item 7.7 - Adoption of the Land Use Planning Framework and Urban Residential Land Opportunities Report .



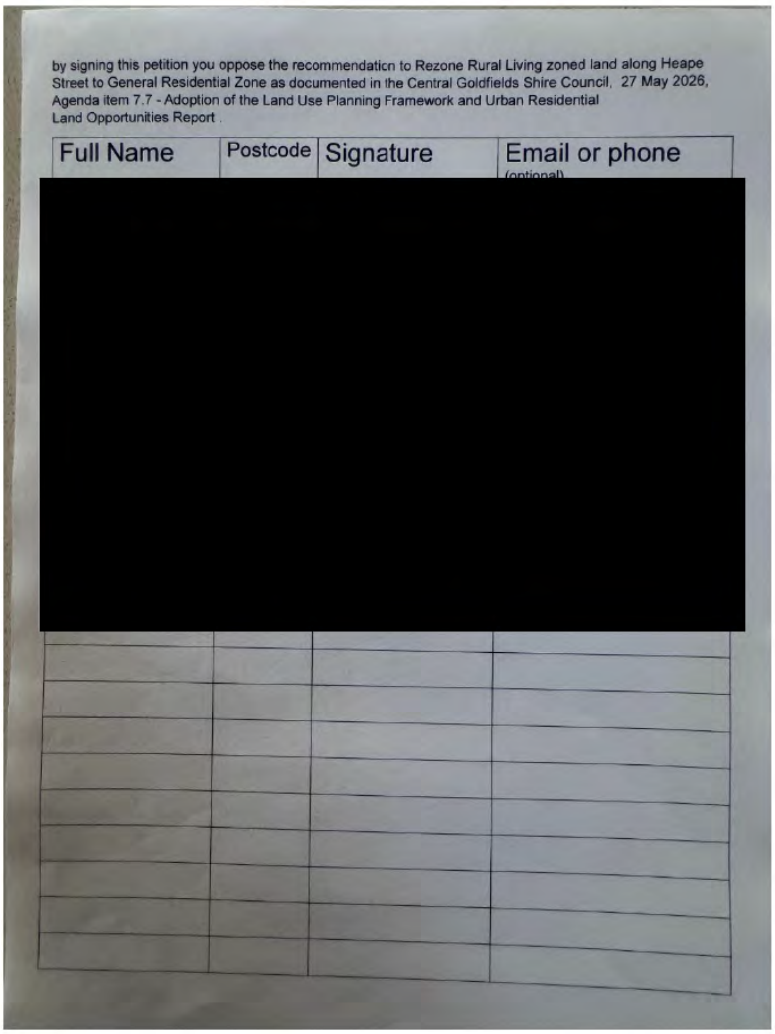
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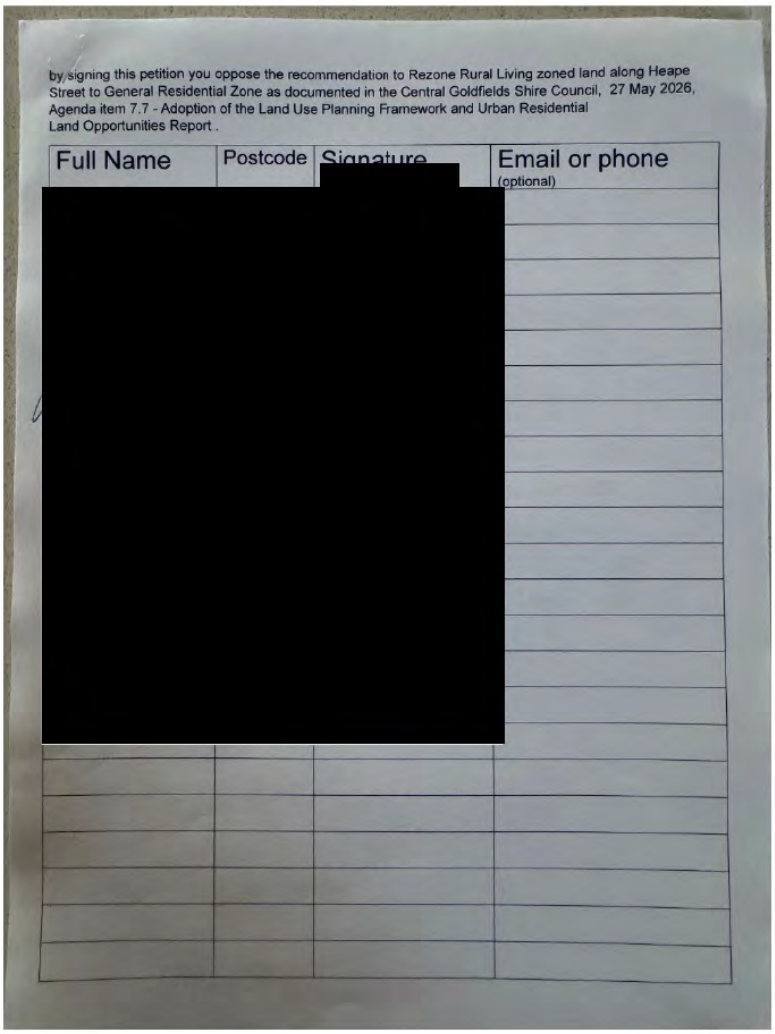
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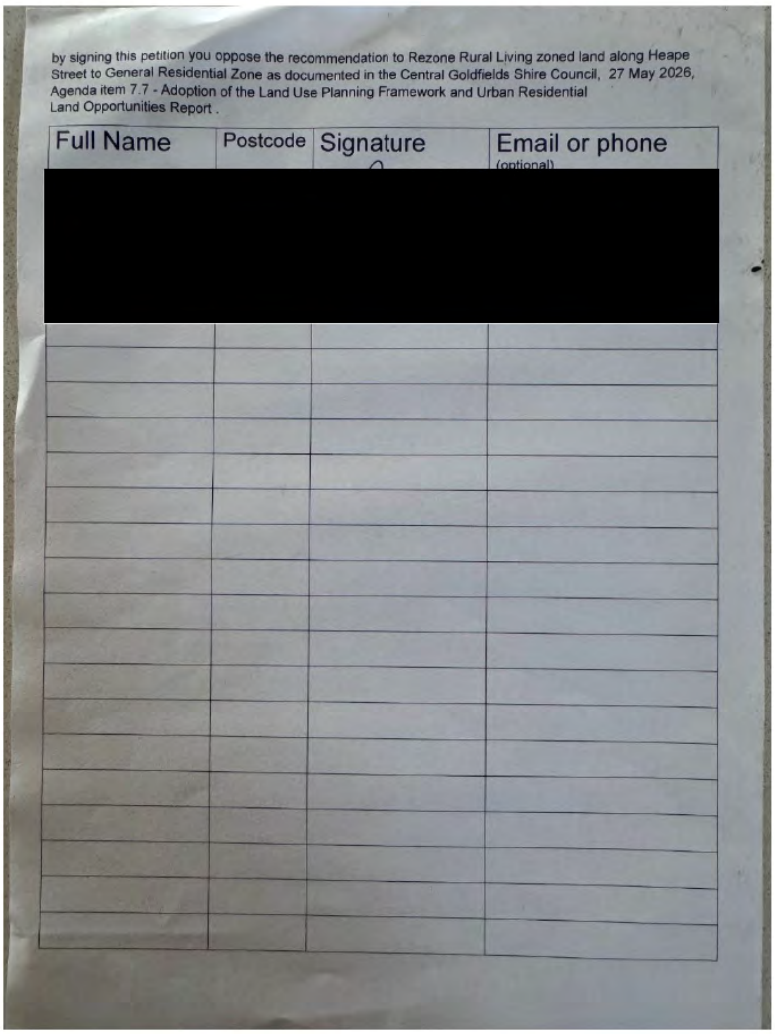
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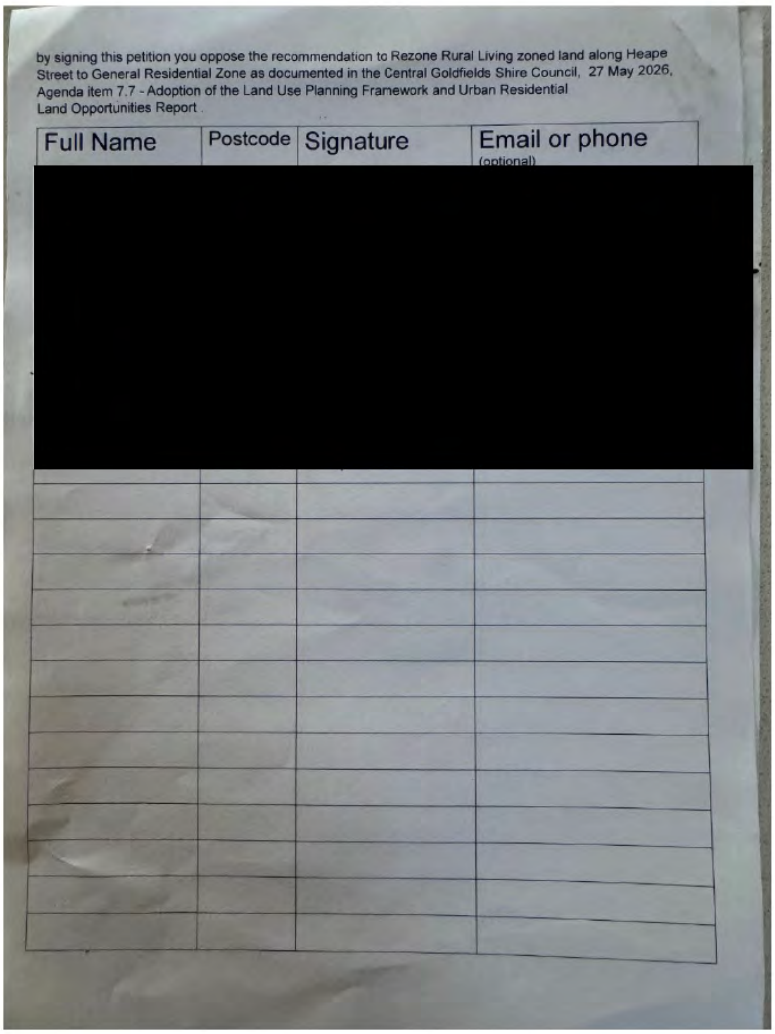
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7 Council Reports

7.1 2025-2026 Annual Report

Author: Manager Customer Experience, Communications and Advocacy

Responsible Officer: Director Corporate Services

The Officer presenting this report, having made enquiries with relevant members of staff, reports that no disclosable interests have been raised in relation to this report.

SUMMARY/PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to present Council with the 2025-2026 Annual Report.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Adopts the 2025-26 Annual Report
2. Notes the 2025-26 Annual Report has been prepared in accordance with the Local Government Act 2020.

LEGISLATION AND POLICY CONTEXT

Section 98 of the Local Government Act 2020 requires Council to prepare an annual report in respect of each financial year.

Central Goldfields Shire Council's Council Plan 2025-2029:

The Community's vision:

Informed and engaged community
3. Ensure the community is well-informed, actively engaged and empowered to participate in local decision-making.
3. Provide our community with clear, transparent and targeted communication and engagement opportunities that are bottom up, planned and accessible.

Sound leadership and financial management
6. Embed good governance in all aspects of the organisation to create the fundamentals of fair, open and equitable decision making.
6. Lead with integrity, accountability and transparency within the organisation.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Council must prepare and endorse an Annual Report every financial year in accordance with the Local Government Act 2020 and the Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2020.

REPORT

The 2025-26 Annual Report provides an overview of Council's operations and achievements for the year.

The report also contains the financial statements and the performance statement, which were adopted in principle by Council at the Ordinary Meeting on 28 September 2026.

Highlights captured in the Annual Report include:

Strategic and statutory framework

- Council adopted its four-year Council Plan 2025–2029 on 22 October 2025, incorporating the Municipal Health and Wellbeing Plan for the first time and informed by engagement with more than 2000 community members.
- The Financial Plan 2025–2035 and Asset Plan were adopted.
- The Domestic Animal Management Plan 2026–2029 was adopted in June 2026 following two phases of community consultation, with 90 residents contributing feedback that shaped priority actions including investigation of a 24-hour cat curfew and dog-on-leash requirements.
- Council completed a review of its Local Laws during the year, alongside progress on the Carisbrook Flood Study and a Land Use Framework Plan and Rural Living Review.

Community engagement

- Council hosted a community conversation session on the proposed Talbot sewerage scheme, supporting ongoing advocacy for the Talbot Futures project.
- The 2025–2026 Community Grants Program distributed $36,496 across 17 grassroots community groups.
- The Public Lighting Strategy was adopted in June 2026 following strong community feedback, including 38 submissions calling for improved lighting coverage and consistency across the Shire.

Community and project highlights

- New synthetic tennis courts and a new turf cricket pitch were delivered at Maryborough facilities.
- The Energy Breakthrough event drew thousands of participants and secured a new two-year sponsorship partnership with Honda Australia.
- Council was named a finalist in the 2026 LGPro Awards for Excellence for its Video Storytelling for Community Impact initiative.

Challenges

- Council continued to operate in a financially constrained environment, with flat revenue due to rate-capping and rising costs for essentials such as insurance and fuel. The 2026–27 Budget reduced the projected underlying deficit from $5.4 million to $3.2 million, with a path to balance by 2029–30 through reduced labour costs, sale of surplus land and service reviews.
- Significant funding gaps remain for renewal of ageing heritage assets, including the Maryborough Town Hall, Outdoor Pool and Princes Park Grandstand. Council's 2026 Advocacy package seeks state government investment to support these and other priority projects, including additional rail services and funding for Go Goldfields.

CONSULTATION/COMMUNICATION

Once adopted, the Annual Report will be made available to the community via Council’s website and promoted through Council’s communication platforms.

FINANCIAL & RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

The cost of producing the Annual Report is provided for annually in the Council Budget.

RISK MANAGEMENT

Governance - Failure to transparently govern and embrace good governance practices
Legislative compliance - Failure to manage our compliance with relevant legislative requirements
Community engagement- Inadequate stakeholder management or engagement impacting brand reputation and community satisfaction in Council decision making

CONCLUSION

The 2025-26 Annual Report is being presented for Council's consideration and has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act 2020 and the Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2020.

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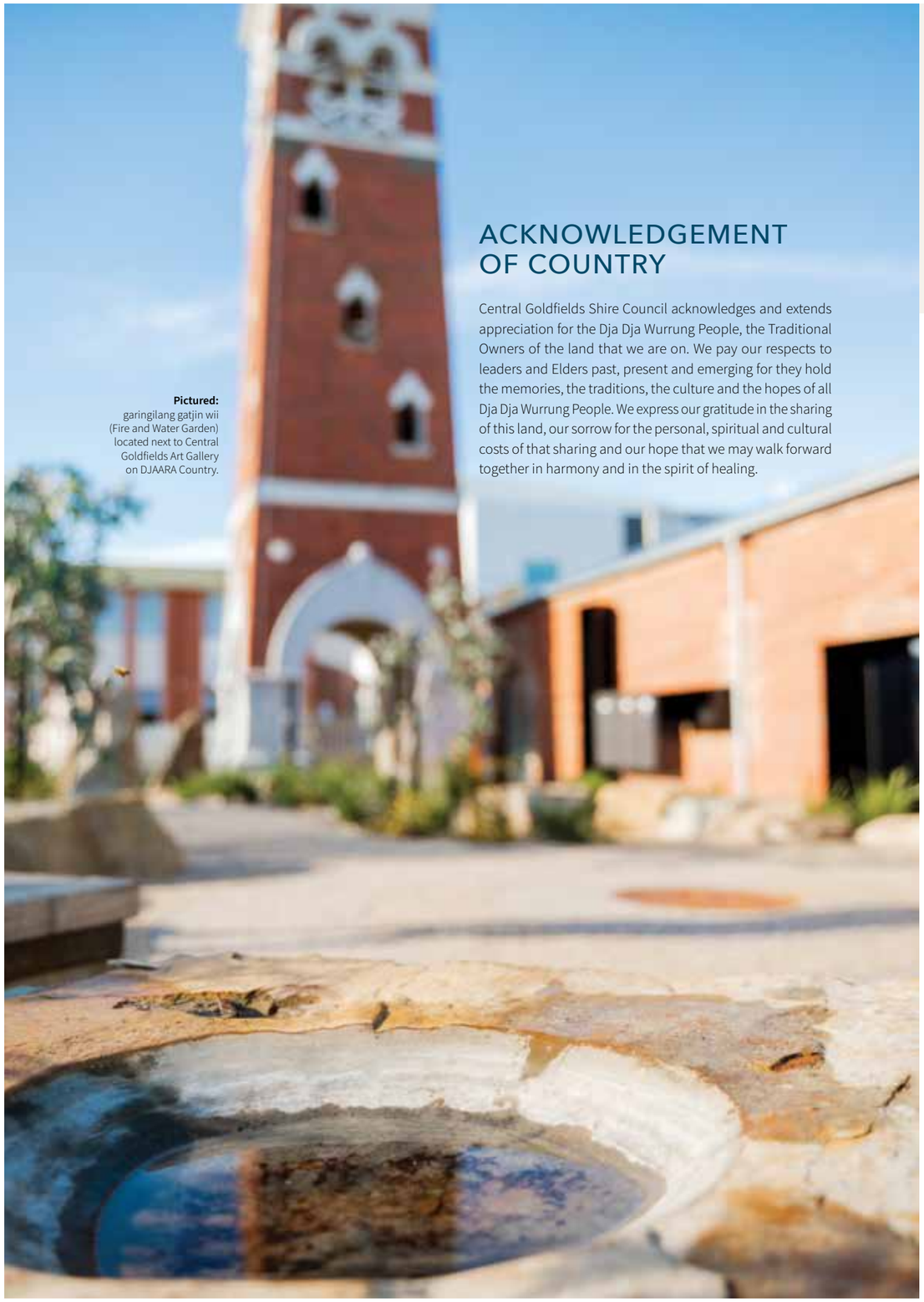
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CENTRAL GOLDFIELDS SHIRE COUNCIL

DJA DJA WURRUNG COUNTRY

ANNUAL REPORT 2025-2026





Pictured:
garingilang gatjin wii (Fire and Water Garden) located next to Central Goldfields Art Gallery on DJAARA Country.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Central Goldfields Shire Council acknowledges and extends appreciation for the Dja Dja Wurrung People, the Traditional Owners of the land that we are on. We pay our respects to leaders and Elders past, present and emerging for they hold the memories, the traditions, the culture and the hopes of all Dja Dja Wurrung People. We express our gratitude in the sharing of this land, our sorrow for the personal, spiritual and cultural costs of that sharing and our hope that we may walk forward together in harmony and in the spirit of healing.

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Cover photo: Around 60 local junior tennis players christened the new synthetic tennis courts at Maryborough Tennis Centre in March 2026.

WELCOME TO THE ANNUAL REPORT 2025–2026

The Central Goldfields Shire Council Annual Report 2025–2026 has been prepared in accordance with the requirements and guidelines of the *Local Government Act 2020* and the *Local Government Performance Reporting Framework*.

Council is committed to transparent reporting and accountability, and the purpose of the Annual Report is to advise the Central Goldfields Shire community about Council's operations and performance during the financial year.

Need a copy?

The Central Goldfields Shire Council Annual Report 2025–2026 is available online at **www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au**

Feedback

We welcome feedback on the Annual Report 2025–2026. For more information, or to provide feedback, contact our Customer Service team on 5461 0610 or email **mail@cgoldshire.vic.gov.au**



CENTRAL GOLDFIELDS SHIRE PROFILE

About our community

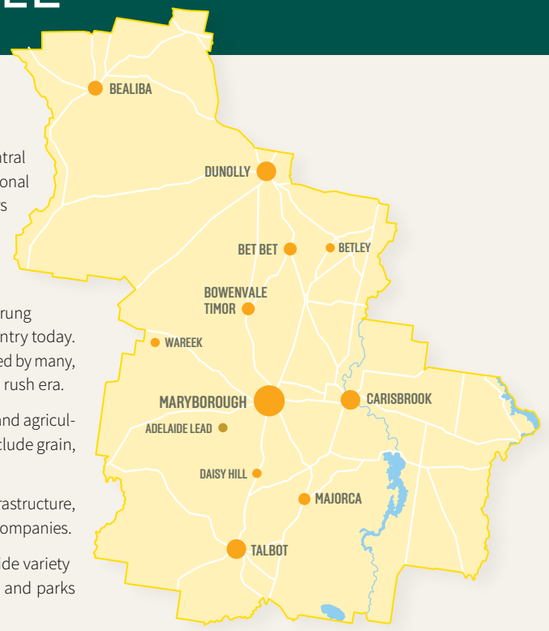
Located at the geographical centre of Victoria, Central Goldfields Shire is within one hour's drive of the regional centres of Ballarat and Bendigo and just two hours from Melbourne.

Central Goldfields Shire is home to just under 13,500 people. The rich history of this land began tens of thousands of years ago with the Dja Dja Wurrung People, who continue to care for and protect Country today. The region's cultural landscape has since been shaped by many, including those who arrived during Victoria's gold rush era.

All townships feature iconic heritage architecture, and agricultural industries are spread across the Shire and include grain, sheep grazing and broiler farming.

The Shire is also home to major manufacturing, infrastructure, agricultural, freight, printing and food production companies.

Residents have access to affordable housing, a wide variety of health services, schools, recreational facilities and parks and gardens.



The principal towns and locations are:

- Maryborough
- Carisbrook
- Dunolly
- Talbot
- Bealiba

Other locations include:

- Adelaide Lead
- Betley
- Bowenvale/Timor
- Daisy Hill
- Majorca
- Wareek



Talbot Town Hall and ANA Hall

DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE


Rene Fox Gardens, Dunolly

The Central Goldfields Shire is home to
13,483 people

MARYBOROUGH
61%
of the population live in Maryborough

An area of
1,532
square kilometres

MEDIAN AGE
52 years

14.6%
of the population are aged up to 14 years

30.7%
of the population are aged 65 and over

EMPLOYMENT
48.5%
employed full-time

36.8%
employed part-time

LANGUAGE
89.7%
of our population speak English at home

2%
speak Filipino, Nepali, Mandarin, Tagalog or Greek

CULTURAL DIVERSITY
82.3%
of our community is born in Australia

2.3%
of our population (304 people) are Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander people

The main birthplaces outside Australia were:

- **3.4%** England
- **0.8%** New Zealand
- **0.6%** Netherlands
- **0.6%** Philippines
- **0.4%** Scotland

40%
over 60 years

20%
under 20 years

65%
born in Victoria

49%
not in labour force

2,651
total young people (under 20 years of age)

22%
of families are single parent

$904
median weekly household income

45%
of households are welfare dependent

Over 15%
do not achieve higher than Year 9

Over 25%
of families experience family violence

4×
more likely than average Victorian to live in a caravan or improvised dwelling

Australian Bureau of Statistics Census 2021 – https://abs.gov.au/census/find-census-data/quickstats/2021/LGA21670

Annual Report 2025–2026

MAYOR AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S MESSAGE



Maryborough Railway Station

Our Community Vision is to be an inspiring, thriving and prosperous community of choice, taking bold steps towards growing our economy with a community that's full of optimism and opportunities.

Operating in a financially challenging environment, it's important for Central Goldfields Shire Council to remain positive and focused on growth and opportunity.

The State Government requires councils to meet various statutory obligations in the first period of a new term. We take these commitments very seriously because they set the foundations for everything we will do over the subsequent years. This work included:

- The Council Plan 2025–2029 – incorporating the Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan
- Financial Plan 2025–2035
- Asset Plan 2025
- Domestic Animal Management Plan 2026–2029

During the year of this report, we also completed a review of Local Laws, made progress with the Carisbrook Flood Study, and a Land Use Framework Plan and Rural Living Review. We also held a public forum with Talbot residents to discuss a sewerage scheme for the town.

This important work is the key to unlocking the shire's potential for development and growth.

While this was under way, many of the news headlines in 2025–2026 were focused on budget issues, reining in expenditure to offset rising costs for essential items such as fuel and insurance, while revenue remains flat due to rate-capping and limited development.

We haven't shied away from embracing the challenge of financial repair to ensure long-term sustainability.

The Financial Plan was the first step, followed by the adoption of the 2026–2027 Budget. We're about a quarter of the way along our journey towards financial stability, and more difficult decisions will need to be made.

Proposed initiatives outlined in the Budget to improve the Council's financial position include:

- Reducing labour costs
- Increasing operational efficiency
- Selling surplus land
- Reviewing services.

To meet the financial challenges, we are committed to improving our systems, embracing innovation, and finding new ways to operate more efficiently.

It wasn't all gloomy in 2025–2026, quite the opposite. Among the positive projects were:

- Five new tennis courts
- Four new cricket pitches
- Another successful Energy Breakthrough event, which obtained valuable sponsorship from Honda
- TAC road safety upgrades
- Goldfields Reservoir dam works
- Launch of the new Official Visitor Guide
- Tiny Towns project upgrades at Bealiba, Daisy Hill and Talbot.

Thank you to the Victorian Government for supporting us with many worthwhile capital projects.

Early in the reporting year we addressed a threat to the future of Maryborough's VicRoads agency, which Council operates on behalf of the State Government.

A proposed new funding model would have made it financially unviable for Council to continue running the agency, but we negotiated in good faith with VicRoads and reached an agreement to retain the service.

We also developed our 2026 State Election advocacy package, highlighting areas where government investment is needed to improve local infrastructure, increase community services, and develop economic opportunities.

One example is lobbying for more trains to and from Maryborough so that people can utilise public transport for work, study, connectivity and business in Ballarat and Melbourne; and increase tourism in our shire.

We've joined with neighbouring Councils to advocate for better roads, and extension of the Wimmera-Mallee Pipeline to the Central Goldfields.

Our Asset Management Plan identified the need for funding to redevelop, maintain and improve heritage assets, such as the Town Hall and the historic Princes Park Grandstand. We can't do those things alone, and we're seeking government support from across the political spectrum.

We continued to develop plans for upgrading the heritage-listed Maryborough Outdoor Pool, which stood out in our 2026 Community Survey as the highest-ranked item when residents were asked what should be prioritised for Council investment.

It's been challenging to obtain accurate costings for this project in an environment of high inflation in the construction sector. Quite simply, the costs have escalated higher than the government grants we have been able to attract.

We are working through these issues and will keep the community informed.

The Community Survey shows that people expect us to perform better, and we're committed to doing the best we can with the resources that we have available.

Our thanks go to all the community members who made their voices heard during 2025–2026 on consultations that occurred. This valuable input helped to shape our approach on diverse matters ranging from cat curfews to waste transfer stations. Your views are welcome and they are listened to.

Thank you also to our councillors and staff for their dedication and commitment to making the Central Goldfields Shire a better place.

Looking ahead, we have many reasons to be optimistic and confident.

Central Goldfields Shire is a great place to live and work. We have dedicated, resilient people and a high rate of volunteerism.

The work we're doing to unlock more residential land for development, improve public transport, reactivate Go Goldfields for families and children, and much more, will create opportunities for more families to live in the Central Goldfields and for the local economy to grow.

If it goes ahead, the pipeline project, for example, will provide reliable water supply for 3000 farming businesses across 354,000 hectares in three Shires, generating significant economic and environmental benefits.

Compared with this time last year, we've also had good winter rain, the dams are full, and water is flowing into the Goldfields Reservoir, which will be great for recreational activity in summer.

While there are challenges to overcome, there are many reasons to be positive about the future of our Shire.



Cr Ben Green
Mayor



Peter Harriott
Chief Executive Officer

SERVICES SNAPSHOT



Council's Maternal and Child Health service

Maternal and Child Health

88 babies born
32 first time mothers
996 Key Age and Stage consultations
511 children attended Maternal and Child Health at least once
90% of Aboriginal children aged 0 to 3.5 years old participating in the service
26 family violence consultations

Immunisation

1,871 vaccines administered
303 adolescent vaccines administered through schools program
577 private vaccines administered (vaccines not included in the National Immunisation Program)
12 workplaces participated in annual influenza program with 687 vaccines administered
235 vaccines administered as part of enhanced measles vaccination program

Kerbside waste and recycling

2,461 tonnes of waste (garbage) collected
1,032 tonnes of recycling collected
648 tonnes of organic waste collected

Customer Service

13,575 calls received – average 60 calls per day
8,064 visitors to our Customer Service Centre

Central Goldfields Visitor Centre

16,431 in person visits to Visitor Centre
22,536 tourism contacts including emails and phone calls
62 contacts per day

Central Goldfields Art Gallery

8,488 visitors
10 exhibitions
42 education and public programs
1,371 participants in our education and public programs
10,194 visitors to Gallery website
1,013 e-newsletter subscribers
6 newly acquired artworks

Maryborough and Dunolly libraries

47,022 visits to the Maryborough, Dunolly and outreach service
59,566 loans
12,637 e-book and e-audio loans
3,322 participants in children's programming across 201 sessions
1,123 participants in school holiday program across 23 sessions
534 participants in adult programming across 283 sessions
483 participants in senior programming across 2 sessions
337 outreach/home library visits

SERVICES SNAPSHOT

Environmental Health

130 annual inspections – food, and non-food businesses, swimming pools, tobacco etc.

20 food samples tested

5 food complaints investigated

10 public swimming pool water samples tested

10 new business registrations

14 septic permit approvals

24 public health and wellbeing complaints investigated

Pound

212 dogs processed through the pound – 68% reclaimed by their owner and 27% re-homed

185 cats processed through the pound – 8% reclaimed by their owner and 57% re-homed

Building and Planning

12 Council building permits issued

108 private building permits issued

Events

2 events delivered including Energy Breakthrough and Australia Day

150 attendees at Volunteer Recognition thank you event

26 new Australian Citizens welcomed at 2 citizenship ceremonies

50 community events supported with permits and approvals

Communication

62,000 visits – most popular pages included home page, search, careers, pets for adoption, transfer stations, Council Meetings and waste collection

34,000 users accessed the website through search engines and 16,000 came directly

2.1 million views on Council's Facebook page

Goldfields Children's Centre

140 long day care enrolments

54 children enrolled in three- and four-year-old kindergarten

Centralised Kindergarten Registrations

227 children registered for kindergarten in Central Goldfields Shire

7 kindergarten providers

109 children in three-year-old kindergarten

118 children in four-year-old kindergarten

47 children eligible for pre-prep additional hours

44 families currently utilising additional hours

Supported Playgroup

177 children and 156 parents in Supported Playgroup program

14 enrolled children who identify as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander

13 enrolled children with a disability

41 families on average every week attend sessions at Daisy Hill, Maryborough, Carisbrook and Dunolly

HIGHLIGHTS AND CHALLENGES IN BRIEF



July 2025

- Peter Harriott joins Council as CEO [1]
- Official Visitor Guide launched [2]
- Horse trough in Bealiba restored [3]
- $4.5 million in Federal funding secured for Maryborough Outdoor Pool [4]
- Walking basketball launched in Maryborough [5]







Appointment of new CEO

On 1 July 2025, we welcomed our new CEO, Peter Harriott. Peter was appointed on a five-year contract following a thorough and competitive recruitment process.

With more than 30 years' experience in local government – including CEO roles at Greater Shepparton City Council and Wattle Range Council, senior executive positions at Gannawarra Shire, and Municipal Monitor at Buloke Shire — Peter has brought extensive sector knowledge and a strong community focus to the role.





August 2025

- Library staff celebrate Book Week [1]
- Students learn how to recycle [2]
- Bowenvale playground upgrade completed [3]
- Carisbrook Flood Study Advisory Reference Group community session held [4]
- Council staff recognised for years of service [5]









HIGHLIGHTS AND CHALLENGES IN BRIEF



September 2025

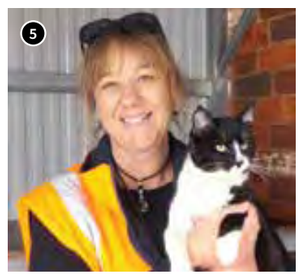
- Works start on new cricket pitch at Princes Park [**1**]
- Squash courts restored as part of Tullaroop Leisure Centre upgrades [**2**]
- 17 community groups benefit from Community Grants allocation [**3**]
- Dunolly Primary School students participate in Cool Spaces initiative [**4**]
- Community feedback invited to help inform Domestic Animal Management Plan [**5**]











October 2025

- Council adopts Council Plan 2025–2029 [**1**]
- Honda Australia announces two-year partnership with Energy Breakthrough [**2**]
- VicRoads full suite of services retained in Maryborough [**3**]
- Free green waste disposal at Carisbrook, Talbot and Dunolly encourages fire readiness [**4**]
- Castlemaine-Maryborough Rail Trail project seeks community input [**5**]
- Football legend Kevin Sheedy headlines expanded Central Goldfields Seniors Expo [**6**]
- VCE students' artworks feature at Central Goldfields Art Gallery [**7**]
- Drought roundtable held to support farming community [**8**]















VicRoads service retained

The future of the Maryborough VicRoads agency came up for review in July 2025 following a change to the funding model.

Council worked cooperatively with VicRoads and negotiated a new funding arrangement to ensure the full range of VicRoads services continue to be provided in Maryborough at no cost to ratepayers.

Some staffing issues were experienced in the middle part of 2026, but Council remains committed to recruiting and training skilled staff to maintain the service.



HIGHLIGHTS AND CHALLENGES IN BRIEF



November 2025

- Cr Ben Green elected Mayor and Cr Anna de Villiers elected Deputy Mayor for 12-month term [**1**]
- Thousands converge on Maryborough for 2025 Energy Breakthrough [**2**]
- Local artists featured in Community Arts – Upcycled exhibition at Gallery [**3**]
- Jack Pascoe Reserve's long jump, triple jump and javelin run-ups upgraded [**4**]
- Maryborough Education Centre students shine in Cool Spaces logo design competition [**5**]











December 2025

- New local law welcomes dogs on leads in Maryborough CBD [**1**]
- Cool Spaces open to offer relief from hot weather [**2**]
- Dunolly and Talbot pools open for free over summer [**3**]
- New Youth Officer, Kyan Laslett O'Brien, joins Council [**4**]







HIGHLIGHTS AND CHALLENGES IN BRIEF



January 2026

- We welcomed 13 new citizens at Australia Day Citizenship Ceremony [1]
- Australia Day awards announced: Nick Weaver – Citizen of the Year; Harriet Thoroughgood – Young Citizen of the Year and Goldfields Community Festival – Community Award of the Year [2]
- Indigenous-led workshop at Central Goldfields Art Gallery [3]
- Central Highlands Water fountain installed outside Maryborough Library [4]
- Four new cricket pitches christened at Princes Park [5]











February 2026

- Council advocates for additional train services in Maryborough
- Freak storm event causes extensive damage near Talbot [1]
- Victoria's Heartland: Place of Plenty launched as Destination Central Victoria's new regional brand [2]
- New netball court at Hedges Oval gets underway [3]
- Untitled Goose exhibition opens at Central Goldfields Art Gallery [4]
- New play equipment delivered to Goldfields Children's Centre [5]









HIGHLIGHTS AND CHALLENGES IN BRIEF

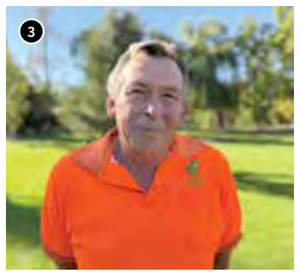


March 2026

- Advocacy Package launched at Princes Park in lead up to November state election [1]
- New courts christened at Maryborough Tennis Centre [2]
- Longest-serving employee, Russell Le Tisser, retires after 48 years of service [3]
- Sports equipment library opens at Carisbrook and Talbot thanks to Healthy Loddon Campaspe [4]
- Residents invited to “request a tree” [5]











April 2026

- Australia’s fastest-growing social sport, pickleball, takes off in Maryborough [1]
- Council’s flu vaccination program begins [2]
- Anil Jose wins Proudly Central Goldfields Photo Competition [3]
- Talbot Futures community conversation event [4]
- Works begin on new Nolan and Burns street roundabout in Maryborough [5]
- Tender awarded for new pavilion at Deledio Recreation Reserve in Dunolly [6]











HIGHLIGHTS AND CHALLENGES IN BRIEF



May 2026

- Wareek Hall upgrades complete [1]
- 150 people attend annual volunteer thank-you event [2]
- Goldfields Reservoir upgrades complete [3]
- Open day at the Goldfields Children's Centre [4]
- Celebrate Carisbrook and Emergency Preparation Expo pulls crowd [5]
- Council appoints new Maryborough Aerodrome Advisory Group [6]
- Council adopts financially responsible Budget













June 2026

- $150,000 Victorian Government grant secured for Goldfields Children's Centre outdoor area [1]
- Council named finalist in 2026 LGPro Awards for Excellence [2]
- Concrete laid for new netball court at Hedges Oval [3]
- Greater Ballarat Alliance of Councils advocates to Government in lead up to State Election [4]
- NAIDOC Week celebrated in Central Goldfields Shire [5]









TRIBUTES



Tribute to Les Chapman

With great sadness, we farewelled Les Chapman in August 2025 – a highly valued volunteer whose contribution to Energy Breakthrough and the wider community spanned more than two decades. Through his long involvement with the Maryborough Harness Racing Club, and six years as part of Council's Energy Breakthrough team, Les brought exceptional commitment, skill and enthusiasm to the event.

He played a key role in supporting sponsors and partners, coordinating logistics and helping deliver the many components that make Energy Breakthrough the Shire's largest annual event. Les's warmth, dedication and positive presence left a lasting impact on colleagues and community members alike.

His contribution will be remembered for many years, and he is deeply missed by Council and all who worked alongside him.



Tribute to Chris Meddows-Taylor

We farewelled former Mayor Chris Meddows-Taylor in June 2026 – a highly respected leader whose service to Central Goldfields Shire spanned nearly two decades.

First elected in 2005 and serving six terms as Mayor, he brought exceptional commitment, strategic insight and a strong community focus to local government. He was a key regional advocate through the Victorian Goldfields Tourism Executive, helping drive the Victorian Goldfields World Heritage Listing bid.

His public sector and corporate background shaped his expertise in strategy, leadership and regional development. He also contributed significantly to local organisations including Asteria, Havilah and the Talbot community, where he helped establish the Talbot Farmers Market.

Recognised as Mayor Emeritus by the Municipal Association of Victoria, he championed priorities such as improved rail services, the Talbot Structure Plan and better telecommunications. His leadership, integrity and dedication left a lasting impact on colleagues and the community.

AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE

Central Goldfields Shire was proud to be recognised as a finalist in the 2026 LGPro Awards for Excellence, held in June 2026.

Our nomination in the Digital and Technology category celebrated Council's innovative Video Storytelling for Community Impact initiative — a modern, accessible approach to sharing information with our community and strengthening engagement across the Shire.

The use of video storytelling has transformed the way Council communicates with residents, using in-house video production to deliver clear, engaging, and accessible information across Facebook and YouTube.

By combining humour, relatable storytelling, and local faces and places, Council has been able to increase its reach and engagement.

Over the past 12 months, Council's videos have reached more than 1.9 million views, with an average of 5,000 views per post. Some videos have reached as many as 27,000 views, demonstrating strong community appetite for accessible, authentic content.

The approach has also delivered measurable engagement outcomes, including a 300% increase in responses to the 10-year Local Laws Review.

The recognition reflects Council's commitment to modern, user-centred communication.

The initiative was entirely delivered in-house using existing staff and equipment, making it a cost-effective and scalable model for small rural councils.









ADVOCACY

Advocacy to other levels of government in the interests of our community is an essential and ongoing role of Council. Through our advocacy, we are the voice of the community — working to deliver key projects in partnership with other levels of government and the community to meet current and long-term needs.

Highlights of Council's advocacy efforts during the 2025–2026 financial year:

2026 Advocacy Package Launched

In March 2026, Council released its 2026 Advocacy Package, seeking State Government support for projects and services aimed at improving the Shire's liveability and prosperity. The package outlined the need for government investment to repair deteriorating heritage assets, strengthen transport connections and stimulate economic growth.

The launch was held at Princes Park, Maryborough, where Council is seeking $8 million to upgrade the heritage-listed grandstand.

Following the launch, Council began presenting its advocacy proposals to Government Ministers and the Opposition. It also commenced discussions with political parties and local candidates in the lead up to the State Election, outlining a vision for Central Goldfields Shire to be inspiring, thriving and prosperous.

The Advocacy Package is available at **www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/advocacy**

Projects featured in the Advocacy Package include:

- Maryborough Outdoor Pool – $5 million [**1**]
- Go Goldfields – $2.5 million [**2**]
- Princes Park Grandstand – $8 million [**3**]
- Maryborough Town Hall – $10 million [**4**]
- Maryborough Central Activity District – $5 million [**5**]
- Maryborough Railway Station Activation Stage 5 – $3 million [**6**]
- Housing and Planning Delivery Plan for Victoria – $2.3 million [**7**]
- Talbot Futures – $40 million [**8**]
- Industrial Employment Precinct – $10 million [**9**]
- Southern Wimmera Northeast Pyrenees Water Pipeline – $158.6 million [**10**]

Other Advocacy Priorities

- Better and safer state roads
- Recruitment and retention of key personnel
- Relocation of Maryborough SES
- Upgrade of Maryborough Aerodrome [**11**]
- Learning Hub

Other Advocacy Projects

- Arts and Culture – support for Central Goldfields Art Gallery
- Investment in digital connectivity
- Transport connectivity – additional train services [**12**]

























ADVOCACY





Greater Ballarat Alliance of Councils (GBAC)

Central Goldfields Shire is part of the Greater Ballarat Alliance of Councils (GBAC), alongside the City of Ballarat, Golden Plains, Hepburn, Moorabool and Pyrenees Shires.

GBAC is led by two groups:

- GBAC Committee – comprising the Mayor and CEO from each member Council
- GBAC CEO Group – comprising the CEO of each member Council

The GBAC Committee advocates for agreed regional priorities and oversees issues of regional importance.

Agreed priorities include:

Transport

- Expanded and improved bus and train services
- Upgraded roads
- More efficient freight routes

Growth

- Attracting new social and affordable housing
- Initiating planning law reform
- Securing more supporting infrastructure

Digital Connectivity

- Ensuring mobile broadband coverage is equal to metropolitan areas and resilient during emergencies

2026 State Investment Priorities

In May 2026, GBAC launched its state election advocacy platform, calling on the Victorian Government to reinstate a long-term Country Roads and Bridges Program for regional Victoria.

GBAC highlighted that the program is needed to address growing pressure on council-managed road and bridge networks across western Victoria, where ageing infrastructure, rising freight demand and constrained funding are impacting safety, productivity and economic growth.

Other priority areas include:

Connect Communities

- Expand regional and rural public transport services
- Increase long-term funding for digital connectivity

Housing Delivery

- Increase funding for Regional Planning Hubs
- Fund enabling infrastructure to unlock housing and industry

Stronger Freight and Infrastructure Timeline

- Maintain freight access through Sunshine Station
- Reinstate the Regional Jobs and Infrastructure Fund

More information is available at www.gbac.org.au.

Emergency Services and Volunteer Fund

Council was represented alongside 21 other councils in Melbourne in July 2025 to oppose the Victorian Government's proposed Emergency Services and Volunteer Fund, which would be levied through local rates.

Then Deputy Mayor Ben Green attended on behalf of Council. Council's position is that emergency services should be properly funded through the State's general revenue — just like other essential public services.

We continue to advocate to the Victorian Government to reconsider its plan and work with local governments and communities to ensure a truly effective and equitable emergency services model.



Drought Roundtable

Council hosted a Drought Roundtable in October 2025 with local farmers and government representatives to discuss the impacts of ongoing dry conditions across the Shire. More than 15 farmers attended alongside the Rural Assistance Commissioner and officials from Agriculture Victoria and North Central CMA.

Council outlined rainfall deficiencies of 30–40 per cent across Central Goldfields and advocated strongly on behalf of local farmers, calling for support measures equivalent to those available in neighbouring Pyrenees Shire, including rate relief and household assistance grants. Farmers also highlighted the need to extend the Wimmera-Mallee Pipeline to improve water security and drought resilience.

Joint Advocacy Campaigns

Council is working with local government representative organisations, Rural Councils Victoria (RCV), and the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) to support common advocacy positions.

RCV is seeking:

- A $1 billion Rural and Regional Victoria Productivity and Growth Fund to enhance productivity, liveability and investment. At least 25% of the fund would be guaranteed for rural Victoria.

Roads funding would sit outside the proposed Rural and Regional Victoria Productivity and Growth Fund, and RCV requests increased road funding in three priority areas:

- Increased maintenance funding: Increase the maintenance funding and standards for State-owned roads across rural Victoria, addressing the diminishing quality and safety of the road network.
- Roads and productive corridors: Lift freight and visitor economy performance and safety on priority corridors; address bottlenecks and 'last mile constraints' affecting rural competitiveness.
- Act local: Extend and expand the Safe Local Roads and Streets Program. This successful $210 million funding program is currently scheduled to expire in 2027.

MAV has identified five priorities:

- Growing Futures: Connected Housing
- Local Futures: Safe and Cohesive Communities
- Productive Futures: Safer Roads and Local Transport Connections
- Regenerative Futures: Community Legacy Benefit Sharing
- Transformative Futures: Securing the Future of Local Government.

These priorities form a blueprint for a stronger, fairer, and more resilient Victoria.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT




Council Plan Community Panel

Council Plan, Financial Plan and Asset Plan

Community voices helped inform Central Goldfields Shire Council's four-year Council Plan, which strongly focuses on economic growth, community wellbeing and financial sustainability.

It incorporated the Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan for the first time.

Councillors endorsed the Plan at the Ordinary Council Meeting on 22 October 2025 following months of community consultation.

Council also formally adopted its Financial Plan 2025–2035 and Asset Plan 2025 at the same meeting.

The Council Plan was informed by a broad range of community and stakeholder engagement, data analysis, and alignment with key local, regional and state strategies.

How were the plans informed?

We heard from more than 2,000 people through community surveys, pop-ups, focus groups, school activities and a deliberative Community Panel process. Staff and leadership teams across Council contributed insights through workshops and direct feedback, and data from key partners was reviewed to understand the needs, strengths and challenges facing our community.

Importantly, the Plan also reflects engagement with the Dja Dja Wurrung Clans Aboriginal Corporation (DJAARA) as the Traditional Owners of the land now known as Central Goldfields Shire.

Stage One: Participatory community engagement

Throughout March, April and May 2025 we heard from community members, organisations and stakeholders.

To encourage participation, a range of options for community feedback were provided – including written and online surveys, in-person community conversation events and focus groups.

Two hundred and forty local kindergarten and primary school aged children shared their feedback via class activities and drawing activities.

A further 40 high school students from Maryborough Education Centre and Highview College participated in workshops and 212 provided written submissions.

Stage Two: Deliberative community engagement

In May 2025, 14 members of the community came together over three, three-hour workshops as part of our Community Panel.

Over three evenings, panel members came together to explore the key challenges and opportunities facing Central Goldfields, review local data, hear from Council staff, and consider earlier community feedback grouped under six broad outcome pillars.

The remit for the panel was to work together to understand what matters most to the community as well as provide advice on priorities and trade-offs.

Panel members were also required to look at the draft outcomes and community priorities to identify if anything was missing and to share ideas or recommendations. Through thoughtful discussion and collaboration, they developed 51 additional recommendations – some building on existing priorities and others identifying new ideas not previously raised.

We sincerely thank the members of the Community Panel for their time, thoughtfulness, passion and commitment.

Their willingness to listen, learn, and work together to shape meaningful recommendations made a valuable contribution to this process and to the future of our community.

Stage Three: Public exhibition

Our community had an opportunity to provide feedback on the Draft Council Plan during September, prior to the Plan's adoption in October 2025.



Deliberative community engagement

2026–2027 Budget

Council adopted the 2026–2027 Budget in May 2026, which sets a financially responsible path toward returning to a balanced budget earlier than previously forecast. The underlying deficit was reduced from a projected $5.4 million to $3.2 million, with Council on track to eliminate the deficit by 2029–2030.

The Budget process generated strong community feedback, with a record 332 submissions and two petitions received during consultation. Council listened closely to community priorities and amended the final Budget to maintain core services, including funding for the Bealiba, Dunolly and Talbot waste transfer stations and continuing the community grants program.

Rural Living Zones Review

Council progressed the Rural Living Zones Review through the draft Urban Residential Land Opportunity Study (URLO) to identify future housing opportunities across key settlements. The study assessed rural living areas around Maryborough and Carisbrook to determine where smaller residential lots could be supported, while also examining environmental constraints such as bushfire and flood risk, land use conflicts and infrastructure availability.

The study was exhibited alongside the draft Maryborough North, Flagstaff and Carisbrook Land Use Framework Plan, providing a coordinated approach to planning for growth. Strong community feedback was received, including through in-person community workshops held in Carisbrook and Maryborough during August 2025, open information sessions, and targeted engagement with landholders.

Community input helped shape recommendations for areas with potential for further residential development, while confirming constraints in others. Council considered all submissions before finalising the study to support orderly and proper planning for future housing needs.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT


Talbot Futures

Carisbrook Flood Study

Council continued developing the updated Carisbrook Flood Management Plan through a series of community engagement sessions throughout 2025 and 2026. These sessions formed part of the work of the Carisbrook Flood Study Advisory Reference Group and provided residents with opportunities to review modelling, understand proposed mitigation measures and offer feedback.

At Session 4, Watertech presented the modelled impacts of community-suggested mitigation options, enabling residents to assess how waterways and infrastructure may perform under climate change-driven rain events. Presentations were followed by questions and community input, with detailed levee height maps also made available online.

The updated Flood Management Plan will incorporate data from the 2011 and 2022 flood events, climate change impacts, mitigation modelling and emergency management considerations. A fifth community session is scheduled for the next financial year, continuing Council's commitment to transparent, ongoing engagement with the Carisbrook community.

Talbot Futures

Council progressed advocacy for the Talbot Futures project, a long standing proposal to deliver a modern sewerage scheme for the township. The project was identified as having significant health, safety and growth benefits and was included as a key priority in Council's 2026 State Election Advocacy Package.

Council estimated that approximately $40 million in State and Federal investment would be required to deliver the project. Sewerage infrastructure was highlighted as essential to support population growth, unlock economic opportunities and improve quality of life for residents and local businesses.

To support community engagement, Council hosted a community conversation session at Talbot Town Hall in April 2026. Attendees received updates on Council's advocacy efforts, the Talbot Structure Plan and the proposed sewerage scheme, followed by a Q&A session. Community feedback helped inform Council's ongoing advocacy for government funding.

Public Lighting Strategy

Council adopted the Public Lighting Strategy in July 2026, following strong community feedback that played a central role in shaping the final document. During consultation from 28 May to 19 June, Council received 38 submissions, with residents calling for improved lighting coverage, consistency and brightness across the Shire. Feedback also highlighted the impact of poor lighting on safety and confidence when moving around at night.

The Strategy set a clearer and more consistent approach to public lighting, aligning with Council's Asset Plan and Financial Plan and incorporating best practice gender equity considerations. Community input reinforced the need for a strategic and financially sustainable upgrade program.

With the Strategy adopted, Council began integrating lighting improvements into capital works and grant applications. A separate Sports Ground Lighting Strategy was also progressed in partnership with Sport and Recreation Victoria to guide future investment in sporting infrastructure.

Domestic Animal Management Plan

Extensive opportunities were provided for residents to help shape the renewed Domestic Animal Management Plan before it was adopted in June 2026. Council undertook two phases of community engagement, beginning with targeted pop ups in Maryborough, Dunolly and Talbot in July 2025, followed by public consultation on the draft plan in April 2026.

Ninety community members contributed feedback through surveys and in-person discussions, directly informing the priority actions in the final plan. The 2026–2029 strategy reflected strong community support for increased pet confinement and control, with Council committing to investigate a 24-hour cat curfew and dog-on-leash requirements in public spaces.

The plan also outlined operational improvements, including enhanced online monitoring to identify illegal or non-compliant breeding activities. Council thanked all participants for their valuable input.

Maryborough Aerodrome Advisory Group

In May 2026, Council announced the appointment of eight community members to the Maryborough Aerodrome Advisory Group for the 2026–2029 term, following a public Expression of Interest process. Members appointed were Ian Carfrae, Rod Brown, John Kidon, Gregory Corcoran, Anthony Ohlsen, Melanie Waddell, Cameron Bird and Benjamin Morgan.

The expanded membership brings expertise across aviation training, aerodrome-related businesses, emergency management and aerodrome safety, strengthening the advisory capacity needed to support the strategic direction outlined in the Aerodrome Business Case.

The appointments reflect Council's commitment to strengthening the aerodrome's future and ensuring informed decision making for safety, growth and regional opportunities.

World Heritage Bid

Community members and local businesses attended an information session in Maryborough in May 2026 to learn about the progress of the Victorian Goldfields World Heritage Bid.

The bid project team provided an update on the nomination, outlined what World Heritage listing could mean for the region, and discussed potential benefits for local communities and businesses. Attendees heard the latest developments, asked questions and contributed to the conversation.

The free session formed part of Council's ongoing engagement on the bid.


Carisbrook Flood Study


Domestic Animal Management Plan


World Heritage Bid

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



Emergency Preparation Expo – Carisbrook



Train services

Train services

In May 2026, local residents backed our push for more trains to run between Maryborough and Ballarat.

An online survey attracted 222 respondents, most of whom want trains at “commuter” times, early morning and late afternoon, to align with study and work commitments.

A mid-morning train was also a popular request, and people are asking for Myki to be installed at Maryborough Station.

Ahead of the November state election, Council is using this community feedback to advocate to the Victorian Government for five daily train services – up from two.

Castlemaine–Maryborough Rail Trail

Council progressed pre-planning for the next phase of the 61km Castlemaine–Maryborough Rail Trail during October and November 2025.

Community input was invited on the trail’s detailed design to help prepare future funding applications. In-person community sessions were held in Campbells Creek, Guildford, Newstead and Carisbrook, with additional opportunities for residents to provide feedback online. This engagement helped shape early design considerations for the project.


Cool Spaces

Cool Spaces

Council launched the Cool Spaces initiative in summer 2025–2026, providing safe, air-conditioned locations for the community to use during periods of extreme heat. Three Maryborough venues – Mill House Neighbourhood House, Paramount Cinema and the Maryborough Regional Library – participated in the program, offering residents comfortable places to retreat on high temperature days.

The initiative was an important community engagement opportunity, raising awareness about heatwave risks and supporting vulnerable residents, with more than a third of the Shire’s population identified as being at higher risk of heat stress. Council also worked with local schools to design a Cool Spaces logo, with 200 entries received and the winning design created by a Maryborough Education Centre student, Davi Milne.

The program was funded by the Victorian Government and formed part of Council’s broader work to strengthen heatwave resilience across the Shire.

Emergency Preparation Expo – Carisbrook

In May 2026, Carisbrook hosted the Celebrate Carisbrook and Emergency Preparation Expo, which provided a great opportunity for residents to come together, connect and learn more about emergency preparedness. The event featured family-friendly activities, local group involvement and practical information to help households prepare for fire, flood and storm events.

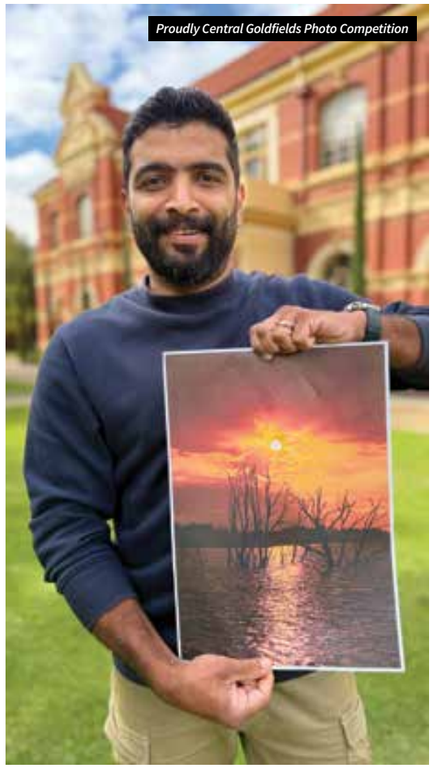
Residents met local emergency services, received support to develop emergency plans and viewed Carisbrook’s draft Resilience Plan, prepared by Connected Carisbrook in partnership with the Resilience Canopy. The expo also offered opportunities to ask questions about flood planning and learn more about the roles of agencies such as CFA, SES, Victoria Police and Red Cross.

The event was well attended and strengthened community resilience by building awareness, encouraging preparedness and celebrating the strong community spirit of Carisbrook.

Proudly Central Goldfields Photo Competition

Council delivered the Proudly Central Goldfields photo competition, providing a fun opportunity for residents to celebrate local places and creativity. The competition attracted strong engagement, with more than 21,000 views on Facebook and several entries receiving over 100 likes.

Anil Jose’s image from Cairn Curran Reservoir was voted the winning photograph. Council thanked all entrants and voters and showcased a selection of submitted images across its media channels in the months following the competition.


Proudly Central Goldfields Photo Competition

COMMUNITY SURVEY

2026 Community Survey

Every year, Local Government Victoria (LGV) coordinates a statewide Local Government Community Satisfaction Survey.

The survey is designed to assess the performance of Victorian councils across a range of measures and identify ways to provide improvement or more effective service delivery to residents.

In Central Goldfields Shire, the 2026 survey was undertaken through a mix of 302 phone calls and 106 online responses during February and March 2026. Consistent with previous years it was designed to measure:

- Perceptions of how well Council spends public funds on infrastructure and services
- Community consultation and engagement
- Decisions made in the interest of the community
- Customer service, local infrastructure, facilities, and services
- Overall council performance and general direction.

Results are benchmarked against other "Small Shire" councils, overall results for Victoria, and historical comparison data.

The 2026 survey results show a softening in overall community sentiment, with evaluations dropping across most of the core index metrics, including:

Overall performance: Decreased by 4 points to an index score of 44. This sits below the state average (58) and the Small Shire benchmark (53).

Spending public funds: Recorded the lowest evaluation and the sharpest decline, dropping 9 points to a score of 35 (compared to the Small Shire benchmark of 47).

General direction: Eased by 5 points to a score of 38, falling below the Small Shire average of 46.

High-performing service areas included:

- Waste management recorded a solid score of 70 (+3 points year-on-year), performing on par with Small Shires (71).
- The appearance of public areas remains a community asset at 64, despite a minor three-point contraction.
- Keeping the community informed achieved the largest single uplift, rising 5 points to 57.
- The condition of sealed local streets also showed positive momentum, increasing 5 points to an index score of 43.

There was a new question added to the survey this year, asking respondents for their priorities for Council investment — 39% nominated swimming pool and 25% roads.

Central Goldfields and Hepburn Shire recorded similar survey results.

It's noted that both Councils have been transparent about their financial challenges and have made difficult decisions to ensure financial sustainability.

The results show areas for constructive improvement, especially in relation to the Maryborough Outdoor Pool and roads, although last year's survey confirmed that many people incorrectly believe state roads are a local responsibility.

Learnings from the survey will be progressively implemented in 2026–2027, including raising awareness about proposed design plans and works at the Maryborough Outdoor Pool, and explaining the difference between state roads and local roads.

Central Goldfields Shire Council Community Satisfaction

44
Overall Performance
-4 since last year

58 *State Performance*
+4 vs last year

53 *Small Shire Performance*
-vs last year

Key Takeouts

Overall performance for Central Goldfields Shire Council decreased in 2026 and remains below the State and Regional benchmarks. This decline was seen across all age groups, except residents aged 65 and over.

47 +1

42 -7

Aged 18-34	38	-14
Aged 35-49	41	-6
Aged 50-64	41	-7
Aged 65+	51	+3

Maryborough	46
Regional	42
Rural	43

Top performing areas

70	Waste management*
64	The appearance of public areas
57	Keeping the community informed

Lowest performing areas

41	Making decisions*
43	Condition of sealed local streets*
45	Opportunities to give feedback*

Consultation and communication

The survey sample is designed to mirror the demographic profile of the municipality. Following data weighting to align with ABS population benchmarks, the participating respondent profile consisted of 49% men and 51% women. The final weighted age distribution comprised: Age 18–24 (6%), age 25–34 (12%), age 35–49 (18%), age 50–64 (23%), age 65+ (42%).

In 2026, the statewide program introduced online surveying via social media recruitment, alongside the traditional CATI (telephone) methodology.

Online was added to broaden participation and improve the representativeness of the sample, rather than relying only on residents who are reachable by phone.

This also provides greater access to younger, digitally engaged and other harder-to-reach residents. Approximately one quarter of the survey respondents were sourced online, with measures in place to ensure data integrity.

The full report has been published on Council's website.

COMMUNITY GRANTS


Central Goldfields Bushwalking and Hiking Group

Seventeen grassroots community groups across the Central Goldfields Shire shared in $36,496 of funding thanks to Council's 2025–2026 Community Grants Program.

The program invites local clubs, volunteer groups and small organisations to apply for assistance to kick-start new ideas, improve capacity, or expand programs that enrich community life.

With so many passionate volunteers working tirelessly – and often on very limited resources – the Community Grants Program is a vital way to recognise, encourage and support their efforts.

While the grants themselves aren't always a lot of money, they can make a big difference – enabling new equipment purchases, supporting events, starting new programs or building new infrastructure.

The 2025–2026 Community Grants Program recipients are:

Name of organisation	Project	Funding amount
Central Goldfields Historic Machinery Society	Shed power and lighting	$3,000
Central Goldfields Bushwalking and Hiking Group	Bushwalking for everyone	$2,208
Goldfields Music Club Inc.	2026 Vibes on Broadway – Dunolly Street Festival	$3,000
Mill House Neighbourhood House	Smart shades for a cooler tomorrow	$3,000
Dunolly Fire Brigade	Event readiness package	$2,350
Maryborough VRI Croquet Club	Family friendly fun nights	$1,570
Maryborough and District Garden Club Inc.	2026 Garden Competition	$1,000
Carisbrook Historical Society	Air conditioner	$2,699
Bealiba Hall and Reserves Committee	Update of history room electronics and storage	$3,000
Maryborough Lawn and Tennis Club Inc.	Outdoor player/spectator seating	$3,000
Maryborough Community House	After hours food access project	$1,500
Maryborough District Girl Guides	Laptop and printer	$1,500
Maryborough and District Horse and Pony Club	Sustainability project	$1,500
Bowenvale Hall	Southern fence replacement	$700
Words in Winter Central Goldfields Inc.	Delivery of 2026 Festival	$3,000
Maryborough Horse Riding Club	Three phase obstacles, bridge and gate	$1,220
Talbot Arts and Historical Museum Inc.	New photocopier	$2,249


Central Goldfields Historic Machinery Society


Goldfields Music Club Inc.



Dunolly Fire Brigade


Maryborough VRI Croquet Club


Bealiba Hall and Reserves Committee



Bowenvale Hall


Maryborough and District Horse and Pony Club


Talbot Arts and Historical Museum Inc.

MAJOR CAPITAL WORKS


Tiny Towns upgrades

During the 2025–2026 financial year the following capital upgrades were delivered or commenced:

DELIVERED

Maryborough Tennis Centre

After ten years of advocacy by the Maryborough Tennis Centre, a major upgrade was delivered in March 2026.

The project included the construction of five new synthetic courts, replacing the centre's middle bank of grass courts. It also delivered upgraded lighting, providing a modern facility for the next generation of players.

This $523,000 project was jointly funded, with $400,000 from the Victorian Government, $71,700 from Council, $20,000 from the Maryborough Tennis Centre, and a $31,300 National Court Rebate via Tennis Australia.

The courts were constructed by Council's Operations team and Tuff Group, with fencing by RNCO.CO and lighting by RJC Electrical Solutions Pty Ltd.


Maryborough Tennis Centre


Princes Park cricket pitch

Princes Park cricket pitch

Four brand-new turf cricket pitches were laid at Princes Park Oval, providing welcome news for our local cricket community — including the Maryborough Cricket Club.

The project involved removing the existing pitches, installing sub-surface drainage, upgrading irrigation, and constructing four new turf pitches.

This $190,000 project was jointly funded, with $50,000 from Council, $100,000 from the State Government and $40,000 from Cricket Australia. Local contractor Shay Excavations is delivering the works.

Both the A Grade and A Reserve teams will benefit from a high-quality, even surface this summer and into the future, ensuring fair and enjoyable contests for all. The upgrades provide long-term benefits for a wide range of local events and sporting activities, delivering a better playing field for Junior and Senior Cricket, while new drainage beneath the square also supports the Junior Football Club.

Previously, the oval often became muddy over winter — not ideal for players or spectators. The improved surface will also better support major community events such as the Highland Games and Energy Breakthrough.

A major feature of the project is the new inbuilt sprinkler system, designed for maximum water efficiency. The system provides even coverage across the entire oval, drawing from tank water collected from the grandstand and clubroom roofing, significantly reducing reliance on mains water and improving sustainability.

Goldfields Reservoir upgrade complete

The Goldfields Reservoir walking track was upgraded in early 2026.

A section of the dam on the Derby Road side of the Reservoir was raised to stabilise the bank. Works included adding rocks to the dam wall, re-gravelling the walking track and replacing seating.

Raising the dam wall improves safety for community use and helps keep the structure strong and reliable for years to come.

The works were carried out in May while water levels were low.

This project was funded by the Victorian Government's stabilisation and safety upgrades for dams across the state.


Goldfields Reservoir upgrade

Tiny Towns upgrades

Daisy Hill and Talbot are the latest communities to benefit from upgrades as part of the Victorian Government's Tiny Towns Fund.

The upgrades have been welcomed by communities across the Shire and have been made possible thanks to joint funding from the Victorian Government's Tiny Towns Fund, Council and local community groups.

In June 2024, Council announced it had secured funding for seven projects, with a further two projects announced in May 2025.

As part of the second round of projects, new kitchen cabinetry and benchtops were installed at the Daisy Hill Community Centre.

The $16,000 project was jointly funded with $12,000 from the Victorian Government, $2,000 from Council and $2,000 from the Daisy Hill Community Centre.

Restumping, structural repairs, floor re-laying and associated work were carried out at the Talbot ANA Hall.

The $100,000 upgrade project was possible thanks to $50,000 from the Victorian Government, $25,000 from Council and $25,000 from the Talbot ANA Hall Committee of Management.

MAJOR CAPITAL WORKS


Deledio Pavilion artist impression

Road safety upgrades

A $2 million package of road safety improvement projects has been rolled out across the Central Goldfields.

Council was one of 40 Victorian councils to secure funding through the Victorian Government's Safe Local Roads and Streets program, delivered in partnership with the Transport Accident Commission. The funding supports Council to improve safety on local Council-owned roads.

The projects delivered include:

Avoca Road, Talbot – Speed zone reduction
- Reducing the speed limit from 100km/h to 80km/h
- Installing additional curve-warning signage

Clarendon Street, Dundas Road & Palmerston Street, Maryborough – Intersection treatment
- Constructing a splitter island on Dundas Road
- Banning the right-turn movement out of Palmerston Street
- Realigning footpaths and narrowing the road

Multiple intersections in Maryborough (six sites)
- High Street / Kars Street
- Wills Street / Clarendon Street
- Burke Street / Brougham Street
- Burke Street / Hilton Street
- Napier Street / Hilton Street
- Alma Street / Brougham Street

Works include constructing splitter islands at the approaches to the holding line, installing raised flat-top road humps on the approach to the intersection, and making footpath alterations.

Napier Street and Brougham Street, Maryborough
- Constructing a mountable roundabout
- Installing splitter islands to narrow the carriageway and create horizontal deflection through the roundabout

Burns Street and Nolan Street intersection, Maryborough
- Constructing a roundabout with raised approaches on all legs
- Installing zebra crossings


Road safety upgrades


Jack Pascoe Reserve athletic facilities upgrade

Jack Pascoe Reserve athletic facilities upgrade

The athletic facilities at Jack Pascoe Reserve in Maryborough were upgraded in November 2025.

After years of advocacy, the long jump, triple jump and javelin run-ups were re-asphalted.

The $25,000 project was fully funded by Council and delivered by Doran Earthmoving and Centre State Asphalting.

The old run-ups were at the end of their life and had become cracked and dangerous – caused mainly by root damage from the nearby gum trees.

The upgraded facilities will be enjoyed by Maryborough Little Athletics Centre and our local schools for years to come.

UNDERWAY

Hedges Oval netball court

Local contractor Maffescioni Constructions is constructing the new netball court at Hedges Oval.

Made possible with funding from the Victorian Government, the $450,000 upgrade includes:

- A new court surface
- Training-standard compliant lighting
- Player shelters
- A new retaining wall
- Fenceline improvements

Deledio Pavilion upgrade

Council has awarded the tender for the new Deledio Recreation Reserve pavilion at Dunolly to MKM Building Group Pty Ltd.

The project will replace the ageing 1977 facility with a modern, accessible pavilion featuring new change rooms, amenities, social spaces and a commercially compliant kitchen. It will also be positioned closer to the netball courts for better access.

The tender award marks a major milestone thanks to two decades of community advocacy by the Deledio Reserve Pavilion Group.

The project is jointly funded by the Federal Government ($1.5 million), Victorian Government ($1 million) and Council ($500,000).

Construction commenced in August 2026.


Hedges Oval netball court


Deledio Pavilion upgrade

FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT



Entry to Council's Customer Service Centre and VicRoads agency

In brief

Council recorded an operating surplus of $2.0 million and an underlying deficit of $1.7 million for the 2025–2026 financial year, a $0.5 million favourable variance to budget. The result reflects higher than budgeted operating grant income, additional contributions and other income, offset by higher contractor and operating costs. It is important to recognise that a number of the factors influencing Council's result were outside Council's direct control, particularly the timing of grant funding and delivery of major capital projects.

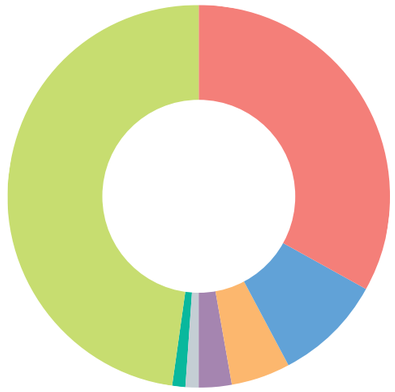
Timing of Federal Assistance Grant

Operating grant income exceeded budget primarily due to the timing of Federal Assistance Grant funding. Approximately $2.6 million relating to 2025–2026 was recognised in the prior year, while approximately $5.4 million relating to 2026–2027 was received in June 2026 and recognised into 2025–2026. As this grant is an untied grant, it must be recognised in the financial year it's received.

Other impacts to Council

- Other income exceeded budget due to insurance reimbursements, sponsorship revenue, higher investment interest earnings and debt recovery income.
- Employee vacancies and recruitment delays generated salary savings but were offset by contractor costs used to backfill key positions, together with increases in insurance premiums, utilities, superannuation and long service leave costs.

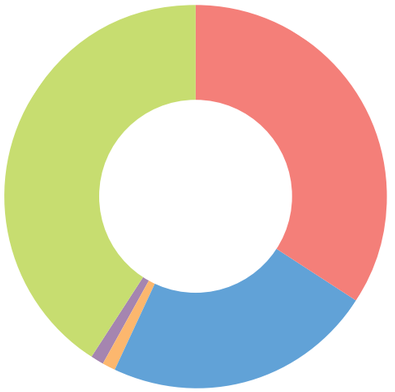
Income breakdown



- **48%** Rates and charges
- **33%** Grants – operating
- **9%** Grants – capital
- **5%** User fees
- **3%** Other income
- **1%** Statutory fees and fines
- **1%** Contributions – monetary

Council's largest source of income in 2025–2026 was rates and charges, contributing 48% of total revenue ($19.3 million). Operating grants accounted for 33% of revenue ($13.1 million), reflecting the continued importance of external funding to support service delivery. Total income for the year was $39.9 million, an increase of approximately $1.7 million on the previous year.

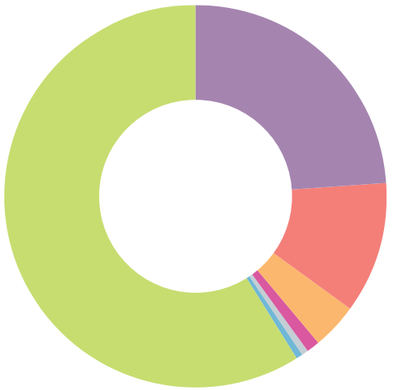
Expenses breakdown



- **41%** Employee costs
- **34%** Materials and services
- **23%** Depreciation
- **1%** Net Gain (or loss) on disposal of property, infrastructure, plant and equipment
- **1%** Other expenses

Employee costs represented 41% of total expenditure in 2025–2026 and remain Council's largest operating expense. Materials and services accounted for 34% of expenditure and include significant contractor, waste management, insurance and operational costs. Total expenses for the year were $37.9 million, broadly consistent with the previous year. Depreciation and amortisation expenses totalled approximately $8.7 million, reflecting Council's significant infrastructure asset base.

Capital Works breakdown



- **59%** Roads
- **24%** Land
- **11%** Buildings
- **4%** ICT devices & infrastructure
- **1%** Aerodromes
- **0.7%** Footpaths and cycleways
- **0.3%** Plant & Machinery

Council delivered a capital works program of $6.3 million during 2025–2026. Roads continued to be the largest area of investment, accounting for approximately 59% of total capital expenditure. Significant investment was also made in land improvements and building projects. The program focused on asset renewal and maintaining community infrastructure across the Shire.

OUR COUNCIL

Central Goldfields Shire Council is divided into seven wards, each represented by one councillor.

These wards reflect the diversity of our municipality, covering urban areas, rural communities, and townships.

Councillors are responsible for setting the council's strategic direction, developing policy, determining service standards, and monitoring the organisation's performance to ensure we continue to meet the needs of our community.

Our seven-member Council is serving a four-year term from 2024 to 2028.

Maryborough West Ward Councillor Grace La Vella served as Mayor and Paddys Ranges Ward Councillor Ben Green served as Deputy Mayor until November 2025.

Councillor Ben Green was elected Mayor and Tullaroop Ward Councillor Anna de Villiers was elected Deputy Mayor in November 2025. They will serve until November 2026.



10 years of service

Congratulations to Cr Grace La Vella who was recognised for 10 years of service to the local government sector at the Municipal Association of Victoria 2025 Councillor Service Awards held in October 2025.



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Maryborough Town Hall



OUR EXECUTIVE TEAM



Aerial view of Maryborough from the Railway Station

Council appoints a Chief Executive Officer who is responsible for the day-to-day management of operations in accordance with the strategic direction of the Council Plan.

The CEO and three Directors make up the Executive Leadership Team.

Together they provide leadership to 225 staff who deliver around 36 Council functions and services.



Peter Harriott

Chief Executive Officer

Peter joined Council as Chief Executive Officer in July 2025.

A leader with a strong community focus, Peter is highly respected and has extensive experience and knowledge in local government, having worked in the sector for the past 30 years.

During his eight years as CEO at Greater Shepparton City Council, Peter was responsible for overseeing 800 staff and an annual budget of $140 million.

He played an instrumental role in the delivery of various infrastructure projects for the region, along with navigating the organisation through several challenges including the Covid-19 pandemic and the October 2022 flood event.

Prior to Shepparton, Peter was CEO at Wattle Range Council in South Australia for three years and held a senior executive position at Gannawarra Shire Council.



Liam Routledge

Director Corporate Services

Liam joined Council as Director Corporate Services, in October 2025.

An accomplished executive leader with a broad background, Liam's career spans local government, health, energy, financial services, and other community-focused sectors.

He brings deep expertise in strategic finance, governance uplift, and corporate transformation, shaped by senior roles at Medibank, Jemena, HSBC, and several local councils in recent years.

Passionate about building better-connected and thriving communities, Liam blends analytical rigour with constructive solutions to uplift teams, strengthen sustainability and ultimately deliver values-driven impact alongside the community he serves.



Emma Little

Director Community Wellbeing

Emma joined Council in July 2020 as Manager Tourism, Events & Culture and was appointed Director Community Wellbeing in June 2022, overseeing a diverse portfolio encompassing tourism and economic development, children and family services, and community partnerships.

Since joining Council, Emma has led a number of significant initiatives, including the redevelopment of the Central Goldfields Art Gallery, the Visitor Information Centre at Maryborough Railway Station and the development of the Shire's first Indigenous Interpretive Garden. She also led the reinstatement and continued growth of the nationally recognised Energy Breakthrough program in a post COVID environment.

More recently, Emma has negotiated the successful transition to a new Visitor Economy Partnership model, strengthened regional collaboration through Destination Central Victoria, and supported destination marketing initiatives that have increased awareness of the region and strengthened industry partnerships.

A strong focus of Emma's leadership has been balancing service excellence with the long-term financial sustainability of Community Wellbeing services. Through evidence-based service reviews and strategic organisational planning, Emma has championed initiatives that enhance service delivery, improve organisational effectiveness and support Council's 10-Year Financial Plan. This has included significant financial improvements at the Goldfields Children's Centre, Council's transition out of Home and Community Care services, and the ongoing development of tourism and economic development functions to support long-term sustainability while maintaining service quality and community outcomes.

Prior to joining Council, Emma spent 10 years working across regional and remote communities in Western Australia and Tasmania, providing strategic leadership in tourism, education and events, and leveraging these sectors as catalysts for community development and economic growth.

Emma holds a double degree in Commerce and Arts and is a member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

VACANT

Director Assets and Planning

Previous Director Assets and Planning Amber Donegan (Ricks) resigned in June 2026.

We farewelled Amber after four years of dedicated service to Central Goldfields Shire, acknowledging the impact of her leadership across assets and planning.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

DIRECTOR Corporate Services

Finance & Procurement
Provides strategic and operational financial, payroll, and procurement services, including financial planning, budgeting, forecasting, reporting, business partnering, payroll, accounts payable and receivable, rates, asset accounting, treasury, cash flow management, compliance and statutory reporting. The team supports informed decision-making, strong governance, and sustainable financial outcomes across the organisation.

People and Culture
Fosters a positive workplace through collaboration and partnerships, ensuring employees feel safe, supported, engaged and inspired by their work, while providing authoritative advice on people matters to promote good governance and the development of a skilled, diverse workforce.

Information Technology and Business Transformation
Drives innovation through the strategic use of technology, ensuring the seamless operation of the Council's digital infrastructure.

Customer Experience, Communications and Advocacy
Provides the community with clear, transparent and targeted communications and engagement opportunities. The VicRoads and Customer Service teams handle inquiries, resolve issues, and manage requests across channels to enhance productivity and strive to deliver exceptional service to the community.

Governance, Property and Risk
Manages the legal and ethical actions of Council, ensuring integrity and accountability in our people and activities through policies and procedures that guide the organisation to success. Through these measures, this team fosters a positive organisational culture that makes the best use of the resources at the organisation's disposal and meets the needs of Council.

DIRECTOR Community Wellbeing

Children and Families
Provides direct services to the Central Goldfields community through the Goldfields Children's Centre, Maternal and Child Health, Immunisations, and Children and Families programs. The team also provides advice on early years strategy, planning, and coordination to support the aims of Go Goldfields Every Child, Every Chance initiative.

Tourism, Economy and Culture
Promotes economic, social and cultural wellbeing across the Shire through key services including economic development; Central Goldfields Art Gallery; tourism development and visitor services; Energy Breakthrough; support for external events; and support for Council's volunteer teams.

Community Partnerships
Responsible for key services and programs that support community health, wellbeing, inclusion and resilience. This team leads Council's reconciliation efforts with First Nations peoples, including delivery of the Reconciliation Action Plan. It also engages and mobilises the community in activating local community plans, delivers youth services and statutory emergency management functions, coordinates the delivery of community grants, and Maryborough Regional Library service.

DIRECTOR Assets and Planning

Project Services and Asset Management
Responsible for maintaining the safety and functionality of all Central Goldfields Shire assets.

Also responsible for capital works, which are delivered through our design and project delivery teams. Additionally, this team manages sports and recreation facilities and oversees the application and management of various grants.

Operations
Provides a safe and comfortable experience for all who travel throughout the Shire. The Operations team are responsible for ensuring our assets are maintained to a high standard.

Statutory Services
Helps support and regulate the sustainable development and use of land, buildings and our environment in Central Goldfields Shire.

OUR WORKPLACE

Number of full time equivalent (FTE) staff by organisational structure and employment type

Structure Classification	Band 1 FTE	Band 2 FTE	Band 3 FTE	Band 4 FTE	Band 5 FTE	Band 6 FTE	Band 7 FTE	Band 8 FTE	All Other	Total FTE
	1	**2**	**3**	**4**	**5**	**6**	**7**	**8**	**0**	
Permanent Full Time – F	0	0	4	11	5	11	5	4	5.92	**45.92**
Permanent Full Time – M	0	0	18	10	1	6	13	4	3	**55**
Permanent Full Time – X	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	**1**
Permanent Part Time – F	1.97	2.83	12.32	9.59	5.68	3.11	2.08	0	5.2	**42.78**
Permanent Part Time – M	0	0.92	2.33	0.8	1.5	1.51	0	0.4	0	**7.46**
Permanent Part Time – X	0	0	0	0	0.6	0	0	0	0	**0.6**
Casual – F	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**
Casual – M	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**
Casual – X	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**
TOTAL	**1.97**	**3.75**	**36.65**	**31.39**	**13.78**	**21.62**	**21.08**	**8.4**	**14.1**	**152.8**

Workforce Plan

In June 2026, Council adopted a refreshed Workforce Plan 2025–2029 in accordance with the requirements of the *Local Government Act 2020*. The Plan supports the delivery of the Council Plan and outlines Council's commitment to attracting, retaining, developing and empowering staff, volunteers and contractors to ensure we have the skills, capability and leadership required to meet community needs and deliver strategic objectives.

The Plan recognises several key workforce challenges, including an ageing workforce, increasing competition for skilled professionals, financial constraints, technology-driven change and evolving employee expectations regarding flexible work. It also identifies ongoing recruitment challenges in specialist areas such as planning, building, environmental health and engineering.

A strong focus of the Plan is building organisational capability through five strategic pillars:

- Workforce Capability and Succession
- Attraction and Employer Brand
- Retention and Employee Experience
- Culture, Inclusion and Wellbeing
- Leadership and Capability Development.

The Plan also strengthens Council's commitment to diversity, inclusion and gender equity, aligning with the Gender Equality Act 2020, Council's Reconciliation Action Plan and Disability Access and Inclusion Plan.

The Workforce Plan includes an annual Action Plan and reporting framework to monitor workforce risks, measure progress and ensure the Plan remains responsive to organisational and community needs. The Action Plan is reviewed annually by the Executive Leadership Team.



Professional Development



Service recognition awards

Key workforce priorities for 2025–2026 include:

- Implementing succession planning and knowledge transfer initiatives to address the risks associated with an ageing workforce.
- Strengthening Council's employer brand and attraction strategies to support recruitment in hard-to-fill specialist roles.
- Improving employee experience through enhanced onboarding, recognition and retention initiatives.
- Advancing workplace diversity, inclusion, wellbeing and gender equity outcomes.
- Continuing investment in workforce systems and digital transformation, including enhancements to our human resources and payroll platform, ELMO, to strengthen workforce planning, reporting and diversity data collection.

Enterprise Agreement

The Ararat Rural City Council and Central Goldfields Shire Council Single Interest Employer Agreement No. 1 – 2024 was the first Single Interest Enterprise Agreement approved in the Victorian local government sector and was approved by the Fair Work Commission in February 2026.

The agreement was developed collaboratively between both councils, employees and unions and provides a contemporary employment framework that supports flexibility, workforce sustainability and improved employee outcomes.

The new agreement supports Council's objectives of attracting, retaining and developing a skilled workforce while maintaining a modern and responsive workplace.

Professional Development

Council remains committed to supporting ongoing professional development and building workforce capability across all directorates. During 2025–2026, Council invested in external training, conferences, workshops and accredited learning programs, with approximately 60 employees participating in professional development activities.

Staff attended a broad range of sector-specific learning opportunities, including LGPro and FinPro conferences, leadership and management programs, workplace relations training, grant writing, planning and animal management workshops, cyber security forums, and specialist community wellbeing and early years training. A strong focus was also placed on developing digital capability, with multiple staff completing training to strengthen data analysis and reporting skills.

Council continued its commitment to mandatory and workforce-wide learning initiatives, including Gender Equity, Cultural Capability Training, emergency management training, and food safety accreditation. Operational staff also completed specialist training such as Spotter Training, with 17 employees accredited to support safe works practices.

Investment in formal qualifications also continued, with employees undertaking qualifications including a Diploma of Leadership and Management, Certificate IV in Government Investigations and Certificate IV in Animal Management, supporting the development of specialist skills and future workforce capability.

Service recognition awards

During the year we recognised our staff who achieved service milestones with us:

Staff member	Years of service	Department
Infrastructure Assets and Planning Directorate:		
Brian Powell	41	Operations
Neil Greenwood	41	Operations
Andrew McAdam	36	Operations
Ross Andrews	21	Operations
Philip Voutier	21	Operations
Community Wellbeing Directorate:		
Kerry Egan	26	Immunisation
Jane Humphrey	26	Supported Playgroup
Sharon Bond	26	Customer Service
Melissa Smith	26	Goldfields Children's Centre
Alisha Chadwick	26	Tourism, Events and Culture
Veronica Hutcheson	21	People and Culture
Krystle Leist	11	Executive Assistant
Judy Crusell	11	Goldfields Children's Centre



Celebrating 45 years of service

In February 2026, we recognised Robyn Tracey's 45 years of service as School Crossing Supervisor at Carisbrook.

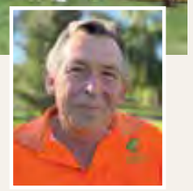
Robyn first took up the role in 1981 and went on to become a constant presence on the Pyrenees Highway, ensuring generations of children arrived at school safely. Her commitment was exemplified in 1994 when she pushed a child out of danger and sustained serious injuries after a driver failed to stop. Following surgery and five months of recovery, she returned to the crossing with renewed determination.

Over the decades, Robyn guided children who later returned with their own children—and even grandchildren—for a safe crossing.

Congratulations Robyn.

OUR WORKPLACE





RETIREMENT

Russell Le Tisser

In March 2026 we farewelled our longest-serving employee.

Congratulations to Russell Le Tisser on an incredible 48 years of service to the Central Goldfields community.

Russell began his journey with us in 1978 at the age of 16, taking on the role of Apprentice Gardener with the City of Maryborough.

Since then, he has dedicated his entire career to the Parks and Open Spaces team, earning a well-deserved reputation as the oracle of Council's open spaces.

Over the decades, Russell has contributed to the development and maintenance of almost every open space under Council's care.

His knowledge of our parks, gardens, and landscapes is unmatched. He has weathered floods, fires, and droughts, mastered the inner workings of every irrigation system, and supported countless Council events behind the scenes.

Thank you, Russell, for your dedication, expertise, and friendship.



RETIREMENT

Christopher Orr, volunteer

Central Goldfields Art Gallery volunteer Christopher Orr retired in January 2026 after an incredible 23 years of service to Council and the local community.

Christopher has spent the past 16 years volunteering at the Gallery, and prior to that, seven years volunteering and working at the Central Goldfields Visitor Centre.

Chris's connection to the Gallery runs deep — he even met his wife, Sarah, through volunteering there!

Over the years, we have greatly appreciated his reliability and his friendly, knowledgeable approach, which has made every visitor feel welcome.

A passionate advocate for the arts, Chris is also an accomplished artist.

Congratulations and thank you, Chris, for your 23 years of dedicated service.



International Nurses Day

Staff Awards

In June 2026 we launched The Goldies, our new values based staff recognition awards.

Created to celebrate the people who bring our organisational values to life, The Goldies recognise three core values: Authentic Communication, Improvement Is Possible and Collaborative Partnerships.

We were thrilled to announce our inaugural winners at a staff meeting in June:

- Collaborative Partnerships – Krystle Leist
- Authentic Communication – Julian Peck and Craig Sproat
- Improvement Is Possible – Kyan Laslett O'Brien

A huge congratulations to our first recipients for setting the benchmark and showcasing our values in action.

Gender Equality

Council continued to advance gender equality initiatives during 2025–2026 and submitted its new Gender Equality Action Plan (GEAP) and progress report to the Commission for Gender Equality in the Public Sector for review. Gender equality remains a key organisational priority, supporting the development of a workplace that is inclusive, respectful and equitable for all employees.

Throughout the year, Council embedded gender equality considerations into decision-making through Gender Impact Assessments and maintained a strong focus on awareness, education and inclusive workplace practices. Flexible work arrangements continued to support workforce participation and work-life balance, with a high proportion of employees accessing flexible work options.

Council also progressed improvements to its Human Resources Information System, which will strengthen workforce reporting and data collection, supporting future gender equality initiatives and compliance requirements. Council remains committed to implementing the actions outlined in the new GEAP and fostering a workplace culture where everyone contributes to advancing equality, inclusion and respect.



Men's Healthy Morning Tea



International Nurses Day

OUR WORKPLACE

Equal opportunity and human rights

Council is committed to equal opportunity, supported by robust policies, inclusive induction, and ongoing training. Leadership reinforces positive duty, promoting a workplace free from discrimination, harassment, and bullying. All employees are required to act in accordance with human rights legislation, with policy developers specifically guided by the Human Rights Charter to ensure alignment with these principles.

Staff communication

Quarterly all-staff meetings rotate between directorates, providing updates on projects, celebrating achievements, recognising staff contributions, and showcasing each directorate's work. We also introduced Viva Engage as an internal communications channel.

Wellbeing Committee

The Wellbeing Committee continues to play a vital role in fostering a healthy, connected workplace by bringing staff together for meaningful events throughout the year and sharing important messages about health, wellness and support.

Along with coordinating activities that encourage connection and positive habits, the committee has also introduced the Connect newsletter, a regular update designed to keep staff informed, engaged and aware of wellbeing initiatives across the organisation.

The organisation extends its sincere thanks to the Wellbeing Committee for their ongoing efforts throughout the year, bringing staff together, championing health and wellness, and keeping everyone connected.



IDAHOBIT Day



International Women's Day



R U OK? Day

GOVERNANCE AND OTHER INFORMATION

Central Goldfields Shire Council is constituted under the *Local Government Act 2020* for the good governance of the municipal district and local community. Council has a number of roles including:

- Taking into account the diverse needs of the local community in decision making
- Providing leadership by establishing strategic objectives and monitoring achievement
- Ensuring that resources are managed in a responsible and accountable manner
- Fostering community cohesion and ensuring active participation in civic life

Council is committed to effective and sustainable forms of democratic and corporate governance. The community has opportunities to provide input into Council's decision-making processes as outlined in Council's Community Engagement Policy.

Council's formal decision-making is conducted at Council meetings and delegated committees. Council delegates decision-making to Council staff in accordance with adopted Council policies.

Councillors attendance

Meeting Dates	Type of Meeting	Councillors						
		Ben Green (Deputy Mayor 11/2024 – 11/2025) (Mayor 11/2025 – Current)	Anna de Villiers (Deputy Mayor 11/2025 – Current)	Grace La Vella (Mayor 11/2024 – 11/2025)	Geoff Bartlett	Liesbeth Long	Gerard Murphy	Jake Meyer
23/07/2025	Ordinary	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✖
27/08/2025	Ordinary	✔	✖	✔	✔	✖	✔	✔
24/09/2025	Ordinary	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔
22/10/2025	Ordinary	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔
19/11/2025	Statutory	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔
26/11/2025	Ordinary	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔
17/12/2025	Ordinary	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔
25/02/2026	Ordinary	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔
25/03/2026	Ordinary	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔
22/04/2026	Ordinary	✔	✖	✔	✔	★	✔	✔
27/05/2026	Ordinary	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✖
24/06/2026	Ordinary	✖	✔	✔	✔	✔	✖	✔

★ Councillor Long experienced technical difficulties in attending the Council Meeting online.

GOVERNANCE AND OTHER INFORMATION

Councillor expenses

Councillor	Travel Expenses	Professional Development Expenses	Expenses to Support the Performance of the Role	Total
Cr Ben Green (Mayor)	$0	$1,714.00	$7,795.78	**$9,509.78**
Cr Anna de Villiers (Deputy Mayor)	$0	$2,534.00	$968.46	**$3,502.46**
Cr Grace La Vella	$0	$2,569.63	$846.78	**$3,416.41**
Cr Gerard Murphy	$0	$1,714.00	$846.78	**$2,560.78**
Cr Geoff Bartlett	$0	$1,714.29	$846.78	**$2,561.07**
Cr Liesbeth Long	$1,174.67	$2,514.00	$838.45	**$4,527.12**
Cr Jake Meyer	$0	$1,716.00	$846.78	**$2,562.78**

Councillor allowances

Councillor	Allowance
Cr Ben Green (Deputy Mayor 2024–2025 & Mayor 2025–2026)	**$73,309.71**
Cr Anna de Villiers (Councillor 2024–2025 & Deputy Mayor 2025–2026)	**$38,886.61**
Cr Grace La Vella (Mayor 2024–2025 & Councillor 2025–2026)	**$40,248.82**
Cr Gerard Murphy (Councillor 2025–2026)	**$28,110.00**
Cr Geoff Bartlett (Councillor 2025–2026)	**$28,110.00**
Cr Liesbeth Long (Councillor 2025–2026)	**$28,110.00**
Cr Jake Meyer (Councillor 2025–2026)	**$28,110.00**

Delegations list

S1 Financial Delegations (Internal)	December 2023
S5 Instrument of Delegation Council to CEO	August 2025
S6 Instrument of Delegation Council to Members of Council Staff	March 2026
S7 Instrument of Delegation CEO to Council Staff	April 2026
S11 Instrument of Appointment and Authorisation	December 2025
S13 Instrument of Delegation – CEO Powers to Council Staff	December 2024
S14 Instrument of Delegation – CEO VicSmart Planning and Environment	March 2024
S18 Instrument of Sub-Delegation Environmental Protection Act 2017	October 2021
S20A Instrument of Delegation Child Link Users	April 2025

Committee appointments

Committee/Statutory Body	Representative/s
CEO Employment Matters Advisory Committee	All Councillors
MAV Committee	Cr Anna de Villiers, Cr Geoff Bartlett
Rural Councils Victoria (RCV)	Cr Gerard Murphy
Central Victorian Greenhouse Alliance	Cr Liesbeth Long
Municipal Emergency Management Committee /Municipal Fire Management Committee	Mayor Ben Green
Energy Breakthrough Committee	Cr Liesbeth Long
Australia Day Committee	All Councillors
Climate Action Stewarding Group	Cr Geoff Bartlett
Tullaroop Creek Carisbrook Advisory Group	Cr Anna de Villiers
Aerodrome Advisory Group	Cr Geoff Bartlett
Walking and Cycling Advisory Group	Cr Grace La Vella
Daisy Hill Community Center Community Asset Committee	Mayor Ben Green
Adelaide Lead Hall Committee	Mayor Ben Green
Talbot Town Hall Committee	Mayor Ben Green
Dunolly Historic Precinct Management Committee	Cr Liesbeth Long
Tullaroop Leisure Centre Committee	Cr Anna de Villiers

AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE

FOR THE 2025–2026 FINANCIAL YEAR

Audit and Risk Committee

Under Section 53 of Victoria's *Local Government Act 2020*, councils are mandated to establish an Audit and Risk Committee with a specific membership structure that must include Councillors and external members with financial and risk expertise. The committee provides oversight of financial reporting, risk management, fraud prevention and internal and external audit functions.

This Committee operates under an approved Audit and Risk Committee Charter, which details its functions and responsibilities, and must also adopt an annual work program.

Membership and attendance

The current Audit and Risk Committee Charter allows that Committee members may be reappointed for two additional three-year terms (in addition to their initial three-year appointment), subject to satisfactory performance.

John Watson's nine-year term as Chair and Independent Member of the committee ended in April 2026.

Michelle McLean was appointed as Chair and Independent Member of the committee in May 2026.

At the 19 November 2025 Statutory Council Meeting, Cr Grace La Vella replaced Cr Anna de Villiers as the Councillor representative. Cr Geoff Bartlett was renewed as a Councillor Member.

Membership during 2025–2026:

- John Watson, Independent Chair (to April 2026)
- Michelle McLean, Independent Chair (as of May 2026)
- Richard Anio, Independent Member
- Dr Craig Nisbett, Independent Member
- Anna de Villiers, Councillor (until November 2025)
- Grace La Vella, Councillor (as of November 2025)
- Geoff Bartlett, Councillor

Attendance

Member	16 Sep 25	1 Dec 25	2 Mar 26	1 Jun 26
J Watson	✔	✔	✔	N/A
M McLean	N/A	N/A	N/A	✔
R Anio	✔	✔	✔	✔
C Nisbett	✘	✔	✔	✔
A de Villiers (to November 2025)	✘	✔ (in place of G La Vella)	N/A	✔ (as observer only)
G Bartlett	✘	✔	✔	✔
G La Vella	N/A	✘	✔	✔

Committee Charter

The Committee is governed by the Audit and Risk Committee Charter adopted by Council as required by the *Local Government Act 2020*. The Charter is reviewed by the Committee annually, and advice provided to Council on any recommended changes.

Committee annual work plan

The Committee adopts an annual work plan setting out all items it needs to consider at each of its quarterly meetings. The plan includes requirements set out in the Committee Charter, together with items under the Local Government Act and any other requirements the Committee considers necessary. The Work Plan is reviewed at each meeting.

Annual self-assessment

The Committee undertakes an annual self-assessment, and the results are reported to Council by the CEO.

Personal Interest Returns

Although not mandatory under the Act, the Independent Audit and Risk Committee members completed personal interests returns.

Matters considered

This Audit and Risk Committee considers a range of other matters, according to its Charter and Annual Work Plan.

These items are listed on the agenda:

- Chief Executive Officer's (CEO's) Report including updates on legal and regulatory compliance matters;
- Council's internal and external Audit progress reports;
- Council's Quarterly finance report;
- Council's Strategic Risk Register;
- Outstanding Audit Recommendations Register;
- Council governance;
- Quarterly Procurement report;
- Quarterly OH&S Report;
- Quarterly IT Systems and Security Report;
- Management reports on a variety of matters such as Report of Operations and Risk Management;
- Sector-related agencies and integrity reports.

Additionally, the Committee receives reports on:

- VAGO Audit Certificates and Final Financials & Performance Report and Governance checklist;
- Council policies for review;

as well as a range other matters relevant to continuous improvements of Council's processes, procedures and operations.

The Committee assessed and reviewed the annual Financial and Performance Statements and Governance Checklist for the year 2025–2026 and recommended to Council that the statements be agreed to in principle, signed and submitted to the Victorian Auditor-General.

The Committee also provides a biannual report to Council outlining its activities, in accordance with the Act.

Members only discussion

At each meeting, the Committee sets aside time for a member only discussion as required. During the members only meeting, the members can raise any matter without management or auditors being present. Members can also invite the CEO and/or internal or external Auditors to join them to discuss matters confidentially.

External Auditors Performance Review

The Committee annually undertakes a review of the performance of the external auditors, Crowe.

Internal Auditors Performance Review

The Committee annually undertakes a review of the performance of the internal auditors, RSD Audit.

Internal Audit Work Plan

The Committee approves a rolling three-year internal audit plan and monitors progress against the plan at each meeting.

Internal Auditors

RSD have completed the following Audits for the 2025–2026 financial year:

- Local Laws;
- Contract Management.

Internal and External Audit Recommendations

Council maintains a register of outstanding actions of prior audit recommendations and reports the activity on those items to the Committee at each meeting.

The outstanding items are monitored and actioned within agreed timeframes by the responsible Council officer, and the Committee is advised when they are due to be completed.

Strategic Risk Register and Risk Management

The Committee receives regular reports on the status of the Strategic Risk Register and the management of risk within the organisation.

The Risk Management Framework project was completed in 2024.

STATUTORY INFORMATION

Council is committed to ensuring that its decision-making processes are transparent and open so that the community is provided with an opportunity for meaningful engagement with Council and its decision-making processes.

The following information is provided in accordance with legislative and other requirements applying to Council.

Documents available for public inspection

In accordance with regulation 10(k) of the *Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2020* the following is a summary of the information that is publicly available for the purposes of the Council's Public Transparency Policy adopted under section 57 of the Act and the ways in which that information can be accessed:

- A document containing details of overseas or interstate travel (other than interstate travel by land for less than three days) undertaken in an official capacity by a councillor or any member of Council staff in the previous 12 months, accessed by contacting our Customer Service team at 22 Nolan Street, Maryborough.
- Minutes of scheduled and unscheduled meetings held in the previous 12 months, other than those agendas and minutes relating to a part of a meeting which was closed to members of the public under section 66 of the Act, accessed through the Council website.
- Council's Governance Rules in accordance with section 60 of the Act, accessed through the Council website.
- A document containing details of all leases involving land which were entered into by the Council as lessor, including the lessee and the terms and the value of the lease accessed by contacting our Customer Service at 22 Nolan Street, Maryborough.
- Council's Budget, Annual Report, Council Plan, Community Vision, and Public Transparency Policy accessed through the Council website.
- A list of donations and grants made by Council in the previous 12 months, including the names of persons who, or bodies which, have received a donation or grant and the amount of each donation or grant accessed by contacting our Customer Service team at 22 Nolan Street, Maryborough.

Infrastructure and development contributions

In accordance with section 46GM and 46QD of the Planning and Environment Act 1987, a council that is a collecting or development agency must prepare and give a report to the Minister for Planning on infrastructure and development contributions including levies and works in kind. The report must be published in the Council's Annual Report. During 2025–2026 Council collected a total of $23,159.40 in infrastructure and development contributions.

Domestic Animal Management Plan

In accordance with the Domestic Animals Act 1994 Section 68A, Council is required to prepare a Domestic Animal Management Plan at four-yearly intervals and evaluate its implementation in the annual report. Council adopted the Domestic Animal Management Plan 2026–2029 in June 2026.

During the 2025–2026 financial year, Council has actively progressed actions with the Domestic Animal Management Plan, including working with community groups to increase pet rehoming rates, liaison with neighbouring shires to provide integration of domestic animal management services, upgrades to the dog pound facility and scoping of upgrades to the Maryborough Dog Park.

Food Act

In accordance with section 7E of the Food Act 1984, Council is required to publish a summary of any Ministerial Directions received during the financial year in its Annual Report. No such Ministerial Directions were received by Council during the 2025–2026 financial year.

Freedom of information

In accordance with section 7(4AA)(a) and 7(4AA)(b) of the Freedom of Information Act 1982, Council is required to publish certain statements in their annual report or separately such as on its website concerning its functions and information available.

Access to documents may be obtained through written request to the Freedom of Information officer as detailed in section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 1982 and in summary as follows:

- it should be in writing (including email) and addressed to the Freedom of Information officer.
- it should identify as clearly as possible which document is being requested
- it should be accompanied by the appropriate application fee
- access charges may also apply once documents have been processed and a decision on access is made (e.g. photocopying and search and retrieval charges)

Further information regarding FOI can be found at **www.foi.vic.gov.au** and on Council's website.

Public interest disclosure procedures

In accordance with section 69 of the Public Interest Disclosures Act 2012 a council must include in their Annual Report information about how to access the procedures established by the council under Part 9 of that Act. It is also required to provide certain information about the number and types of protected disclosures complaints investigated during the financial year.

The Public Interest Disclosure Act 2012 aims to ensure openness and accountability in government by encouraging people to disclose improper conduct within the public sector and provide protection for people who make disclosures. Procedures on how to make a disclosure are publicly available on Council's website. During the 2025–2026 financial year no disclosures were notified to Council officers appointed to receive disclosures, or to IBAC.

CONTRACTS

Contracts entered into during 2025–2026 financial year

Council's Procurement Policy, adopted on 22 August 2023, requires contracts with a total contract value exceeding $200,000 (inclusive of GST) to be procured through an invitation to tender or an expression of interest process, as applicable.

In accordance with section 108 of the *Local Government Act 2020* (Vic) and Council's Procurement Policy, the following contracts with a total contract value exceeding $200,000 (inclusive of GST) were entered into during the 2025–2026 financial year.

Contract No.	Contract Name
G1980-2025	ESM Audit and Passive Fire Inspections
G1994-2025	Maryborough Tennis Club Pavement Construction & Surfacing Works
G25-26-1	Roadside Slashing Program
G25-26-16	Provision of Public Lighting Contestable Works – Various Sites, Maryborough
G25-26-20	Burns Street and Nolan Street, Maryborough – Roundabout Construction
G25-26-25	Provision of Resealing Works
G25-26-19	Deledio Reserve Pavilion Project – Design and Construct
G25-26-12	Supply of Air Conditioning Maintenance and Installation
G2002-2025	Supply and Implementation of an Enterprise Asset Management (EAM) Solution
G25-26-23	Provision of Plumbing Services – Panel of Suppliers

Contracts entered into during 2025–2026 financial year

During the 2025–2026 financial year, the following contracts, with a total contract value exceeding $200,000 (inclusive of GST), were also entered into without a public tender process, in accordance with Council's established panel arrangements.

These contracts were procured through Council's Panel of Suppliers – Contract G1882-2023 – Supply, Deliver & Lay Asphalt, in accordance with Council's Procurement Policy:

- Contract G25-26-21 – Provision of Various Asphalting Works
- Contract G25-26-15 – Provision of Gillies Street, Maryborough Asphalting Works

The use of the established panel provides an approved procurement pathway for the engagement of suppliers for the relevant works, consistent with the requirements of Council's Procurement Policy.

GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT CHECKLIST

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2026

	Governance and Management Items	Assessment
1	**Community engagement policy** (policy outlining Council's commitment to engaging with the community on matters of public interest)	Adopted in accordance with Section 55 of the Act. Date of adoption: 23/04/2024. Adopted at the 23 April 2024 Council Meeting.
2	**Community engagement guidelines** (guidelines to assist staff to determine when and how to engage with the community)	Current guidelines in operation. Date of commencement: 23/04/2024. Guidelines included in Community Engagement Policy including IAP2 Framework.
3	**Financial Plan** (plan under Section 91 of the Act outlining the financial and non-financial resources required for at least the next 10 financial years)	Adopted in accordance with Section 91 of the Act. Date of adoption: 22/10/2025. Financial Plan 2025–2035 was adopted at the 22 October 2025 Council Meeting.
4	**Asset Plan** (plan that sets out the asset maintenance and renewal needs for key infrastructure asset classes for at least the next 10 years)	Adopted in accordance with Section 92 of the Act. Date of adoption: 22/10/2025. Asset Plan adopted at the 22 October 2025 Council Meeting.
5	**Revenue and Rating Plan** (plan setting out the rating structure of Council to levy rates and charges)	Adopted in accordance with Section 93 of the Act. Date of adoption: 25/06/2025. 2025–2029 Revenue and Rating Plan adopted at the 25 June 2025 Council Meeting.
6	**Annual budget** (plan setting out the services to be provided and initiatives to be undertaken over the next 12 months and the funding and other resources required)	Budget adopted in accordance with Section 94 of the Act. Date of adoption: 27/05/2026. Adopted at the 27 May 2026 Council Meeting.
7	**Risk policy** (policy outlining Council's commitment and approach to minimising the risks to Council's operations)	Current policy in operation. Date of commencement: 20/08/2024. Policy adopted at the 20 August 2024 Council Meeting.
8	**Fraud policy** (policy outlining Council's commitment and approach to minimising the risk of fraud)	Current policy in operation. Date of commencement: 23/07/2024. Policy updated at the 23 July 2024 Council Meeting.

GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT CHECKLIST

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2026

Governance and Management Items	Assessment
9 Municipal emergency management planning (Participation in meetings of the Municipal Emergency Management Planning Committee.)	Municipal Emergency Management Planning Committee (MEMPC) meetings attended by one or more representatives of Council (other than the chairperson of the MEMPC) during the financial year. Dates of MEMPC meetings attended: 21/05/2026. Northern Victorian Integrated Municipal Emergency Management Plan; CGSC adopted 15 September 2020. Meetings were held quarterly on 21/8/2025, 13/11/2025, 19/02/2026 & 21/05/2026. At least two representatives from Council attended each meeting.
10 Procurement policy (policy outlining the principles, processes and procedures that will apply to all purchases of goods and services by the Council)	Adopted in accordance with Section 108 of the Act. Date of commencement: 22/08/2023. Adopted at the 22 August 2023 Council Meeting.
11 Business continuity plan (plan setting out the actions that will be taken to ensure that key services continue to operate in the event of a disaster)	Current plan in operation. Date of commencement: 29/10/2018. Business Continuity Plan reviewed and tested during 2025–2026. A revised Business Continuity Plan is scheduled for adoption during 2026–2027.
12 Disaster recovery plan (plan setting out the actions that will be undertaken to recover and restore business capability in the event of a disaster)	Current plan in operation. Date of commencement: 29/10/2018. The disaster recovery plan is encompassed within the Business Continuity Plan.
13 Complaint policy (Policy under Section 107 of the Act outlining Council's commitment and approach to managing complaints.)	Policy developed in accordance with Section 107 of the Act. Date of commencement: 21/12/2021. Adopted at the 21 December 2021 Council Meeting.
14 Workforce plan (Plan outlining Council's commitment and approach to planning the current and future workforce requirements of the organisation.)	Plan developed in accordance with Section 46 of the Act. Date of commencement: 26/10/2021. The updated Workforce Plan 2026–2029 will be implemented in July 2026.
15 Payment of rates and charges hardship policy (Policy outlining Council's commitment and approach to assisting ratepayers experiencing financial hardship or difficulty paying their rates.)	Current policy in operation. Date of commencement: 27/07/2021. Adopted at the 27 July 2021 Council Meeting.
16 Risk management framework (framework outlining Council's approach to managing risks to the Council's operations)	Current framework in operation. Date of commencement: 20/08/2024. Adopted at the 20 August 2024 Council Meeting.
17 Audit and Risk Committee (advisory committee of Council under Section 53 and 54 of the Act)	Established in accordance with Section 53 of the Act. Audit and Risk Committee meets quarterly in March, June, September and December.
18 Internal audit (independent accounting professionals engaged by the Council to provide analysis and recommendations aimed at improving Council's governance, risk and management controls)	Internal auditor engaged. RSD Audit was engaged to deliver Council's approved Internal Audit Program for 2025–2026 in accordance with the Audit and Risk Committee endorsed Internal Audit Plan.
19 Performance reporting framework (a set of indicators measuring financial and non-financial performance, including the performance indicators referred to in Section 98 of the Act)	Current framework in operation. Date of adoption: 24/09/2025. Adopted at the 24 September 2025 Council Meeting.
20 Council Plan report (report reviewing the performance of the Council against the Council Plan, including the results in relation to the strategic indicators, for the first six months of the financial year)	Current report. Date of report: 22/10/2025. Adopted at the 22 October 2025 Council Meeting. Progress updates are reported quarterly.
21 Quarterly budget reports (quarterly reports to Council under Section 97 of the Act, comparing actual and budgeted results and an explanation of any material variations)	Quarterly reports presented to Council in accordance with Section 97(1) of the Act. Quarterly budget reports are reported to ELT, Audit and Risk Committee and Council.
22 Risk reporting (six-monthly reports of strategic risks to Council's operations, their likelihood and consequences of occurring and risk minimisation strategies)	Risk reports prepared and presented. Reported quarterly at the Audit and Risk Committee Meeting.
23 Performance reporting (six-monthly reports of indicators measuring the results against financial and non-financial performance, including performance indicators referred to in Section 98 of the Act)	Performance reports prepared. Dates of reports: 24/09/2025. Adopted at the 24 September 2025 Council Meeting.

GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT CHECKLIST

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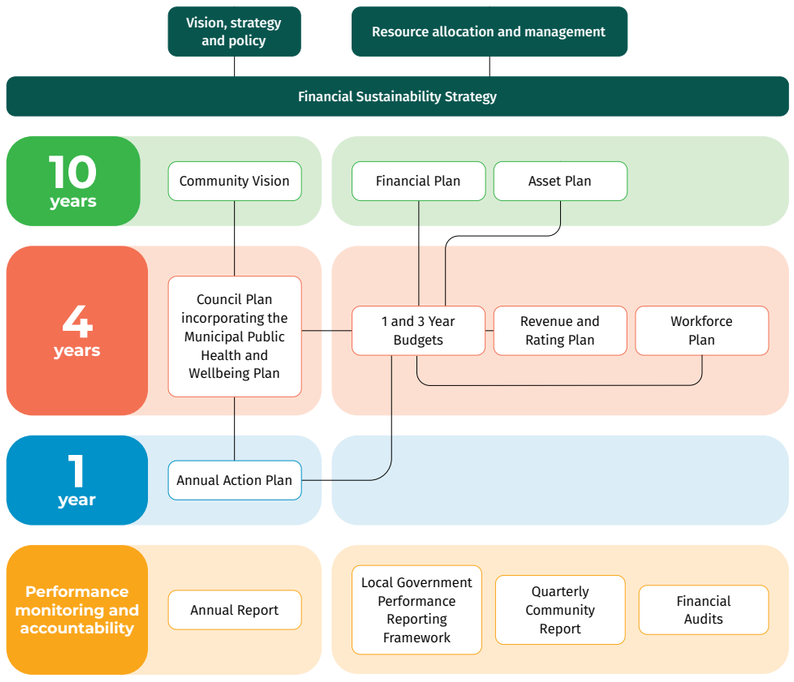
Governance and Management Items		Assessment
24	**Annual report** (annual report under Sections 98 and 99 of the Act containing a report of operations and audited financial and performance statements)	Annual report presented at a meeting of Council in accordance with Section 100 of the Act.
		Date of presentation: 22/10/2025.
		Adopted at the 22 October 2025 Council Meeting.
25	**Councillor Code of Conduct** (Code setting out the standards of conduct to be followed by Councillors and other matters.)	Code of conduct reviewed and adopted in accordance with Section 139 of the Act.
		Date reviewed and adopted: 26/11/2024.
		Model Councillor Code of Conduct established 26 November 2024 as per legislation.
26	**Delegations** (documents setting out the powers, duties and functions of Council and the Chief Executive Officer that have been delegated to members of staff)	Delegations reviewed in accordance with Section 11(7) of the Act and a register kept in accordance with Sections 11(8) and 47(7) of the Act.
		Instruments of Delegation are reviewed on a regular basis in response to legislative change, organisational structure changes and governance requirements, with the most recent review undertaken during 2025–2026.
27	**Meeting procedures** (Governance Rules governing the conduct of meetings of Council and delegated committees)	Governance Rules adopted in accordance with Section 60 of the Act.
		Date rules adopted: 24/10/2023.
		Model Governance Rules will be reviewed and adopted in the 2026–2027 financial year.



Central Goldfields Art Gallery

OUR PERFORMANCE

Integrated Strategic Planning Framework



SERVICES

The following provides a description of the services funded in the 2025–2026 Budget:

Arts and Culture
Council delivers arts and culture through the Central Goldfields Art Gallery, located in Maryborough. The Gallery features a diverse and dynamic program of regularly changing exhibitions, including works from the permanent collection, curated shows and touring exhibitions. In addition, it provides a range of educational and public programs that promote engagement in arts and culture.

Asset Management
Provides data collection, analysis and planning for the maintenance and renewal of all Council owned and managed infrastructure and assets. This is all facets of infrastructure and operations management of Council assets including any external consultants such as valuers, inspections and condition assessments.

Building Maintenance
Undertakes maintenance works on Council owned and managed buildings, and other built structures such as rotundas, BBQ shelters, pedestrian underpasses, and playgrounds.

Building Services
Provides building control services to administer and enforce the Building Act and building regulations.

Children and Family Services – comprising Childcare, Kindergartens, Children and Families Program and Immunisation
Provides 100-place integrated Long Day Care and Kindergarten. Immunisation provides a range of vaccination options that are convenient and offer Immunisation options for residents of our shire most at risk of vaccine-preventable disease.

Communications and Advocacy
Provides our community with clear, transparent and targeted communications and engagement opportunities that are bottom up, planned and accessible to all community members. Also leads Council's advocacy package.

Community Development
Partnering with individuals, community groups, Traditional Owners, government agencies and regional organisations to identify community priorities, build local capacity, support children and young people, and deliver grant-funded programs that improve health, safety, resilience and social connection across the Shire.

Compliance
Provides a range of compliance services including animal and pound management, municipal fire prevention and school crossing supervision.

Customer Service
Provides a full range of Customer Service functions face to face and via phone with a high focus on the customer's needs as the first point of contact.

Depot
Provides facilities and workshops to support the activities of Council's outdoor operations.

Drainage
This service maintains and renews the drainage systems and networks throughout the Shire and also ensures compliance to the required standards for new land developments.

Emergency Management
Ensures compliance and effective delivery of obligations under the Local Government Act, Emergency Management Act, and state plans and policies. Also leads the delivery of the Municipal Emergency Resources Program.

Energy Breakthrough
Energy Breakthrough is Council's largest annual event and is delivered in partnership with Country Education Partnership. The five-day event attracts approximately 15,000 visitors and contributes more than $3.8 million to the local economy. The program supports participation from around 3,500 students from local, regional, state and interstate schools and promotes innovation, sustainability and STEM learning through human-powered vehicle design, engineering and competition.

SERVICES

Environmental Health and Sustainability
Provides a range of environmental health and public health services, education and the enforcement of relevant state legislation. Sustainability services include delivery of the Climate Action Plan and community engagement.

Environmental Management
Environmental monitoring and implementation of services to control the spread of weeds and pests in Council controlled areas including; roadsides, nature strips, reserves, and drains.

Facilities Management
Provides recreation facilities and services including the provision of the Maryborough Sport and Leisure Centre, outdoor swimming pools, strategic support to sporting clubs and users, support for active sporting facilities and open spaces.

Finance Services
The department delivers integrated financial and corporate services, including financial planning, reporting, cashflow, treasury, payroll, and asset financial management, alongside the administration of rates and compliance with regulatory requirements.

Governance and Risk
Provides the governance framework for the organisation including coordination of Council Meetings and support and oversight of compliance with the Local Government Act, privacy and freedom of information.

Information Management
Provides lifecycle management of all information held by Council.

Information Technology
Provides the information communication technology platform that enables the organisation to interact electronically with all its customers.

Library Services
Maryborough Regional Library delivers public library services across Maryborough and Dunolly, with outreach services to Talbot and housebound residents. The service provides access to physical and digital collections, early years literacy programs, digital literacy programs, community programming, outreach services, and local history preservation.

Local Laws
Enforcement and compliance of all Council local laws to ensure the management of domestic and livestock animals, protection of our built and natural environment, general amenity and general parking enforcement.

Maternal and Child Health Services
Provides universal access to Maternal Child Health services and enhanced support for families including 10 key age and stage visits from birth to 3.5 years.

Parks and Gardens
Delivers parks, gardens and oval maintenance and improvements to provide an attractive public open space and recreational environment for our community.

People and Culture
The People and Culture team through collaboration and partnerships focus on creating a positive workplace where employees feel safe, supported, can reach their full potential, are actively engaged and inspired by their employment experience and the work that they do. We achieve this by providing authoritative advice on people matters to ensure good governance and realisation of a skilled and diverse workforce.

Plant
Council provides and maintains vehicles and equipment to support day to day services.

Public Amenities
Provides cleaning and servicing to public amenity blocks.

Roads Maintenance
Provides the maintenance, construction and reconstruction of Council's transport associated infrastructure assets.

Shire Management
Provides strategic leadership to the organisation, implementation of Council decisions and representation and advocacy on key issues and projects for the Shire.

Statutory Planning
Provides the full range of statutory planning services and administration of the Planning and Environment Act as it applies to all public and private land within the Shire.

Strategic Planning
Provides strategic land use planning to evaluate and guide future land uses, manage land use change and support sustainable population and economic growth.

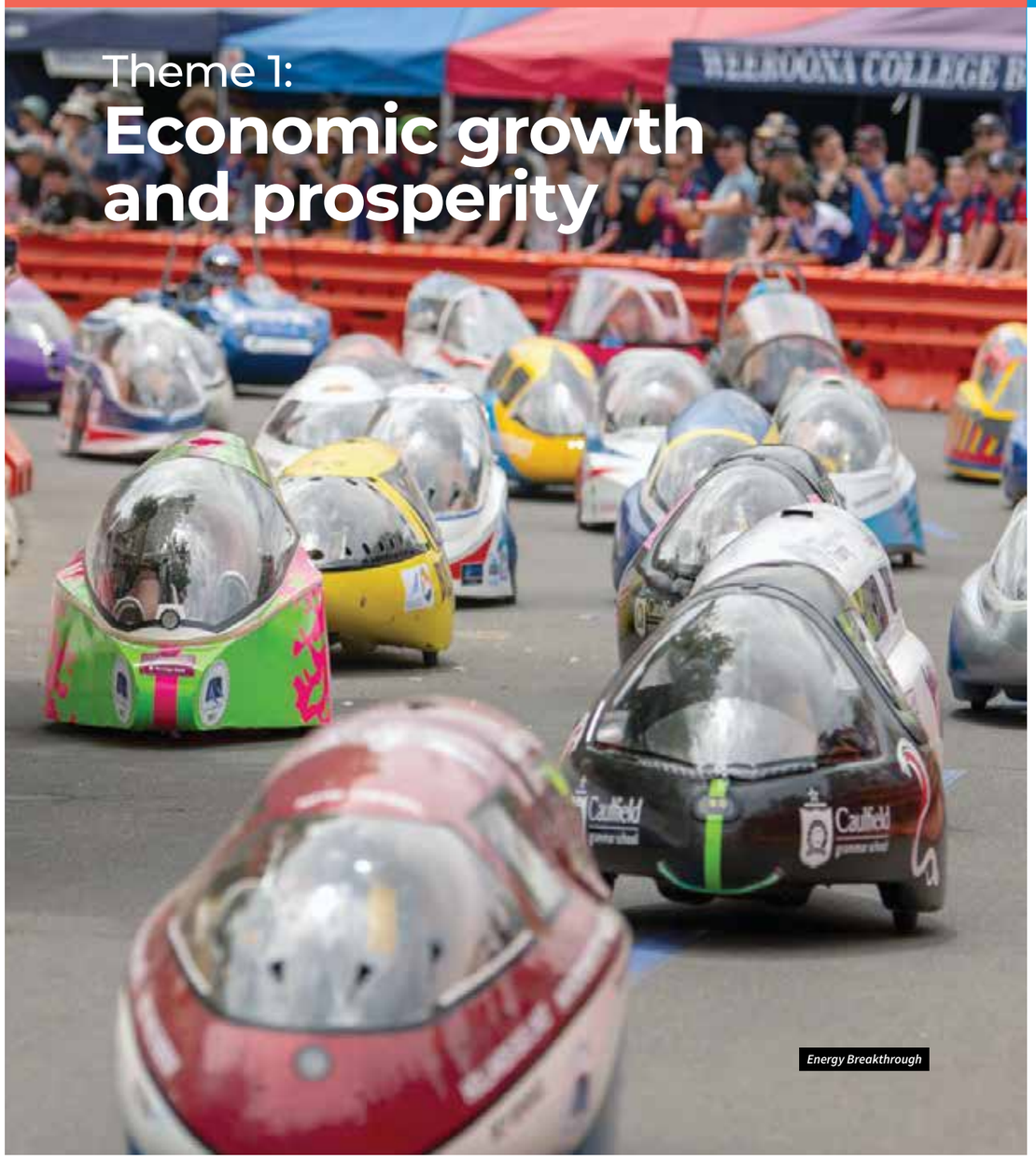
Tourism, Economy and Culture
Coordinated economic development, tourism and events services that leverage the Shire's competitive strengths to drive local economic growth and employment opportunities. This includes attracting and supporting events that contribute to the visitor economy and community outcomes, delivering key civic events, promoting the region as a visitor destination, and providing visitor services. The role also focuses on strengthening the local tourism industry through partnerships and delivering strategic initiatives aligned with local and regional priorities to support sustainable growth.

VicRoads Agency
Provides a range of VicRoads customer services on behalf of VicRoads, from the Nolan Street building.

Waste Management
Provides all waste management, policy development and education services from kerbside bin collection, transfer station management and management of closed landfill sites.

Youth Services
Provides activities and programs through FReeZA and Engage! to enhance confidence, support safety, improve mental health, wellbeing and build resilience.

PROGRESS AGAINST STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES AND INITIATIVES



Energy Breakthrough

Theme 1:
Economic growth and prosperity

A strong local economy means more jobs, more opportunities and a better future for everyone. This theme focuses on supporting local businesses, attracting new industries, boosting tourism and creating pathways to training and employment. It's also about encouraging innovation, making it easier to do business, and helping people of all ages build a life here.

Objectives and Priorities:

1.1 Grow local jobs, skills and career opportunities.

1.1.1 Support the development of a skilled, diverse and job-ready local workforce.
1.1.2 Strengthen and grow local businesses and industries, supporting both new ventures and long-term success.
1.1.3 Support business and industry to implement sustainability and circular economy principles.

1.2 Boost tourism and celebrate regional identity.

1.2.1 Strengthen the visitor economy by working with regional partners, and creating new tourism experiences and further support cultural tourism development with DJANDAK and DUMAWUL.
1.2.2 Support community-led festivals, art and cultural events.
1.2.3 Celebrate and share our heritage, stories and cultures through engaging storytelling and meaningful visitor experiences.
1.2.4 Continue to advocate for and partner in the Victorian Goldfields World Heritage Listing bid.

1.3 Facilitate inclusive, affordable and sustainable population growth.

1.3.1 Provide education and resources to support residents to navigate planning processes.
1.3.2 Advocate for affordable and alternative housing options.
1.3.3 Advocate for adequate housing and childcare options for future growth.
1.3.4 Plan for sustainable residential development through responsible, future-focused land use planning with recognition and respect for the knowledge, values and connection to Country of the Dja Dja Wurrung people.

Supporting strategies and plans

- Community Vision 2031
- Community Plans
- Tourism and Events Strategy
- Economic Development Strategy
- Early Years Infrastructure Master Plan
- Events Strategy
- Central Goldfields Art Gallery Strategic Plan
- Priority Projects Plan
- Central Goldfields Planning Scheme and supporting documents
- Maryborough Retail Recovery Program
- Population, Housing and Residential Strategy
- Climate Action Plan
- Dhelkunya Dja Country Plan
- Dja Dja Wurrung Climate Change Strategy
- Wuktjarrang – Trading Our Way, Dja Dja Wurrung Economic Strategy

Supporting Council services

- Community Partnerships
- Customer Experience, Communications and Advocacy
- Tourism, Events and Culture
- People and Culture
- Statutory Services
- Strategic Management
- Children and Families
- Information Technology and Business Transformation

Theme 1: Economic growth and prosperity

Initiative Code	Initiative	Action Name	Comments
1.1	Grow Local Jobs, skills and career opportunities.	Advocate for State Government support to create a Learning Hub in Maryborough.	Discussions are continuing with key stakeholders, and successful examples elsewhere are being examined.
1.1	Grow Local Jobs, skills and career opportunities.	Deliver the Local Skills Partnership Program objective to develop a practical delivery model by end of January 2026 to address online options for vocational education training to enable reskilling, upskilling and/or new certificate qualifications.	The Local Skills Partnership Program has been completed. Through consultation with industry, education providers and community stakeholders, Council supported the development of a practical delivery model to improve access to vocational education and training opportunities for local residents. The project identified priority skills areas, established connections with TAFE and training providers, tested demand through a micro-pilot, and developed a recommended Vocational Study Hub model to support online and hybrid learning pathways. Final project outputs, including the delivery model, course options and implementation recommendations, have been completed and further submitted to the funding body.
1.1	Grow Local Jobs, skills and career opportunities.	Participate in regional partnerships, including the Central Victorian Greenhouse Alliance, to advance zero emissions economic opportunities and workforce development.	Council participated in Central Victorian Greenhouse Alliance planning day in May 2026. Council is also participating in the following CVGA led regional projects: Charging the Regions 4 (MoU ready for signing, tender process to begin in July); Transitioning to a Clean Economy-Opportunities and Workforce Development Strategy (final report still to be delivered); Victorian Energy Collaboration VECO (planning beginning to ensure an ongoing affordable renewable energy supply beyond Power Purchase Agreement expiry in 2030). Council has requested a pause on the CVGA membership fee increase for 2026–2027.
1.1	Grow Local Jobs, skills and career opportunities.	Lodge final reporting documentation that included model(s), course options, TAFE connections and summary outcomes from the 2025 micro pilot course.	Final project reporting has been submitted to the Victorian Skills Authority, satisfying all program requirements. The report documented the co-designed Vocational Study Hub model, priority course pathways, engagement with TAFE and registered training organisations, and findings from the 2025 micro-pilot. The pilot tested local demand for online and hybrid vocational education, supported enrolment and study readiness activities, and informed recommendations for future delivery, governance and sustainability of a locally based Study Hub service.
1.1	Grow Local Jobs, skills and career opportunities.	Recruit three new Early Childhood Education trainees to Goldfields Children's Centre.	Due to requirements to replace a number of qualified positions within the Goldfields Children's Centre as a consequence of some staff retiring and others leaving the sector, a decision has been taken to focus on building stability, quality and consistency with new members, and defer recruitment of trainee educators.

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1.2	Boost tourism and celebrate regional identity	Partner with Destination Central Victoria to support, develop and promote local tourism businesses and initiatives across the region.	Through our continued partnership with Destination Central Victoria (DCV), we have strengthened regional collaboration, increased destination exposure, and supported local business engagement. Key achievements include delivery of a successful content creator campaign generating strong digital reach and engagement, securing print and online media coverage for leisure travellers, and growing local participation in DCV partnerships with four businesses now signed on. Direct business engagement has also been prioritised through regional visits, while representation at the DCV conference supported knowledge sharing and industry connection. Future opportunities are being leveraged through inclusion in the rebranded regional visitor guide and touring map, with distribution at Melbourne Airport expected to significantly expand reach and attract new visitors to the region.
1.2	Boost tourism and celebrate regional identity	Establish a dedicated events funding stream with multi-year support options, ensuring this is reflected in Council's Community Support Policy.	The establishment of a dedicated events funding stream with multi-year support options remains under review in the context of broader financial settings. Following budget deliberations, the Community Grants program will continue, albeit with a reduced funding allocation. As a result, event organisers will be encouraged to seek support through this existing program rather than a separate dedicated funding stream. Further consideration of long-term funding approaches, including multi-year support options, will be informed through ongoing review of Council's Community Support Policy. Deferred pending policy review and future budget consideration.
1.2	Boost tourism and celebrate regional identity	Contribute to community led festivals, art and cultural events through a range of supports and advice including promotion, programming, community grants and participation.	Council provided targeted promotional support to the Words in Winter Festival, delivering strong visibility across local, regional and statewide platforms. This included ATDW-linked listings, coordinated social media campaigns, EDM inclusion in DCV e-newsletters and local visitor servicing promotion. These efforts resulted in strong online reach and audience engagement in the lead-up to the event, supporting awareness and attendance. Improvements to the Event Permit process are progressing, including development of a user-friendly guide. Access to funding opportunities continues to be supported through maintained grant resources, letters of support and tailored advice.
1.2	Boost tourism and celebrate regional identity	Develop the Creative Space and Courtyard at Maryborough Railway Station to broaden the Shire's offer and growing reputation as an exciting arts and cultural destination for visitors and community while also supporting the emerging local creative economy.	Since March 2026, the Creative Station has transitioned from infrastructure constraints to active programming, with the ceiling works completed. The space is currently being used by an Artist in Residence program led by Sedigh Khademi, delivering regular workshops with local families and young people. Deferred due to ongoing electrical issues—managed by VicTrack and currently without a confirmed resolution timeline. This continues to limit full functionality and remain the primary barrier to full activation.

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Initiative Code	Initiative	Action Name	Comments
1.2	Boost tourism and celebrate regional identity	Provide a range of engaging promotions through the Maryborough and Surrounds Official Visitors Guide, the visitor experiences at the Maryborough Station and Central Goldfields Art Gallery to celebrate and share our heritage, stories and cultures.	Visitor Services has delivered a strong Q3, with solid visitation and high levels of engagement. The Central Goldfields Visitor Centre has managed strong walk-in, phone, and email enquiry volumes, while retail sales have continued to support local makers and producers, all opportunities to share and celebrate our local stories. A key focus has been the growth of the historic Maryborough Railway Station tours, which are increasingly attracting both individual visitors and organised groups, including car clubs, Rotary and Lions Clubs, riding groups, Probus groups, and planned coach tours. Future opportunities to promote the Central Goldfields Visitor Centre and the tours are being leveraged through inclusion in DCV's rebranded regional visitor guide and touring map.
1.3	Facilitate Inclusive, affordable and sustainable population growth	Deliver a Planning Forum to provide education to the community on how to access and navigate the Council's planning System.	Council officers have commenced development of a Development Handbook for property owners and developers in the Central Goldfields Shire. A service design project has also commenced that will lead a digital transition of statutory planning services. A planning forum will be held once these two project elements have been implemented. The Planning Forum is dependent on the completion of the Development Handbook and statutory planning digital transition project. As these enabling projects are still in progress, the forum has been deferred to ensure it provides accurate guidance and aligns with Council's future planning service delivery model.
1.3	Facilitate Inclusive, affordable and sustainable population growth	Submit an Expression of Interest to the Department of Transport and Planning unlocking strategic Development Sites Program to fast-track processes to enable housing, jobs and investment.	Officers developed and presented options to the Executive in Q1; however, it was agreed that further work through the Planning Scheme Review is required before Council is ready to apply. As a result, the Expression of Interest has been deferred and will be reconsidered when future program opportunities arise.
1.3	Facilitate Inclusive, affordable and sustainable population growth	Incorporate provisions for higher-density or multi-family housing, and childcare development in the review of the Central Goldfields Planning Scheme review.	A project management plan and consultant brief have been developed for the Planning Scheme Review, and officers are working with the Department of Transport and Planning to secure funding support. Provisions for higher-density and multi-family housing, as well as childcare development, has been incorporated into the scope of the review.
1.3	Facilitate Inclusive, affordable and sustainable population growth	Commence development of pre-planning application service to help educate applicants and streamline the planning process.	Development of Council's pre-planning application service has commenced as planned. Through the Planning Service Design project, Council has analysed common application gaps and process inefficiencies, which has informed the design of a targeted service to better guide applicants and streamline the planning process. This work establishes the foundation for improved customer support and more efficient application assessment, fulfilling the commitment to commence development of the service.

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1.3	Facilitate Inclusive, affordable and sustainable population growth	Support housing growth and workforce accommodation by providing advocacy and Letters of Support for proposals to programs such as the Regional Worker Accommodation Fund.	Letters of support were provided to proponents in the most recent round of the Regional Worker Accommodation Fund to assist with workforce and housing growth proposals. Council will continue to offer advocacy and written support for future funding rounds and eligible accommodation initiatives.

Theme 2: Healthy, connected and safe communities



Trail riding in the Central Goldfields Shire

We want to live in a community where everyone feels safe, supported and connected, and where we work together to prevent harm before it happens. This theme is about making it easier for all people—regardless of age, background, ability, cultural identity, sexual orientation or gender identity—to be healthy and active, access the services they need, and feel part of a welcoming and inclusive place. It also means investing early in our children and families, and ensuring every child has every chance to grow up healthy, safe and confident. This includes a strong focus on inclusion for people with disability, LGBTIQA+ community members, and culturally and linguistically diverse residents.

Objectives and Priorities:

2.1 Support children, families and young people to thrive by investing in the early years, parenting support, and equitable access to health and wellbeing services.

- 2.1.1 Support parenting confidence and capacity through family-centred care.
- 2.1.2 Ensure quality, culturally safe, and accessible early years education and care.
- 2.1.3 Facilitate the provision of programs, visiting services, information, and social connection for children, families and young people.
- 2.1.4 Advocate for infrastructure investment to support the integration of early years services.

2.2 Promote and support positive health outcomes for residents in all stages of life.

- 2.2.1 Advocate for accessible, high-quality, and inclusive health services and programs that respond to the diverse needs of our community.
- 2.2.2 Embed a proactive, preventative approach to improving community health and wellbeing across Council services, programs and planning.
- 2.2.3 Embed health and wellbeing considerations into all future planning, service design and infrastructure decisions.

2.3 Foster social connection, inclusion and pride in community identity.

- 2.3.1 Provide leadership to support inclusion across the community.
- 2.3.2 Support inclusive, culturally safe events and spaces.
- 2.3.3 Strengthen Council's engagement with DJAARA and other organisations who provide advocacy, support and services for Dja Dja Wurrung People and First Nations Peoples and actively support their leadership, participation and cultural expression in Council initiatives, programs and decision-making – ensuring the celebration and recognition of First Nations people is embedded across our work.

Supporting strategies and plans

- Community Vision 2031
- Community Plans
- Reconciliation Action Plan
- Asset Management Plan
- Events Strategy
- Recreation and Open Spaces Strategy
- Play Space Strategy
- Early Years Infrastructure Master Plan
- Climate Action Plan
- Dhelkunya Dja Country Plan
- Dja Dja Wurrung Climate Change Strategy

Supporting Council services

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Initiative Code	Initiative	Action Name	Comments
2.1	Support Children, families, and young people to thrive by investing in the early years, parenting support, and equitable access to health and wellbeing services.	Develop an MOU to co-locate Loddon Child Health and Wellbeing Local Care Coordinators at The Nest.	An MOU has been finalised between Central Goldfields Shire Council and Bendigo Community Health Services to co-locate the Loddon Child Health and Well-being Local Care Coordinator at The Nest. The Care Coordinator connects local children and their families to vital services to support their wellbeing.
2.1	Support Children, families, and young people to thrive by investing in the early years, parenting support, and equitable access to health and wellbeing services.	Look at alternative delivery models for The Nest while continuing to advocate for funds to support Every Child, Every Chance activities.	The Children and Families department continue to meet with potential providers to support a shared service arrangement to extend services in Central Goldfields and increase potential of funds to support The Nest opening in the future. Council is also aware that Anne Webster, Federal Member for Mallee has written to the Federal Minister for Social Services in support of funding to reopen the much-loved space.
2.1	Support Children, families, and young people to thrive by investing in the early years, parenting support, and equitable access to health and wellbeing services.	Promote community access to existing breastfeeding spaces and advocate for new spaces as opportunities become available.	Council has commenced planning to increase awareness and promotion of existing breastfeeding-friendly spaces across the municipality. A meeting has been scheduled with the Manager Children and Families and relevant internal stakeholders to review current facilities, identify communication opportunities and develop a coordinated approach to promoting existing Breastfeeding Welcome Here venues. This work will also support consideration of future opportunities to advocate for and incorporate breastfeeding-friendly spaces within Council facilities and community infrastructure projects as opportunities arise.
2.1	Support Children, families, and young people to thrive by investing in the early years, parenting support, and equitable access to health and wellbeing services.	Complete delivery and evaluation of at least two activities funded through the VicHealth Local Government Partnerships program.	Delivery of activities funded through the VicHealth Local Government Partnership program has been completed in accordance with funding requirements, with acquittal documentation and budget reporting submitted. At least two funded initiatives have been fully delivered and evaluated, with outcomes informing ongoing health and wellbeing planning and future funding applications. Evaluation findings have contributed to strengthened internal processes and cross-departmental collaboration.
2.2	Improve access to inclusive, safe and preventable health services for all community members.	Develop and advance a proposal to increase connection with Bendigo and District Aboriginal Co-operative.	The Children and Families Department continue to provide an important connection to BDAC through Goldfields Children's Centre and Maternal Child Health service supporting First Nations children and families in Central Goldfields.
2.2	Improve access to inclusive, safe and preventable health services for all community members.	Continue delivery of Cool Spaces project including distributing Cool Spaces info pack to residents, schools, service clubs, community group and businesses.	Central Goldfields Shire Council has delivered the Cool Spaces initiative by: Operating designated Cool Spaces Delivering community engagement (including a school-based logo competition) Publishing and promoting a detailed public information booklet Partnering with local venues to extend heatwave support services.

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2.2	Improve access to inclusive, safe and preventable health services for all community members.	Using co-design principles, develop and implement an actionable program for young people aged 12-25.	Council continues to progress Engage! and Amplify youth program activities through a co-design approach led by the Youth Officer, working alongside young people and community stakeholders to identify priorities and shape future service delivery. Recruitment and engagement activities for the Youth Advisory Group remain ongoing, with initial members appointed and further opportunities being pursued to broaden representation across the municipality. The Youth Advisory Group will continue to determine its identity, structure and priorities through a youth-led process, providing the foundation for future youth-focused initiatives and program delivery. An update on the establishment and progress of the group was provided to ELT and Councillors in May, with work continuing to strengthen youth participation and leadership opportunities. This item will also be an ongoing feature and action of the Council Plan across multiple years due to the nature of the funding arrangements in place through Amplify and Engage!
2.2	Improve access to inclusive, safe and preventable health services for all community members.	Design and deliver healthy eating and physical activity actions for approval through the 2025–2026 Healthy Loddon Campaspe grant-funded partnership program.	Healthy Loddon Campaspe funded Healthy Eating and Physical Activity initiatives have continued to progress, with significant advancement across a range of projects including Walk This Way, Sports Equipment Libraries, pickleball, Walking Basketball, lighting activation and healthy eating initiatives. Key deliverables such as the Cooking Together Manual and facilitator training have also been completed, supporting long-term community capacity to deliver healthy eating programs. The majority of project activities have now moved into delivery or completion phases, with remaining infrastructure works, launch activities and final project implementation scheduled for completion in the coming weeks.
2.2	Improve access to inclusive, safe and preventable health services for all community members.	Apply for other relevant funding opportunities that become available to continue the foundational work undertaken through the VicHealth Local Government Partnership.	Council submitted two major VicHealth funding applications to continue and expand the foundational work established through the VicHealth Local Government Partnership. A Tier 2 Growing Healthy Communities application ($150,000) was submitted in October 2025. However, for the Growing Healthy Communities Grant notification has since been received that this application was unsuccessful. A further $500,000 Partners in Place application (Move, Play, Grow) was submitted in December 2025 with outcomes expected in the coming months.
2.3	Foster social connection, Inclusion and pride in community identity	Complete delivery of the Rainbow Readiness training program for staff.	Complete delivery of the Rainbow Readiness training program for staff has been achieved, with 10 workshops delivered across Council and strong participation across all directorates.

Theme 2: Healthy, connected and safe communities

Initiative Code	Initiative	Action Name	Comments
2.3	Foster social connection, Inclusion and pride in community identity	Establish a Cultural Partnership Working Group with DJAARA and core Council staff, meeting quarterly to strengthen relationships and provide advice on Council projects. In its first year, the group will deliver one co-designed initiative (such as an event, exhibition, or cultural feature in a capital project) and prepare a plan for a future cultural safety and communications review.	Council continues to engage with and seek advice from DJAARA on matters of shared interest and importance to the community. While a formal Cultural Partnership Working Group has not yet been established due to staffing and resource constraints across both organisations, ongoing communication and relationship-building activities continue. Council has continued to work collaboratively with DJAARA on a range of initiatives, including planning and support for upcoming NAIDOC Week activities. These ongoing engagement opportunities are helping to strengthen relationships and maintain momentum while arrangements for a more formal partnership structure continue to be explored.



Theme 3: Informed and engaged community



Emergency Services Expo

When people are informed and included, communities thrive. This theme focuses on making sure everyone knows what's going on and has a genuine opportunity to be heard. We want communication to be clear, inclusive and accessible, and decision-making to be shaped by the people it affects most.

Objectives and Priorities:

3.1 Ensure the community is well-informed, actively engaged and empowered to participate in local decision-making.

- 3.1.1 Provide opportunities for engagement and two-way conversations.
- 3.1.2 Increase engagement opportunities to hear the voices of multiple sections of the community.
- 3.1.3 Ensure our communication and engagement activities are easily accessible, culturally safe, appropriate and respectful to meet the needs of our diverse community.

3.2 Strengthen community engagement and belonging through Shire-wide participation.

- 3.2.1 Support, promote, recognise and celebrate local volunteers and community groups.
- 3.2.2 Build self-reliance by creating and supporting capacity building opportunities for everyone.
- 3.2.3 Provide opportunities for people to have their say on issues that affect their local community.

3.3 Provide our community with clear, transparent and targeted communication and engagement opportunities that are bottom up, planned and accessible.

- 3.3.1 Clearly articulate what we do, what we can't do and the decisions we have made.
- 3.3.2 Promote the activities of Councillors and staff to ensure a broad understanding of Council's role and functions.
- 3.3.3 Explore new ways to communicate that are cost-effective, innovative, culturally appropriate and wide-reaching.

Supporting strategies and plans

- Local Government Act 2020
- Community Vision 2031
- Community Plans
- Communications and Engagement Strategy
- Volunteer Strategy and Action Plan
- Healthy and Wellbeing Act
- Climate Action Plan
- Reconciliation Action Plan
- Positive Ageing Strategy
- Dhelkunya Dja Country Plan
- Dja Dja Wurrung Climate Change Strategy

Supporting Council services

- Leadership Team
- Councillors
- Community Partnerships
- Customer Experience, Communications and Advocacy
- Tourism, Events and Culture
- Information Technology and Business Transformation
- Statutory Services
- Children and Families

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Initiative Code	Initiative	Action Name	Comments
3.1	Ensure the community is well-informed, actively engaged, and empowered to participate in local decision-making.	Introduce an electronic newsletter to provide a new communications channel in response to the Community Satisfaction Survey feedback.	Three fortnightly editions have been published.
3.1	Ensure the community is well-informed, actively engaged, and empowered to participate in local decision-making.	Review engage website to ensure it is reaching its full potential to encourage participation.	A desktop review has been completed, and the findings will be discussed with ELT to consider potential cost savings and alternatives.
3.1	Ensure the community is well-informed, actively engaged, and empowered to participate in local decision-making.	Council-wide collaboration to develop and implement a consistent approach for capturing community voices and perspectives in matters that affect them, including ensuring that children's voices are heard and considered.	The Children and Families Department continue to engage with the Communications and Engagement team to develop resources and adopt practices for capturing children's voices in Council activities that impact them.
3.1	Ensure the community is well-informed, actively engaged, and empowered to participate in local decision-making.	Continue to partner with and support the work of the Maryborough Volunteer Resource Group in collaboration with the IRCF Project Officer to advocate for and support capacity building opportunities for all community groups.	Council continues to partner with and support the Maryborough Volunteer Resource Group (MVRG), with the Coordinator Community Development meeting regularly to progress actions aligned with the MVRG Strategic Plan and contribute to IRCF-related initiatives. Community members continue to participate in capacity-building opportunities delivered through the Thriving Maryborough Workshop Series, supporting improved governance, sustainability and community leadership across local organisations. To address an identified training gap, Council will deliver an LGBTIQA+ Inclusive Practice workshop for MVRG members and other community groups in July. MVRG's $26,000 IRCF-funded Community Hub Feasibility Study is also progressing well, with community consultation nearing completion and the project moving into the data collation and evaluation phase.

Initiative Code	Initiative	Action Name	Comments
3.2	Strengthen community engagement and belonging through shire-wide participation.	Promote volunteerism to support community events such as Energy Breakthrough.	A Volunteer Coordinator has now been engaged to support Energy Breakthrough, strengthening the overall approach to volunteer recruitment, coordination and support. The Volunteer Thank You Event was delivered to recognise and celebrate the contribution of volunteers, supporting retention and ongoing engagement. Volunteer participation has also been actively promoted through MVRG channels, including encouraging attendees at the Volunteer Thank You Evening to sign up to the MVRG volunteer database to support future events. This initiative is an ongoing program of work rather than a discrete project with a fixed end date.
3.2	Strengthen community engagement and belonging through shire-wide participation.	Work with young people to explore options for re-establishing the Central Goldfields Youth Council, including consultation on structure, purpose and membership.	Work to re-establish youth representation within Council continues through development of the Youth Advisory Group and delivery of youth-led engagement activities. Council's Youth Officer is meeting regularly with young people to support co-design of the group's structure, purpose and priorities, ensuring its development is informed by the needs and aspirations of local young people. The re-establishment of the Engage Youth Space is supporting broader youth participation, with school holiday acting and performance workshops planned and opportunities being created for young people to connect with Council programs. Upcoming NAIDOC Week activities will provide a further opportunity to engage young people and promote participation in the Engage! and Amplify programs, helping to inform the future direction of youth representation and leadership within the Shire.
3.2	Strengthen community engagement and belonging through shire-wide participation.	Implement a Volunteer Policy that establishes a clear framework for recognising, promoting, and celebrating the contribution of Council-engaged volunteers.	The Volunteer Policy was approved at ELT and adopted by the CEO on 18/02/2026.
3.2	Strengthen community engagement and belonging through shire-wide participation.	Continue to present a Shire-wide Volunteer Thank You event for community and Council volunteers and highlight their contribution during National Volunteers Week.	Council delivered the annual Volunteer Thank You event during National Volunteer Week, recognising community and Council volunteers across the Shire. The 2026 event (18 May), delivered in partnership with the Maryborough Volunteer Resource Group, included a Mayor's address and sector contributions, with approximately 150 volunteers in attendance. This initiative strengthens community connection, supports volunteer retention, and reinforces the value of volunteering in delivering local services and events.

Theme 3: Informed and engaged communities

Initiative Code	Initiative	Action Name	Comments
3.3	Provide our community with clear, transparent and targeted communication and engagement opportunities that are bottom up, planned and accessible.	Review communications channels to ensure value for money and maximum reach.	Ongoing. All channels are being constantly reviewed to ensure maximum reach and minimal cost.
3.3	Provide our community with clear, transparent and targeted communication and engagement opportunities that are bottom up, planned and accessible.	Develop online mapping for community viewing which provides up to date information on Council assets and capital projects.	The mapping tool is scheduled for release by end of June 2026 for the adopted 2026–2027 Budget.
3.3	Provide our community with clear, transparent and targeted communication and engagement opportunities that are bottom up, planned and accessible.	Publish newsletters and other documents that are accessible, informative and encourage interaction with the Council.	Completed Q2. Publishing fortnightly and building the subscriber base.



Council's Nolan Street, Maryborough office

Theme 4:
Infrastructure that supports growth and liveability



Junior footballers at the Carisbrook Recreation Reserve

The roads we drive on, the parks we play in, and the spaces we gather in all shape our everyday lives. This theme is about providing the right infrastructure to support our growing community – making sure it's accessible, safe, family-friendly, and ready for the future.

Objectives and Priorities:

4.1 Provide and maintain inclusive, accessible, culturally safe and sustainable community infrastructure that supports wellbeing at every life stage.

- 4.1.1 Prioritise infrastructure and renewal upgrades that support residents of all ages and abilities.
- 4.1.2 Enhance our built environment and tree coverage through sustainable design incorporating our natural resources and cultural values with universal access in mind.
- 4.1.3 Maintain and provide access to key community assets and the delivery of new infrastructure in a financially sustainable way.

4.2 Strengthen liveability and transport across townships through sustainable infrastructure and improved connectivity.

- 4.2.1 Advocate for increased state and federal investment in critical infrastructure – including transport, power, water and sewerage networks – to support sustainable growth and improve liveability across the Shire.
- 4.2.2 Ensure the planning scheme is relevant and responsive to the needs of the community and cultural values of the landscape.
- 4.2.3 Promote pedestrian, mobility device and cyclist safety, lighting, and connectivity.
- 4.2.4 Enhance the built environment through sustainable design that incorporates cultural values, natural features and supports liveability.

4.3 Preserve and promote heritage, culture and identity.

- 4.3.1 Preserve the identity and character of townships, places and culturally significant landscapes.
- 4.3.2 Support adaptive reuse of heritage assets to meet contemporary needs.

Supporting strategies and plans

- Community Vision 2031
- Community Plans
- Road Management Plan
- Asset Management Plan
- Industrial Land Demand and Supply Assessment Strategy
- Integrated Transport Strategy
- Play Space Strategy
- Population, Housing and Residential Strategy
- Economic Development Strategy
- Advocacy Strategy
- Recreation and Open Spaces Strategy
- Walking and Cycling Strategy
- Disability Plan
- Maryborough Major Reserves Master Plans
- Motorised Mobility Device Strategic Plan
- Neighbourhood Safer Places Plan
- Waste Management Strategy
- Central Goldfields Planning Scheme and supporting documents
- Climate Action Plan
- Reconciliation Action Plan
- Positive Ageing Strategy
- Dhelkunya Dja Country Plan
- Dja Dja Wurrung Climate Change Strategy

Supporting Council services

- Operations
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- Children and Families
- Tourism, Events and Culture

Theme 4: Infrastructure that supports growth and liveability

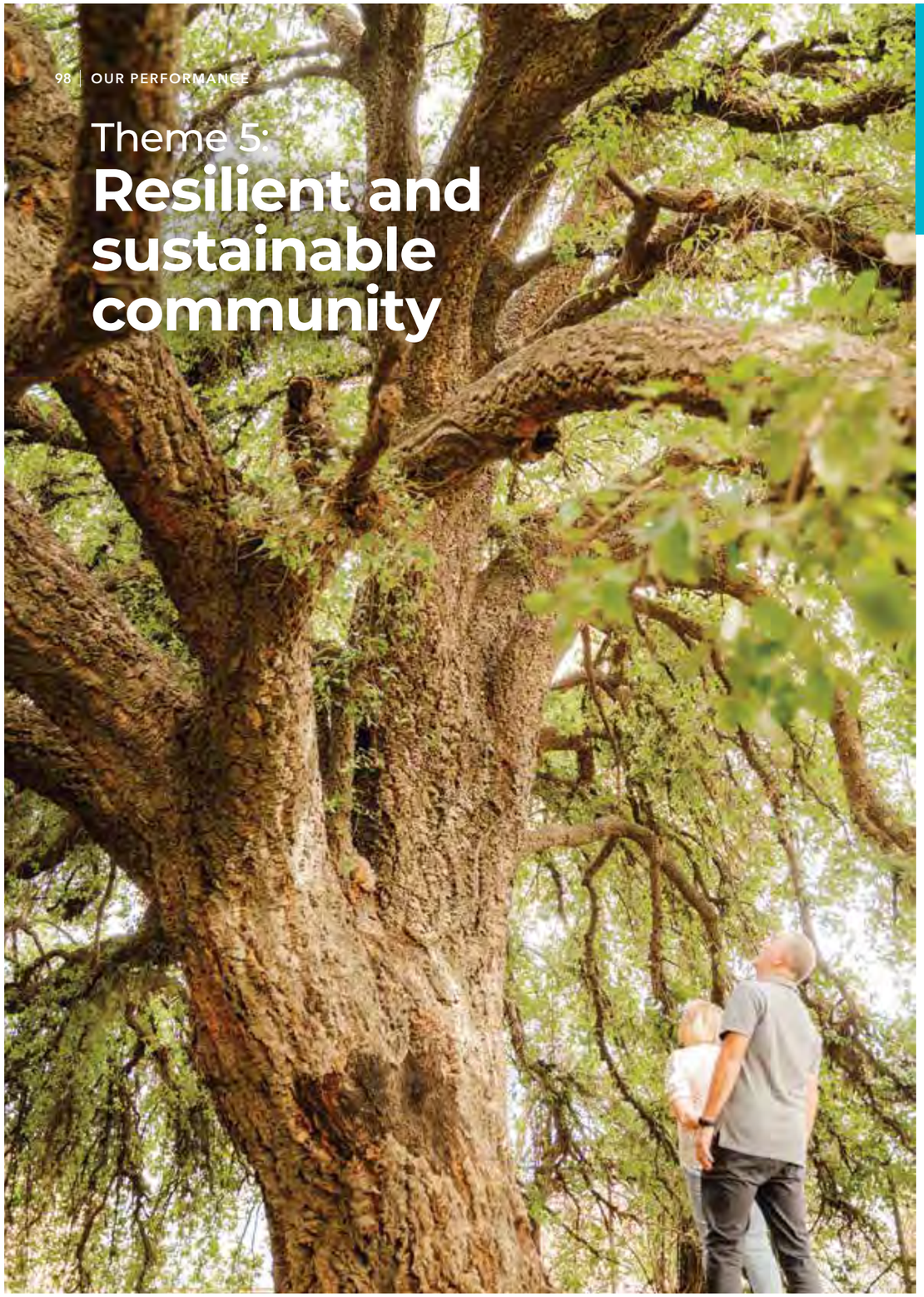
Initiative Code	Initiative	Action Name	Comments
4.1	Provide and maintain inclusive, accessible and sustainable community Infrastructure that supports wellbeing at every life stage.	Adopt updated Walking and Cycling Strategy.	Adoption of updated Walking and Cycling Strategy is now deferred to October 2026, due to resourcing constraints.
4.1	Provide and maintain inclusive, accessible and sustainable community Infrastructure that supports wellbeing at every life stage.	Commence construction of the Deledio Recreation Reserve Pavilion.	Preferred contractor has been appointed, with works to commence in the second half of 2026.
4.1	Provide and maintain inclusive, accessible and sustainable community Infrastructure that supports wellbeing at every life stage.	Complete Princes Park Cricket Wicket upgrade.	The Princes Park Cricket Wicket upgrade works are now complete.
4.1	Provide and maintain inclusive, accessible and sustainable community Infrastructure that supports wellbeing at every life stage.	Complete Maryborough Tennis Court and Lighting upgrade.	Maryborough Tennis Court and Lighting upgrade construction is complete.
4.1	Provide and maintain inclusive, accessible and sustainable community Infrastructure that supports wellbeing at every life stage.	Complete Stage 1 Design of Maryborough Outdoor Pool Complex.	Completed design for the Maryborough Outdoor Pool Complex has been deferred to October 2026 as a result of current resource constraints and procurement challenges.
4.1	Provide and maintain inclusive, accessible and sustainable community Infrastructure that supports wellbeing at every life stage.	Apply for Department of Education Building Blocks grant to undertake kindergarten yard improvements at Goldfields Children's Centre.	The Building Blocks Improvement grant application for $150,000 was submitted on 27 October 2025 and Council was informed the application was successful in June 2026.

Initiative Code	Initiative	Action Name	Comments
4.1	Provide and maintain exclusive, accessible and sustainable community Infrastructure that supports wellbeing at every life stage.	Finalise Council's agreement with Department of Education on future demand under the Kindergarten Infrastructure Supply Program.	The Central Goldfields Kindergarten Infrastructure and Services Plan (KISP) was finalised and submitted on 24 November 2025.
4.1	Provide and maintain exclusive, accessible and sustainable community Infrastructure that supports wellbeing at every life stage.	Seek a partnership agreement with Department of Education to assist in financing upgraded/ new kindergarten infrastructure.	The Projects, Services and Assets Manager and Children and Families Manager met with the Department of Education and Victorian School Building Authority to progress discussions. These discussions are continuing with DE and VSBA having access to Council's infrastructure modelling.
4.2	Strengthen liveability and transport across townships through sustainable Infrastructure and improved connectivity.	Complete Transport Accident Commission Safe Local Roads and Streets Program Projects, including intersection upgrades, installation of roundabouts and other safety treatments at various sites in Maryborough.	This package of works is now complete.
4.2	Strengthen liveability and transport across townships through sustainable Infrastructure and improved connectivity.	Complete final Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA) Flood Recovery Works from the October 2022 flood event, restoring roads, bridges, culverts and other affected infrastructure.	Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA) Flood Recovery Works are now complete.
4.2	Strengthen liveability and transport across townships through sustainable Infrastructure and improved connectivity.	Adopt a Street Lighting Policy which guides the provision, upgrade and improvement of street lighting in urban areas of the municipality.	Draft Street lighting Policy is currently in development.

Theme 4: Infrastructure that supports growth and liveability

Initiative Code	Initiative	Action Name	Comments
4.2	Strengthen liveability and transport across townships through sustainable Infrastructure and improved connectivity.	Seek ministerial consent to prepare the draft c44cgol planning scheme amendment and undertake community consultation, ensuring that land use and development decisions are informed by the latest and most accurate flood modelling, including climate change projections.	Council has formally sought Ministerial consent under the Planning and Environment Act to prepare the draft C44cgol Planning Scheme Amendment. Once consent is provided, Council will proceed to community consultation to ensure land-use and development decisions are guided by the latest flood modelling, including climate change projections.
4.2	Strengthen liveability and transport across townships through sustainable Infrastructure and improved connectivity.	Partner with Healthy Loddon Campaspe to promote active travel to and from school and early years settings (such as kindergartens and childcare centres).	The Walk This Way initiative has continued to progress, with additional consultation undertaken with local schools and kindergartens to ensure the project reflects local needs and maximises participation opportunities. This process has informed updates to the walking maps and supporting materials to better promote active travel and use of local recreation spaces. Installation and launch activities are scheduled to occur in the coming weeks and will support increased physical activity, active travel and community connection amongst children, young people and their families.
4.3	Preserve and promote heritage and identity.	Continue to trial “additional hours lighting” at select recreation/sporting reserves to improve safety and encourage physical activity in partnership with Healthy Loddon Campaspe.	The additional hours lighting trial has been successfully delivered and has demonstrated the value of extending access to recreation and sporting facilities outside of standard operating hours. Community feedback has been positive, with the initiative supporting increased use of recreation spaces, improved perceptions of safety and greater opportunities for physical activity. Healthy Loddon Campaspe funding has supported implementation of automated timer systems, providing a sustainable approach to future activation of the lighting program.
4.3	Preserve and promote heritage and identity.	Commence Stage Two of the Talbot Heritage Review, ensuring inclusion and identification of significant Indigenous and early European values.	Planning is underway to scope Stage 2 as part of a broader, long-term heritage program to ensure gaps are addressed and outcomes can be effectively implemented through the planning scheme. Additional time is required to scope Stage 2 of the Talbot Heritage Review, address heritage information gaps, undertake necessary consultation, and ensure any outcomes can be effectively implemented through the Planning Scheme.

Initiative Code	Initiative	Action Name	Comments
4.3	Preserve and promote heritage and identity.	Seek Ministerial authorisation to exhibit c40cgol planning scheme amendment to remove Heritage Overlay 206 and apply new heritage overlays to provide protection to seven individual places, nine heritage precincts and two heritage groups that better reflect the heritage values in the town of Maryborough.	Council has formally sought Ministerial authorisation to exhibit Amendment C40cgol, which proposes removing Heritage Overlay 206 and introducing new overlays across seven individual places, nine heritage precincts and two heritage groups in Maryborough. Once authorisation is granted, Council will proceed to public exhibition to ensure these heritage values are appropriately protected.



Theme 5: Resilient and sustainable community

We love where we live—and we want to keep it that way for future generations. This theme is about protecting our environment, preparing for climate change, and supporting our community to live more sustainably. It's also about building resilience to emergencies and supporting local action to care for our land, water and wildlife.

Objectives and Priorities:

5.1 Build local resilience to climate change, health and economic disruptions, and emergency events.

- 5.1.1 Review and maintain Council's emergency management preparedness and response arrangements.
- 5.1.2 Support improving community awareness of climate change and enable collaborative action and local, community-led solutions.
- 5.1.3 Strengthen community resilience to emergencies and the impacts of climate change through local preparedness, response and recovery efforts.
- 5.1.4 Build flood resilience across the shire through the use of flood mapping, to make informed land use planning and infrastructure decisions.

5.2 Enhance environmental sustainability and greening of townships.

- 5.2.1 Strengthen Council's partnership with DJAARA, the North Central Catchment Management Authority and local environmental groups in the sustainable management of land, waterways and biodiversity.
- 5.2.2 Promote and facilitate a low-waste community by delivering equitable, affordable and responsible waste services that protect the environment and public health.
- 5.2.3 Support the transition to renewable energy and low-emissions solutions through local projects and partnerships.
- 5.2.4 Increase native vegetation and tree canopy coverage across public spaces and new estates to support climate resilience, improve public amenity, reduce urban heat and UV exposure, and protect local biodiversity.

5.3 Support sustainable food and resource systems.

- 5.3.1 Support and promote local food growing and community gardens.
- 5.3.2 Encourage and Support the transition to sustainable and climate-resilient agricultural practices across the Shire.

Supporting strategies and plans

- Community Vision 2031
- Community Plans
- Climate Action Plan
- Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan
- Asset Management Strategy
- Asset Management Plans
- Waste Management Strategy
- Municipal Emergency Management Plan and sub-plans
- Central Goldfields Planning Scheme and supporting documents
- Reconciliation Action Plan
- Positive Ageing Strategy
- Dhelkunya Dja Country Plan
- Dja Dja Wurrung Climate Change Strategy
- Dja Dja Wurrung Cultural Water Values Framework

Supporting Council services

- Operations
- Community Partnerships
- Statutory Services
- Customer Experience, Communications and Advocacy

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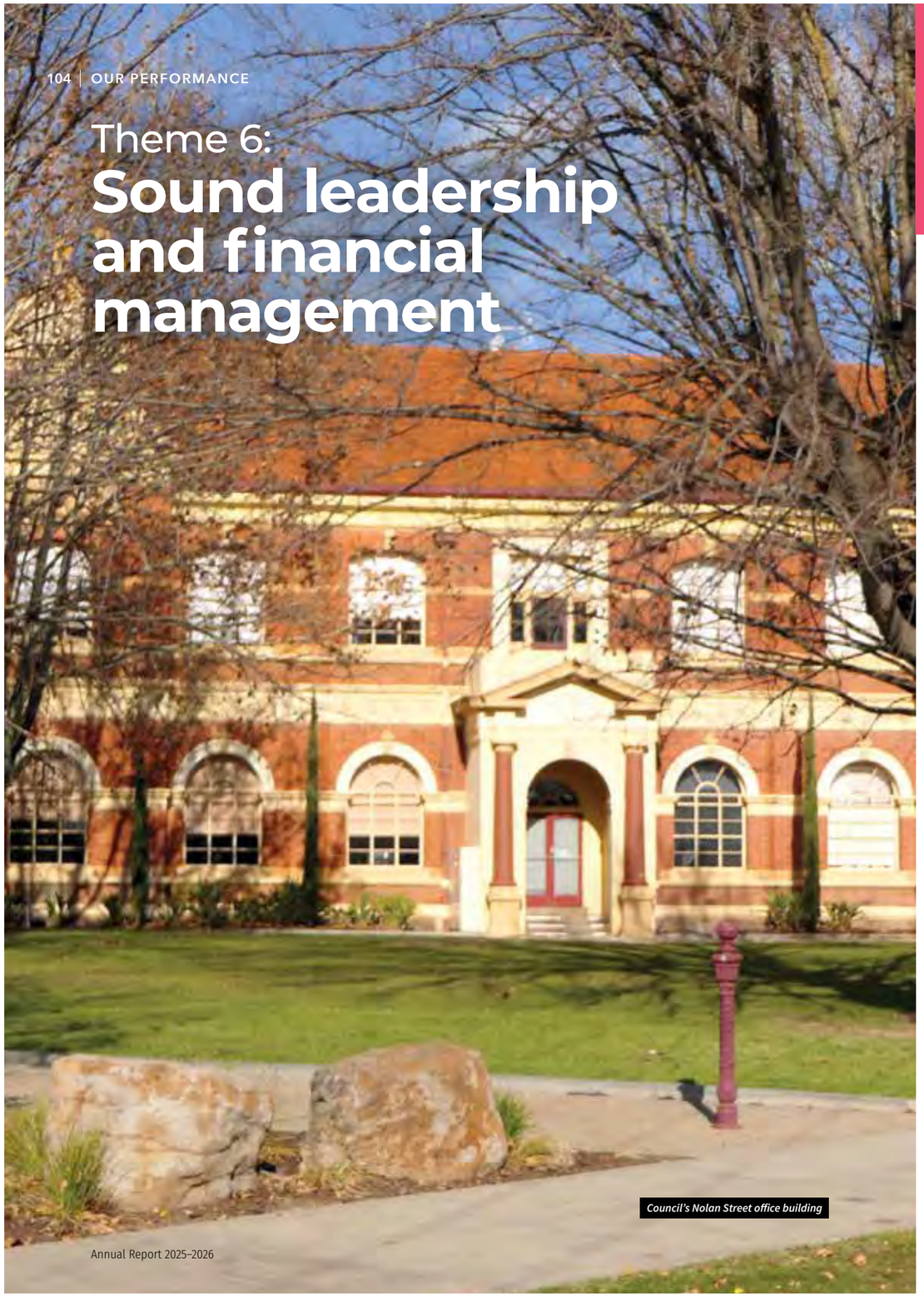
Initiative Code	Initiative	Action Name	Comments
5.1	Build local resilience to climate change, health and economic disruptions, and emergency events.	Deliver 2025–2026 actions in Climate Action Plan – Implementation Plan.	Following confirmation of the 2026–2027 Budget, the scope of the Climate Action Plan review was expanded to incorporate the Operational Plant and Fleet Transition Plan. The additional analysis, planning and integration required to include this significant emissions reduction initiative has extended project timeframes.
5.1	Build local resilience to climate change, health and economic disruptions, and emergency events.	Deliver community workshops on the First 72 Hours Program to help individuals, families, businesses, and communities survive independently for the first 72 hours following a disaster or major emergency.	Delivery of the First 72 Hours preparedness program has been completed, with the project closure report submitted to the funding body. Community education was delivered through events, school sessions and distribution of preparedness materials, supported by positive evaluation outcomes. Remaining educational materials will continue to support future emergency preparedness activities, including use at community events, distribution through rates notices and availability within Council facilities to reinforce the 72-hour preparedness message.
5.1	Build local resilience to climate change, health and economic disruptions, and emergency events.	Complete year one actions in Carisbrook Flood Study.	The Carisbrook Flood Study is progressing, with year-one actions well underway. Fourth community briefing session is scheduled in June 2026 with the final session to be organised in October 2026 to finalise the Study outputs.
5.1	Build local resilience to climate change, health and economic disruptions, and emergency events.	Include climate resilience considerations in the commencement of the Central Goldfields Shire Planning Scheme Review.	A project management plan and consultant brief have been developed for the Planning Scheme Review, and officers are working with the Department of Transport and Planning to secure funding support. Provisions for climate resilience considerations has been incorporated into the scope of the review.
5.1	Build local resilience to climate change, health and economic disruptions, and emergency events.	Maintain and review Council's Municipal Emergency Management Plan (MEMP) and associated sub-plans to meet statutory obligations and ensure readiness for a range of emergencies.	The Municipal Emergency Management Plan (MEMP) has been reviewed and updated in accordance with statutory requirements and is currently progressing through the consultation and assurance process. An informal Municipal Emergency Management Planning Committee (MEMPC) meeting was held in June, with review of the draft MEMP and stakeholder feedback processes forming a key agenda item. Feedback from relevant agencies and stakeholders is being incorporated prior to the Plan progressing through the formal assurance and endorsement process. This work will ensure the MEMP and associated sub-plans remain current, compliant and effective in supporting preparedness, response and recovery arrangements across the municipality.

Initiative Code	Initiative	Action Name	Comments
5.1	Build local resilience to climate change, health and economic disruptions, and emergency events.	Advocate for and work with communities and partner agencies to deliver preparedness initiatives — including exploring funding for a yearly Emergency Preparedness Expo and developing a Central Goldfields Heat Stress and Cool Spaces communications kit — that build resilience, support recovery, and help residents plan for emergencies.	Emergency preparedness initiatives continue to progress through community engagement, partnership development and advocacy for sustainable funding. The Celebrate Carisbrook and Emergency Preparation Expo was successfully delivered in May, attracting strong community participation and positive engagement from local residents, emergency services and partner agencies despite challenging weather conditions. Council continues to explore opportunities to secure ongoing funding for preparedness initiatives and strengthen long-term community resilience. Discussion at the June Municipal Emergency Management Planning Committee (MEMPC) included consideration of future delivery models for preparedness events, including potential cost-sharing arrangements with partner agencies should dedicated funding not be available.
5.2	Enhance environmental sustainability and greening of townships.	Implement waste reduction initiatives at Energy Breakthrough.	Council continues to implement waste-reduction initiatives at the Energy Breakthrough through: Eliminating single-use plastics Providing water refill stations and permanent hydration infrastructure Running recycling and composting systems that diverted over 2.7 tonnes of waste Strengthening partnerships that support sustainability.
5.2	Enhance environmental sustainability and greening of townships.	Undertake community engagement and education on recycling and food and organic separation in preparation for the introduction of the kerbside reforms.	Council has undertaken a coordinated mix of face-to-face engagement, surveys, public information releases, online education, and targeted FOGO guidance to prepare the community for the 2025–2026 kerbside reforms. Through markets, surveys, digital platforms, and waste guides, the Shire is ensuring residents understand recycling expectations and how to properly separate food and organic waste under the upcoming four-bin system.
5.2	Enhance environmental sustainability and greening of townships.	Adopt the updated Tree Management Plan which ensures the sustainable management of trees on public land and balances community safety, environmental health, urban character, and long-term asset sustainability.	While the draft Tree Management Plan has been completed, the project remains subject to internal review, community consultation and consideration of stakeholder feedback prior to adoption. These governance and engagement requirements are critical to ensuring the plan reflects community expectations and operational needs. As a result, the plan is unlikely to complete the consultation, review and approval processes required for formal adoption by 30 September.

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Initiative Code	Initiative	Action Name	Comments
5.2	Enhance environmental sustainability and greening of townships.	Undertake community education on energy efficiency upgrades, electrification and solar opportunities in partnership with the Central Victorian Greenhouse Alliance (CVGA) and community groups.	Council has delivered substantial community education on energy efficiency, electrification and solar opportunities through the Home Energy Empowerment Program and broader climate-education initiatives. Council's partnership with the Central Victorian Greenhouse Alliance continues to support this work, particularly through regional renewable-energy projects that build community understanding of solar and electrification potential.
5.2	Enhance environmental sustainability and greening of townships.	Develop and adopt the Tree Planting Program policy and guidelines.	Draft Policy has been completed.
5.2	Enhance environmental sustainability and greening of townships.	Undertake a review of sustainability practices within the Goldfields Family Centre (Immunisations, Goldfields Children's Centre and Maternal & Child Health)	This item will be progressed in the next quarter.
5.3	Support sustainable food and resource systems.	Continue to explore opportunities to implement the recommendations of the Central Goldfields Food Systems Roadmap.	Healthy Eating and Flourish projects continue to contribute to implementation of priority actions identified within the Central Goldfields Food Systems Roadmap. Key activities have supported food literacy, community gardening, local food production and improved access to healthy and affordable food through community-based education and engagement initiatives. Progress has largely been achieved through existing partnerships and community-led projects, with further opportunities to implement Roadmap recommendations continuing to be explored as part of ongoing health and wellbeing and food security initiatives across the municipality.
5.3	Support sustainable food and resource systems.	Partner with Healthy Loddon Campaspe to deliver a community food literacy and healthy cooking education program.	The Cooking Together program has continued to progress, with the Cooking Together Manual developed in partnership with Expert Eats and scheduled for official launch alongside an online Train the Trainer workshop on 19 June 2026. The project has focused on building the capacity of local organisations and community groups to deliver sustainable food literacy and healthy cooking programs across the municipality. A soft launch was undertaken through the Healthy Communities Network in April, generating strong interest in the program. Registrations have been received from a range of local organisations, supporting future delivery of community-based cooking and healthy eating initiatives throughout the region.
5.3	Support sustainable food and resource systems.	Support community-led initiatives that promote local food production and access to fresh and nutritious produce.	Community-led food initiatives have been successfully delivered through the Flourish Project in partnership with the Maryborough Community Garden. Workshops have supported residents to build knowledge and skills in growing their own food, while promoting increased access to fresh and nutritious produce and encouraging greater food self-sufficiency. The project has strengthened local partnerships and community participation in food-related activities, with additional workshops already scheduled for delivery in 2026–2027 to continue building community capacity and support ongoing engagement.

Theme 6: Sound leadership and financial management



Council's Nolan Street office building

Good leadership is about trust, transparency and smart decision-making. This theme is about making the best use of our resources, planning for the long term, and working closely with community and government partners. It's also about leading with fairness, financial maturity and good governance.

Objectives and Priorities:

6.1 Embed good governance in all aspects of the organisation to create the fundamentals of fair, open and equitable decision making.

6.1.1 Promote accountability and base decisions on sound evidence by ensuring that individuals and the organisation are answerable for their actions and decisions.
6.1.2 Deliver a well-governed organisation which consistently makes ethical and forward-thinking decisions.
6.1.3 Promote adherence to ethical principles and commit to acting honestly and fairly.
6.1.4 Embed climate adaptation, emissions reduction and environmental sustainability principles across Council's decision making and operations, guided by cultural values and respect for Country.

6.2 Ensure the organisation's long-term financial viability.

6.2.1 Advocate for greater funding support from State and Federal governments.
6.2.2 Deliver Council budget and sustainable financial management.
6.2.3 Embed sustainable asset management principles to ensure data drives decision making.

6.3 Lead with integrity, accountability and transparency within the organisation.

6.3.1 Respect and promote diversity, differences and local knowledge within the organisation.
6.3.2 Develop a workforce culture that embraces and supports staff knowledge, experience and workplace relationships.
6.3.3 Provide a safe, inclusive, culturally competent and supportive workplace.

Supporting strategies and plans

- Community Vision 2031
- Financial Sustainability Strategy
- Long Term Financial Plan
- Council Budget
- Reconciliation Action Plan
- Asset Management Plan
- Community Engagement Policy
- Advocacy Strategy
- Public Transparency Policy
- Governance Rules
- Climate Action Plan
- Dhelkunya Dja Country Plan
- Dja Dja Wurrung Climate Change Strategy

Supporting Council services

- Leadership Team
- Councillors
- Finance
- Governance, Property and Risk
- People and Culture
- Customer Experience, Communications and Advocacy
- Children and Families
- Community Partnerships
- Project Services and Asset Management
- Statutory Services
- Information Technology and Business Transformation

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Initiative Code	Initiative	Action Name	Comments
6.1	Embed good governance in all aspects of the organisation to create the fundamentals of fair, open and equitable decision making.	Complete review of Council's Governance Rules.	The Model Governance Rules are in the final stages of review, and the decision has been made to wait for the Model Governance Rules to be released. Once they are released, a review will be conducted to add items specifically for Central Goldfields Shire Council.
6.1	Embed good governance in all aspects of the organisation to create the fundamentals of fair, open and equitable decision making.	Undertake a full review of the Community Support Policy and Community Grants Guidelines to ensure alignment with Council priorities, including health and wellbeing outcomes and ethical investment considerations.	The review and redrafting of the Community Support Policy and Community Grants Guidelines has been completed. Progression of the revised documents was subsequently delayed while Council considered budget implications and the future delivery model for the Community Grants Program. Following finalisation of the budget process, it has been determined that further review and consideration of the updated policy framework will occur during the next financial year. The draft documents will provide the foundation for this work and will be reviewed to ensure ongoing alignment with Council priorities, community needs and future funding arrangements.
6.1	Embed good governance in all aspects of the organisation to create the fundamentals of fair, open and equitable decision making.	Develop and implement a formal support framework for Community Asset Committees that clarifies the roles of Governance and Community Partnerships and strengthens consistent support across Council.	Development of a formal support framework for Community Asset Committees (CACs) remains a priority; however, progression of this work has been impacted by recent organisational changes and the transition of responsibilities to different departments within the organisation. The next phase of the project will involve consultation with newly appointed staff and relevant managers to review the draft framework, clarify roles and responsibilities and ensure the proposed approach aligns with current organisational structures and service delivery arrangements. This work will support development of a coordinated and consistent approach to Community Asset Committee support across Council. Due to organisational changes, transition of this action will go to IAP/PSAM under the new Coordinator Strategic Property and Facilities Management. Internal support being provided to transition this work while maintaining service continuity.
6.1	Embed good governance in all aspects of the organisation to create the fundamentals of fair, open and equitable decision making.	Develop a Healthy Sponsorship Policy for Council-run events to guide future partnerships and ensure they reflect Council's commitment to community health and wellbeing.	Development of the Healthy Sponsorship Policy remains linked to Council's broader Community Support Policy framework. A draft policy has been prepared and will be reviewed with relevant internal stakeholders to ensure it reflects organisational requirements, event delivery considerations and Council's commitment to health and wellbeing outcomes. Following recent organisational changes and budget considerations, the next phase of work will focus on consultation and refinement of the draft policy to confirm roles, responsibilities and implementation requirements prior to consideration of adoption.

Initiative Code	Initiative	Action Name	Comments
6.1	Embed good governance in all aspects of the organisation to create the fundamentals of fair, open and equitable decision making.	Review of Confidentiality Policy for Councillors and Staff.	The policy has been reviewed and updated and will be finalised alongside the imminent sector release of mandatory Governance Rules.
6.1	Embed good governance in all aspects of the organisation to create the fundamentals of fair, open and equitable decision making.	Review of Council's Procurement Policy and a separate Procurement Procedure and Guidelines to support the policy.	Review of the Procurement Policy continues and is anticipated to be submitted to Council in the second half of 2026.
6.1	Embed good governance in all aspects of the organisation to create the fundamentals of fair, open and equitable decision making.	Commence development of Operational Plant and Fleet Transition Plan to support reduced Council emissions.	The plan requires further analysis of fleet replacement options, infrastructure requirements, lifecycle costs and operational impacts. Additional stakeholder consultation and alignment with future asset renewal and budget planning processes are necessary to ensure the transition pathway is practical and financially sustainable. As a result, completion is anticipated beyond 30 September.
6.1	Embed good governance in all aspects of the organisation to create the fundamentals of fair, open and equitable decision making.	Review and update fleet policy and procedures to support transition to low emissions fleet.	Draft policy has been completed, and consultation and implementation will occur in the next quarter.
6.2	Ensure organisations long-term financial viability.	Deliver all actions identified for 2025-26 in the Asset Plan 2025.	Council is progressing well with the actions and improvements outlined in its Asset Plan. Together, these improvements will help ensure community assets remain safe, reliable and well-managed, and that all future capital investment decisions are made strategically and in line with the adopted Asset Plan.
6.2	Ensure organisations long-term financial viability.	Enhance Goldfields Children's Centre financial processes by transitioning to direct debit accounts.	Transition to Goldfields Children's Centre fees to direct debit is now complete.

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Initiative Code	Initiative	Action Name	Comments
6.2	Ensure organisations long-term financial viability.	Commence implementation of the Maintenance Management System, and Customer Relationship Management System, to create efficiencies in Council's Customer and Infrastructure service areas.	Revised contract has been received from the CRM vendor and is currently being reviewed. Expect contracts to be signed and project kick off by end of July 2026. Implementation will then commence.
6.3	Lead with integrity, accountability and transparency within the organisation.	Undertake a Workplace Psychosocial Hazard Assessment survey, review the results and implement actions to ensure a safe and supportive working environment for all staff.	The survey has been analysed, with results presented to the Executive Leadership Team (ELT). Findings have been further broken down to the departmental level to support targeted insights and actions. A high-level summary of the results was also shared with staff at the All Staff meeting on 24 March 2026 to ensure transparency and organisation-wide awareness. Actions arising from the survey are currently being assessed and progressively implemented, with alignment to Council's new Gender Equality Action Plan (GEAP) and expansion of the ELMO Learning Management System.
6.3	Lead with integrity, accountability and transparency within the organisation.	Maintain best-practice IT security and upgrade Council's Wide Area Network using NBN to enhance performance, security, and cost efficiency.	This action has been completed via the successful implementation of the SD-WAN project across all CGSC networked sites. This work was completed in conjunction with our third-party IT partners and was completed on time. Completed network documentation was received in June 2026. This project will deliver significant ongoing cost savings in terms of reduced Telstra costs and will also provide greater capability in being able to manage Guest Wi-Fi at our sites and improve reporting on network activity.
6.3	Lead with integrity, accountability and transparency within the organisation.	Ensure 2026–2027 Annual Budget is adopted by Council by 30 June 2026.	Budget 2026–2027 adopted at 27 May 2026 Council Meeting.



Maryborough Community Hub

SERVICE PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

Service / *Indicator* / *Measure*	Results 2023	2024	2025	2026	Comments
Aquatic Facilities					
Service standard					
Health inspections of aquatic facilities	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.67	Health inspections have been conducted on each facility as scheduled.
[Number of authorised officer inspections of Council aquatic facilities / Number of Council aquatic facilities]					
Utilisation					
Utilisation of aquatic facilities	6.06	4.75	5.17	4.72	Full centre members (which have access to gym, courts and pools) not considered (24,209 visits) which combined would have been 88,910 visits total.
[Number of visits to aquatic facilities / Population]					
Service cost					
Cost of aquatic facilities	$8.52	$11.74	$11.06	$11.24	Maintenance and contract costs continue to align with budgeted asset renewal plan.
[Direct cost of aquatic facilities less income received / Number of visits to aquatic facilities]					
Animal Management					
Timeliness					
Time taken to action animal management requests	1.00	1.00	1.00	2.68	Council implemented a new animal management request system in January 2026, providing improved recording and reporting of response times. The 2025–2026 result is based on data captured through the new system and is therefore not directly comparable with previous years. Response times were also influenced by staff vacancies and periods of unplanned staff absence during the year.
[Number of days between receipt and first response action for all animal management requests / Number of animal management requests]					

Service / *Indicator* / *Measure*	Results 2023	2024	2025	2026	Comments
Animal Management					
Service standard					
Animals reclaimed	46.49%	44.72%	36.57%	40.30%	The animal reclaim rate increased during 2025–2026, reflecting strong efforts to reunite animals with their owners. The majority of reclaimed animals were dogs, while cat reclaim rates remain lower due to challenges associated with identifying ownership where animals are not registered or microchipped.
[Number of animals reclaimed / Number of animals collected] × 100					
Animals rehomed	50.28%	41.82%	37.96%	69.20%	The proportion of unclaimed animals rehomed increased significantly during 2025–2026. This outcome reflects Council's continued collaboration with animal rescue organisations and adoption partners, together with a higher proportion of animals assessed as suitable for rehoming.
[Number of unclaimed collected animals rehomed / Number of unclaimed collected animals] × 100					
Service cost					
Cost of animal management service per population	$21.88	$23.65	$21.02	$18.75	Lower cost is attributed to staff vacancies during the year.
[Direct cost of the animal management service / Population]					
Health and safety					
Animal management prosecutions	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	There were no animal prosecutions in 2025–2026.
[Number of successful animal management prosecutions / Number of animal management prosecutions] x 100					

SERVICE PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

Service / *Indicator* / *Measure*	Results 2023	2024	2025	2026	Comments
Food Safety					
Timeliness					
Time taken to action food complaints	6.43	2.09	5.00	7.00	Longer response times were influenced by staff availability.
[Number of days between receipt and first response action for all food complaints / Number of food complaints]					
Service standard					
Food safety assessments	81.55%	94.00%	90.10%	100.00%	Food Safety Inspections were completed noting some businesses were closed during this period.
[Number of registered class 1 food premises and class 2 food premises that receive an annual food safety assessment in accordance with the Food Act 1984 / Number of registered class 1 food premises and class 2 food premises that require an annual food safety assessment in accordance with the Food Act 1984] × 100					
Food safety samples	New	100%	92%	95.00%	All required food samples collected.
[Number of food samples obtained / Required number of food samples] × 100					
Service cost					
Cost of food safety service	$867.50	$854.26	$952.91	$1,047.86	The implementation of a new Enterprise Bargaining Agreement contributed to increased staffing costs.
[Direct cost of the food safety service / Number of food premises registered or notified in accordance with the Food Act 1984]					
Health and safety					
Critical and major non-compliance outcome notifications	80.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	All major and critical non-compliance outcomes were followed up and businesses were brought into compliance.
[Number of critical non-compliance outcome notifications and major non-compliance notifications about a food premises followed up / Number of critical non-compliance outcome notifications and major non-compliance notifications about a food premises] × 100					

Service / *Indicator* / *Measure*	Results 2023	2024	2025	2026	Comments
Governance					
Transparency					
Council decisions made at meetings closed to the public	3.19%	2.94%	2.82%	2.30%	There has been a decrease in confidential items decided at closed Council meetings. Transparency with the community has been a focus.
[Number of Council resolutions made at meetings of Council, or at meetings of a delegated committee consisting only of Councillors, closed to the public / Number of Council resolutions made at meetings of Council or at meetings of a delegated committee consisting only of Councillors] × 100					
Consultation and engagement					
Satisfaction with community consultation and engagement	51.00	48.00	46.00	45.00	The small decrease continues a downward trend and highlights an opportunity for improvement.
[Community satisfaction rating out of 100 with how Council has performed on community consultation and engagement]					
Attendance					
Councillor attendance at council meetings	89.29%	89.80%	92.86%	90.48%	Although there has been a slight decrease in Councillor attendance. Attendance levels remain high and are a reflection of the Councillors commitment to the community.
[The sum of the number of Councillors who attended each Council meeting / (Number of Council meetings) × (Number of Councillors elected at the last Council general election)] × 100					

SERVICE PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

Service / *Indicator* / *Measure*	Results 2023	2024	2025	2026	Comments
Governance					
Service cost					
Cost of elected representation	$37,498.53	$38,679.63	$38,919.51	$41,932.14	The increase to the cost of elected representation is primarily reflecting the 3% annual adjustment to mayoral, deputy mayoral and councillor allowances determined by the Victorian Independent Remuneration Tribunal from 1 July 2025, together with associated on-costs and higher provision for expenses required to support councillors in performing their statutory and representative duties. The overall movement may also reflect the timing of allowance payments and changes in budgeted expenditure on professional development, conferences, travel and other councillor support costs compared with the previous financial year.
[Direct cost of the governance service / Number of Councillors elected at the last Council general election]					
Satisfaction					
Satisfaction with council decisions	49.00	45.00	46.00	41.00	There has been a decrease in satisfaction with Council Decisions. Council made a number of significant decisions throughout the year including cuts to the budget to reduce the Council operating deficit. Council recognises that there are diverse views across the community in relation to these decisions.
[Community satisfaction rating out of 100 with how council has performed in making decisions in the interest of the community]					

Service / *Indicator* / *Measure*	Results 2023	2024	2025	2026	Comments
Libraries					
Resource currency					
Recently purchased library collection	66.05%	68.63%	59.07%	60.80%	The physical collection continues to be refreshed through regular purchasing and the removal of outdated or worn items. At the same time, usage of the digital collection has continued to increase, providing patrons with greater choice and flexibility.
[Number of library collection items purchased in the last 5 years / Number of library collection items] × 100					
Service cost					
Cost of library service per population	$47.72	$42.39	$41.63	$42.95	Direct costs increased during the year largely reflecting Enterprise Agreement wage increases and rising operating costs.
[Direct cost of the library service / Population]					
Utilisation					
Loans per head of population	New	1.18	1.43	4.35	Borrowing continued to grow with the increased use of both the physical and digital collections showing the ongoing value of the library to the community.
[Number of library collection item loans / Population]					
Participation					
Library membership	New	9%	19%	19.32%	Membership has remained steady throughout the year.
[Number of registered library members / Population] × 100					
Library visits per head of population	New	3.10	3.33	3.43	Library visits continued to grow reflecting the library's place as a vibrant community hub where people come to borrow, connect, learn, access technology and take part in a wide range of programs.
[Number of library visits / Population]					

SERVICE PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

Service / *Indicator* / *Measure*	Results 2023	2024	2025	2026	Comments
Maternal and Child Health (MCH)					
Service standard					
Infant enrolments in the MCH service	98.98%	99.12%	98.18%	94.19%	81 babies have been enrolled into the MCH Service. This number is less than the total number of birth notifications received due to families choosing to attend an MCH service elsewhere (such as Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisation), or choosing to attend a neighbouring Council's MCH service. Note: 5 babies born at the end of 2025–2026 will not be enrolled until the beginning of 2026–2027 when they are seen for their first home visit.
[Number of infants enrolled in the MCH service (from birth notifications received) / Number of birth notifications received] × 100					
Service cost					
Cost of the MCH service	$79.83	$103.02	$102.02	$122.44	Additional administration support has been provided to the MCH team for this financial year.
[Cost of the MCH service / Hours worked by MCH nurses]					
Participation					
Participation in the MCH service	93.18%	91.00%	92.54%	92.55%	This result is consistent with last year's high participation data, with over 92% of children attending the MCH service at least once. This can be attributed to the high quality, flexible and responsive service model that is in place.
[Number of children who attend the MCH service at least once (in the year) / Number of children enrolled in the MCH service] × 100					
Participation					
Participation in the MCH service by Aboriginal children	96.39%	95.51%	96.43%	89.74%	The engagement of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families in the MCH Service remains high, likely due to the flexible and responsive service model that includes continuity of care with a known nurse.
[Number of Aboriginal children who attend the MCH service at least once (in the year) / Number of Aboriginal children enrolled in the MCH service] × 100					

Service / *Indicator* / *Measure*	Results 2023	2024	2025	2026	Comments
Maternal and Child Health (MCH)					
Satisfaction					
Participation in 4-week Key Age and Stage visit	104.08%	97.35%	104.55%	108.14%	This high percentage of 4 week visits exceeds the number of birth notifications received due to families choosing to attend MCH services in the Central Goldfields Shire Council area when they reside in a neighbouring local government.
[Number of 4-week key age and stage visits / Number of birth notifications received] × 100					
Roads					
Satisfaction of use					
Sealed local road requests	16.57	20.90	17.31	5.35	Customer service systems and processes have been uplifted, allowing for better recording of customer requests.
[Number of sealed local road requests / Kilometres of sealed local roads] × 100					
Condition					
Sealed local roads maintained to condition standards	98.74%	99.11%	99.17%	99.19%	Council continued with resealing and reconstructing roads above the intervention level.
[Number of kilometres of sealed local roads below the renewal intervention level set by Council / Kilometres of sealed local roads] × 100					
Service cost					
Cost of sealed local road reconstruction	$92.94	$178.06	$108.08	$202.26	Only urban road sections were reconstructed, which are inherently more expensive due to the need for more stringent traffic management, asphalt pavement construction (as opposed to gravel pavement), and kerb renewal works. In addition, the works were delivered during a period of global oil shortages, which contributed to increased construction costs.
[Direct cost of sealed local road reconstruction / Square metres of sealed local roads reconstructed]					

SERVICE PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

Service / *Indicator* / *Measure*	Results 2023	2024	2025	2026	Comments
Roads					
Service Cost					
Cost of sealed local road resealing	$7.65	$10.69	$9.89	$14.65	Fewer rural roads were treated with spray sealing during this period, resulting in a lower average cost due to the larger treatment areas and associated economies of scale. In contrast, a higher proportion of resurfacing works involved asphalt overlays, which are typically more expensive. Furthermore, the works were undertaken during a period of global oil shortages, which contributed to increased construction costs.
[Direct cost of sealed local road resealing / Square metres of sealed local roads resealed]					
Satisfaction					
Satisfaction with sealed local roads	38.00	33.00	38.00	43.00	Better workflow starting from customer service through to delivery of works.
[Community satisfaction rating out of 100 with how council has performed on the condition of sealed local roads]					
Statutory Planning					
Timeliness					
Time taken to decide planning applications	61.00	79.00	63.00	157.00	Council has commenced implementation of a new planning administration system to improve the management, monitoring and reporting of planning applications. The new system will provide greater alignment with PPARS reporting requirements, improve data accuracy and reduce the administrative burden associated with manual data collection. Variations in performance between reporting periods can occur due to fluctuations in application volumes, application complexity and available resourcing. The 2025-26 result also reflects a number of complex planning applications that required extended assessment timeframes.
[The median number of days between receipt of a planning application and a decision on the application]					

Service / *Indicator* / *Measure*	Results 2023	2024	2025	2026	Comments
Statutory Planning					
Service standard					
Planning applications decided within required time frames	65.33%	30.43%	71.67%	12.86%	Council is implementing a new planning administration system that will strengthen workflow management, reporting capability and compliance with Planning Permit Activity Reporting System (PPARS) requirements. The transition from manually compiled data is expected to improve consistency and reliability of future reporting. The percentage of applications decided within statutory timeframes can vary annually depending on the number of complex applications received, referral requirements and competing workload demands. During 2025–26, a higher proportion of complex applications contributed to extended assessment periods. When compared with other small rural councils, Council's result should be viewed in the context of similar resources.
[(Number of regular planning application decisions made within 60 days) + (Number of VicSmart planning application decisions made within 10 days) / Number of planning application decisions made] × 100					
Service cost					
Cost of statutory planning service	$3,825.78	$5,666.57	$6,360.53	$9,846.55	The increase in the cost per planning application reflects staff turnover, the complexity of applications received during the year and the requirement for additional specialist, technical and legal support. Resourcing demands associated with managing complex applications also contributed to the higher unit cost. When compared with other small rural councils, Council's cost result should be considered in the context of smaller application volumes, limited specialist resourcing and the disproportionate impact that a small number of complex matters can have on the average cost per application.
[Direct cost of the statutory planning service / Number of planning applications received]					

SERVICE PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

Service / *Indicator* / *Measure*	Results 2023	2024	2025	2026	Comments
Statutory Planning					
Decision making					
Council planning decisions upheld at VCAT	50.00%	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%	VCAT outcomes are influenced by a relatively small number of matters each year, meaning the measure can fluctuate significantly between reporting periods. The 2025–26 result reflects the outcome of a limited number of VCAT appeals and should not be viewed as indicative of overall decision-making performance. VCAT determinations are affected by the specific merits, circumstances and evidence associated with each individual case.
[Number of VCAT decisions that did not set aside council's decision in relation to a planning application / Number of VCAT decisions in relation to planning applications] × 100					
Waste Management					
Service standard					
Kerbside collection bins missed	1.45	1.10	1.23	1.13	The number of missed bins remains low, and non-collection is usually impacted by weather conditions rather than service issues.
[Number of kerbside garbage and recycling collection bins missed / Number of scheduled kerbside garbage and recycling collection bin lifts] x 10,000					
Service cost					
Cost of kerbside garbage bin collection service	$139.16	$145.40	$172.36	$177.79	A 27% increase in the Landfill Levy along with the Landfill Operators applying costs above CPI have contributed significantly to increases. The current fuel situation instability are also contributing to higher costs.
[Direct cost of the kerbside garbage bin collection service / Number of kerbside garbage collection bins]					

Service / *Indicator* / *Measure*	Results 2023	2024	2025	2026	Comments
Waste Management					
Service cost					
Cost of kerbside recyclables collection service	$96.42	$76.57	$72.89	$78.88	With the current fuel price volatility, the gate fee has increased 3%. Along with relatively low growth, the tonnage continues to remain below pre-CDS levels. The recycle bin supply is higher than normal which is made up of both additional and replacement bins.
[Direct cost of the kerbside recyclables bin collection service / Number of kerbside recyclables collection bins]					
Waste diversion					
Kerbside collection waste diverted from landfill	44.82%	45.37%	42.22%	40.58%	Landfill tonnage increased during the year, while recorded recycling volumes were lower as more residents used the container deposit scheme. Green waste volumes were also lower than in the previous two years. Green waste can vary significantly from year to year because it is influenced by seasonal conditions and weather patterns. The reduction in overall waste diversion was mainly due to lower recycling volumes and reduced green waste collection.
[Weight of recyclables and green organics collected from kerbside bins / Weight of garbage, recyclables and green organics collected from kerbside bins] × 100					

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Certification of the financial statements

In my opinion, the accompanying financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2020*, the *Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2020*, the Australian Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements.

Liam Routledge
Principal Accounting Officer
Dated: 8/10/2026
Maryborough

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly the financial transactions of the Central Goldfields Shire Council for the year ended 30 June 2026 and the financial position of the Council as at that date.

At the date of signing, we are not aware of any circumstances that would render any particulars in the financial statements to be misleading or inaccurate.

We have been authorised by the Council and by the *Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2020* to certify the financial statements in their final form.

Gerard Murphy
Councillor
Dated: 8/10/2026
Maryborough

Geoffrey Bartlett
Councillor
Dated: 8/10/2026
Maryborough

Peter Harriott
Chief Executive Officer
Dated: 8/10/2026
Maryborough

Independent Auditor's Report

Victorian Auditor-General's Office

To the Councillors of Central Goldfields Shire Council

Opinion

I have audited the financial report of Central Goldfields Shire Council (the council) which comprises the:

- balance sheet as at 30 June 2026
- comprehensive income statement for the year then ended
- statement of changes in equity for the year then ended
- statement of cash flows for the year then ended
- statement of capital works for the year then ended
- notes to the financial statements, including material accounting policy information
- certification of the financial statements.

In my opinion the financial report presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the council as at 30 June 2026 and their financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with the financial reporting requirements of Part 4 of the *Local Government Act 2020*, the Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2020 and applicable Australian Accounting Standards.

Basis for Opinion

I have conducted my audit in accordance with the *Audit Act 1994* which incorporates the Australian Auditing Standards. I further describe my responsibilities under that Act and those standards in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report* section of my report.

My independence is established by the *Constitution Act 1975*. My staff and I are independent of the council in accordance with the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards)* (the Code) that are relevant to my audit of the financial report in Victoria. My staff and I have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

Councillors' responsibilities for the financial report

The Councillors are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, the *Local Government Act 2020* and the Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2020, and for such internal control as the Councillors determine is necessary to enable the preparation and fair presentation of a financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the Councillors are responsible for assessing the council's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless it is inappropriate to do so.

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Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial report

As required by the *Audit Act 1994*, my responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on the audit. My objectives for the audit are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes my opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.

As part of an audit in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards, I exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. I also:

- identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the council's internal control
- evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Councillors
- conclude on the appropriateness of the Councillors' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the council's ability to continue as a going concern. If I conclude that a material uncertainty exists, I am required to draw attention in my auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify my opinion. My conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of my auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the council to cease to continue as a going concern.
- evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

I communicate with the Councillors regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that I identify during my audit.

MELBOURNE
20 October 2026

Travis Derricott
as delegate for the Auditor-General of Victoria

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Comprehensive income statement
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2026

	Note	2026 $'000	2025 $'000
Income / Revenue			
Rates and charges	3.1	19,335	18,236
Statutory fees and fines	3.2	484	517
User fees	3.3	1,851	1,662
Grants – operating	3.4	13,092	13,010
Grants – capital	3.4	3,753	3,560
Contributions – monetary	3.5	375	502
Contributions – non monetary	3.5	28	–
Other income	3.7	980	694
Total income / revenue		**39,898**	**38,181**
Expenses			
Employee costs	4.1	15,627	15,518
Materials and services	4.2	12,883	12,914
Depreciation	4.3	8,668	8,503
Depreciation – right of use assets	4.4	52	60
Net gain (or loss) on disposal of property, infrastructure, plant and equipment	3.6	128	255
Allowance for impairment losses	4.5	15	11
Borrowing costs	4.6	92	109
Finance costs – leases	4.7	11	11
Other expenses	4.8	378	356
Total expenses		**37,853**	**37,737**
Surplus/(deficit) for the year		**2,045**	**444**
Other comprehensive income			
Items that will not be reclassified to surplus or deficit in future periods			
Net asset revaluation gain/(loss)	6.1	29,667	11,377
Total other comprehensive income		**29,667**	**11,377**
Total comprehensive result		**31,711**	**11,821**

The above comprehensive income statement should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Balance sheet
AS AT 30 JUNE 2026

	Note	2026 $'000	2025 $'000
Assets			
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	5.1	8,515	4,797
Trade and other receivables	5.1	4,264	3,383
Inventories	5.2	18	23
Prepayments	5.2	349	136
Other assets	5.2	581	468
Total current assets		**13,726**	**8,807**
Non-current assets			
Property, infrastructure, plant and equipment	6.1	463,946	436,802
Right-of-use assets	5.8	228	252
Total non-current assets		**464,174**	**437,054**
Total assets		**477,900**	**445,861**
Liabilities			
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	5.3	3,118	3,152
Trust funds and deposits	5.3	844	803
Contract and other liabilities	5.3	6,117	5,563
Provisions	5.5	3,003	3,130
Interest-bearing liabilities	5.4	–	2,089
Lease liabilities	5.8	52	55
Total current liabilities		**13,135**	**14,792**
Non-current liabilities			
Provisions	5.5	376	359
Interest-bearing liabilities	5.4	1,989	–
Lease liabilities	5.8	173	194
Total non-current liabilities		**2,538**	**553**
Total liabilities		**15,672**	**15,345**
Net assets		**462,228**	**430,516**
Equity			
Accumulated surplus		129,082	128,323
Reserves	9.1	333,146	302,193
Total Equity		**462,228**	**430,516**

The above balance sheet should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Statement of changes in equity
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2026

2026	Note	Total $'000	Accumulated Surplus $'000	Revaluation Reserve $'000	Other Reserves $'000
Balance at beginning of the financial year		430,516	128,323	300,708	1,485
Surplus/(deficit) for the year		2,045	2,045	–	–
Net asset revaluation gain/(loss)	6.1	29,667	–	29,667	–
Transfers to other reserves	9.1	–	(1,286)	–	1,286
		462,228	129,082	330,375	2,771
Balance at end of the financial year		**462,228**	**129,082**	**330,375**	**2,771**

2025		Total $'000	Accumulated Surplus $'000	Revaluation Reserve $'000	Other Reserves $'000
Balance at beginning of the financial year		418,695	128,659	289,331	705
Surplus/(deficit) for the year		444	444	–	–
Net asset revaluation gain/(loss)	6.1	11,377	–	11,377	–
Transfers to other reserves	9.1	–	(780)	–	780
		430,516	128,323	300,708	1,485
Balance at end of the financial year		**430,516**	**128,323**	**300,708**	**1,485**

The above statement of changes in equity should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Statement of cash flows
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2026

	Note	2026 Inflows/ (Outflows) $'000	2025 Inflows/ (Outflows) $'000
Cash flows from operating activities			
Rates and charges		18,454	17,957
Statutory fees and fines		484	517
User fees		2,083	1,962
Grants – operating		13,646	14,486
Grants – capital		3,753	3,558
Contributions – monetary		375	502
Interest received		189	117
Other receipts		792	460
Net GST refund/payment		1,462	1,510
Employee costs		(15,738)	(15,505)
Materials and services		(14,947)	(14,245)
Trust funds and deposits taken		40	116
Other payments		(389)	(368)
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities		**10,205**	**11,067**
Cash flows from investing activities			
Payments for property, infrastructure, plant and equipment	6.1	(6,272)	(6,872)
Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities		**(6,272)**	**(6,872)**
Cash flows from financing activities			
Finance costs		(92)	(109)
Repayment of borrowings		(100)	–
Repayment of lease liabilities		(23)	(82)
Net cash provided by/(used in) financing activities		**(215)**	**(191)**
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		3,718	4,121
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial year		4,797	676
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial year		**8,515**	**4,797**
Financing arrangements	5.6		

The above statement of cash flows should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Statement of capital works
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2026

	Note	2026 $'000	2025 $'000
Property			
Land improvements		1,521	1,200
Total land		**1,521**	**1,200**
Buildings		706	1,460
Total buildings		**706**	**1,460**
Total property		**2,227**	**2,660**
Plant and equipment			
Plant, machinery and equipment		–	898
Fixtures, fittings and furniture		16	–
Computers and telecommunications		240	265
Total plant and equipment		**256**	**1,163**
Infrastructure			
Roads		3,855	2,377
Footpaths and cycleways		43	176
Drainage		(102)	172
Kerb and channel		–	97
Aerodromes		41	174
Traffic control facilities		1	42
Other infrastructure		–	2
Total infrastructure		**3,839**	**3,040**
Total capital works expenditure		**6,322**	**6,863**
Represented by:			
New asset expenditure		1,740	1,249
Asset renewal expenditure		3,759	3,514
Asset expansion expenditure		–	–
Asset upgrade expenditure		823	2,100
Total capital works expenditure		**6,322**	**6,863**

The above statement of capital works should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Notes to the financial report
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2026

Note 1: Overview

Introduction

The Central Goldfields Shire Council was established by an Order of the Governor in Council on 19 January 1995 and is a body corporate. The Council's main office is located at 22 Nolan Street, Maryborough, Victoria 3465.

Statement of compliance

These financial statements are a general purpose financial report that consists of a Comprehensive Income Statement, Balance Sheet, Statement of Changes in Equity, Statement of Cash Flows, Statement of Capital Works and Notes accompanying these financial statements. The general purpose financial report complies with the Australian Accounting Standards (AAS), other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board, the *Local Government Act 2020*, and the *Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2020*.

The Council is a not-for-profit entity and therefore applies the additional AUS paragraphs applicable to a not-for-profit entity under the Australian Accounting Standards.

Accounting policy information

1.1 Basis of accounting

Accounting policies are selected and applied in a manner which ensures that the resulting financial information satisfies the concepts of relevance and reliability, thereby ensuring that the substance of the underlying transactions or other events is reported. Specific accounting policies applied are disclosed in sections where the related balance or financial statement matter is disclosed.

The accrual basis of accounting has been used in the preparation of these financial statements, except for the cash flow information, whereby assets, liabilities, equity, income and expenses are recognised in the reporting period to which they relate, regardless of when cash is received or paid.

The financial statements are based on the historical cost convention unless a different measurement basis is specifically disclosed in the notes to the financial statements.

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis. The financial statements are in Australian dollars. The amounts presented in the financial statements have been rounded to the nearest thousand dollars unless otherwise specified. Minor discrepancies in tables between totals and the sum of components are due to rounding.

Judgements, estimates and assumptions are required to be made about the carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated judgements are based on professional judgement derived from historical experience and various other factors that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised and also in future periods that are affected by the revision. Judgements and assumptions made by management in the application of AAS's that have significant effects on the financial statements and estimates relate to:

- the fair value of land, buildings, infrastructure, plant and equipment (refer to Note 6.1)
- the determination of depreciation for buildings, infrastructure, plant and equipment (refer to Note 6.1)
- the determination of employee provisions (refer to Note 5.5)
- the determination of landfill provisions (refer to Note 5.5)
- the determination of whether performance obligations are sufficiently specific so as to determine whether an arrangement is within the scope of *AASB 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers* or *AASB 1058 Income of Not-for-Profit Entities* (refer to Note 3.4)
- the determination, in accordance with *AASB 16 Leases*, of the lease term, the estimation of the discount rate when not implicit in the lease and whether an arrangement is in substance short-term or low value (refer to Note 5.8).

Unless otherwise stated, all accounting policies are consistent with those applied in the prior year. Where appropriate, comparative figures have been amended to accord with current presentation, and disclosure has been made of any material changes to comparatives.

Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Income and expenses are recognised net of the amount of associated GST. Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of the amount of GST receivable or payable. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the taxation authority is included with other receivables or payables in the balance sheet.

Notes to the financial report

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2026

Note 2: Analysis of our results

2.1 Performance against budget

The performance against budget notes compare Council's financial plan, expressed through its annual budget, with actual performance. The *Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2020* requires explanation of any material variances. Council has adopted a materiality threshold of the lower of 5% or $500,000 where further explanation is warranted. Explanations have not been provided for variations below the materiality threshold unless the variance is considered to be material because of its nature.

These notes are prepared to meet the requirements of the *Local Government Act 2020* and the *Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2020*.

2.1.1 Income / revenue and expenditure

	Budget 2026 $'000	Actual 2026 $'000	Variance $'000	Variance %	Ref
Income / Revenue					
Rates and charges	19,556	19,335	(221)	-1%	
Statutory fees and fines	514	484	(30)	-6%	
User fees	1,527	1,851	324	21%	
Grants – operating	9,661	13,092	3,432	36%	**1**
Grants – capital	6,244	3,753	(2,491)	-40%	**2**
Contributions – monetary	204	375	171	84%	**3**
Contributions – non monetary	–	28	28	0%	
Net gain/(loss) on disposal of property, infrastructure, plant and equipment	–	(128)	(128)	0%	
Other income	670	980	310	46%	**4**
Total income / revenue	**38,375**	**39,770**	**1,395**	**4%**	
Expenses					
Employee costs	16,175	15,628	548	3%	
Materials and services	10,896	12,883	(1,987)	-18%	**5**
Depreciation	9,090	8,667	423	5%	**6**
Depreciation – right of use assets	61	52	9	15%	
Provision for bad debts	1	15	(14)	-1392%	
Borrowing costs	109	92	17	16%	
Finance costs – leases	–	11	(11)	100%	
Other expenses	466	378	88	19%	
Total expenses	**36,799**	**37,725**	**(927)**	**-3%**	
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	**1,576**	**2,045**	**468**	**30%**	

Note 2: Analysis of our results

2.1.1 Income / revenue and expenditure (continued)

(i) Explanation of material variations

1 Operating grant income exceeded budget primarily due to the timing of Financial Assistance Grant (FAG) funding, with approximately $2.6million relating to 2025–2026 recognised in 2024–2025 and $5.4million relating to 2026–2027 received in June 2026 and held as unearned income at year end.

2 Capital grant income was below budget due to an unsuccessful Safer Local Roads and Infrastructure Program (SLIRP) application $768,000 and the multi-year delivery of the Deledio Recreation Reserve Pavilion project $1.6million.

3 Monetary contributions exceeded budget due to higher than anticipated open space contributions $11,000, Kindergarten contributions $113,000, and Tiny Towns Capital Project contributions $29,000.

4 Other income exceeded budget primarily due to insurance reimbursements for vandalism repairs at Phillips Gardens $79,000, Honda sponsorship revenue $150,000, higher investment interest earnings $109,000, and debt recovery income $38,000.

5 The variance reflects employee cost savings from vacancies and recruitment delays being offset by contractor expenditure to backfill positions across several service areas $654,000, together with higher costs associated with the Enterprise Agreement, VCAT and legal matters $78,000, insurance-funded works $132,000, utilities $35,000, insurance premiums $132,000, public event waste management $18,000, grant-funded activities not included in the adopted budget $176,000, increased superannuation costs arising from wage and statutory rate increases $328,000, and additional long service leave costs related to terminations and leave transfers $261,000.

6 Depreciation expense was lower than budget because a number of capital projects remained classified as work in progress at 30 June 2026 and were therefore not capitalised and depreciated as originally anticipated.

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Note 2: Analysis of our results

2.1.2 Capital works

	Budget 2026 $'000	Actual 2026 $'000	Variance $'000	Variance %	Ref
Property					
Land improvements	4,951	1,521	(3,430)	-69%	**1**
Total land	**4,951**	**1,521**	**(3,430)**	**-69%**	
Buildings	497	706	209	42%	**2**
Total buildings	**497**	**706**	**209**	**42%**	
Total property	**5,448**	**2,227**	**(3,221)**	**-59%**	
Plant and equipment					
Fixtures, fittings and furniture	–	16	16	0%	
Computers and telecommunications	572	240	(332)	-58%	**3**
Total plant and equipment	**572**	**256**	**(316)**	**-55%**	
Infrastructure					
Roads	3,988	3,855	(133)	-3%	
Bridges	350	–	(350)	-100%	**4**
Footpaths and cycleways	–	43	43	0%	
Drainage	–	(102)	(102)	0%	
Aerodromes	260	41	(219)	-84%	**5**
Traffic control facilities	1	1			
Total infrastructure	**4,598**	**3,839**	**(759)**	**-17%**	
Total capital works expenditure	**10,618**	**6,322**	**(4,296)**	**-40%**	
Represented by:					
New asset expenditure	508	1,740	1,232	242%	
Asset renewal expenditure	7,947	3,759	(4,188)	-53%	
Asset expansion expenditure	–	–	–	0%	
Asset upgrade expenditure	2,163	823	(1,340)	-62%	
Total capital works expenditure	**10,618**	**6,322**	**(4,296)**	**-40%**	

Note 2: Analysis of our results

2.1.2 Capital works (continued)

(i) Explanation of material variations

Variance Ref	Item	Explanation
1	Land Improvement	Capital expenditure on land improvements was $3.43million below budget primarily due to an unsuccessful Safer Local Roads and Infrastructure Program (SLIRP) funding application $768,000 and the deferral of expenditure on the multi-year Maryborough Outdoor Pool project Stage 2 and Jack Pascoe Reserve Dog Park projects.
2	Buildings	Capital expenditure on buildings was $209,000 above budget due to the completion of several projects during the year, including the Creative Station project, security upgrades to public amenities and BBQ facilities, and the majority of Tiny Towns projects.
3	Plant and Equipment	Capital expenditure on plant and equipment was $332,000 below budget due to the staged implementation of the asset management software project, with expenditure continuing into future financial years.
4	Infrastructure – Bridges	Capital expenditure on bridges was $350,000 below budget as project delivery costs were lower than anticipated and completed within the available grant funding allocation.
5	Other infrastructure	Capital expenditure on aerodrome infrastructure was $219,000 below budget due to project delays associated with planning permit approvals, resulting in expenditure being deferred to a future period.

2.2 Analysis of Council results by program

Council delivers its functions and activities through the following programs:

2.2.1 Community

Operation and maintenance of community buildings, local laws, compliance (incorporating fire prevention, environmental health, school crossings, immunisation and planning compliance), and emergency management.

Health and Human Services

Administration of Goldfields Children's Centre (incorporating kindergarten and supported playgroups), maternal and child health, and youth services.

Economic Development

Promotion of tourism, including the Visitor Centre, Energy Breakthrough and other events, economic development and strategic planning, administration of VicRoads, statutory planning and building control.

Culture and Heritage

Operation and maintenance of civic halls, Maryborough Regional Library and the Central Goldfields Art Gallery as well as promotion of cultural and heritage activities.

Recreation and Leisure

Operation and maintenance of parks and gardens, playgrounds, sporting and natural reserves, indoor recreation centres and swimming pools.

Transport

Administration, operation and maintenance of Maryborough Aerodrome (ALA), road networks, pathways, kerb and channelling, street beautification, street lighting, bicycle facilities, parking and maintenance of depots and plant, vehicles and machinery and drainage maintenance.

Waste

Administration, operation and maintenance of waste disposal, waste water operation and maintenance, recycling, and public conveniences.

Administration

Shire Management including corporate planning, governance, community engagement (including customer service), people and culture services, contract management and purchasing. Corporate Services including operation and maintenance of administration office, records management, information technology, property and management, financial services including administration of council finances, bank accounts, investments and loans.

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Note 2: Analysis of our results

2.2.2 Summary of income / revenue, expenses, assets and capital expenses by program

2026	Income/ Revenue $'000	Expenses $'000	Surplus/ (Deficit) $'000	Grants included in income / revenue $'000	Total assets $'000
Community	1,402	4,255	(2,852)	1,702	10,160
Health & Human Services	4,302	4,544	(242)	3,594	288
Economic Development	81	391	(310)	38	8,194
Culture & Heritage	210	975	(765)	189	8,022
Recreation & Leisure	226	1,264	(1,038)	–	35,372
Transport	2,722	12,339	(9,618)	6,256	389,838
Waste & Environment	5,411	3,818	1,594	–	321
Administration	25,543	10,268	15,276	5,068	25,705
	39,898	**37,853**	**2,045**	**16,846**	**477,900**

2025	Income/ Revenue $'000	Expenses $'000	Surplus/ (Deficit) $'000	Grants included in income / revenue $'000	Total assets $'000
Community	2,113	4,539	(2,426)	1,543	23,982
Health & Human Services	3,518	4,002	(483)	2,968	268
Economic Development	183	386	(204)	160	9,479
Culture & Heritage	202	965	(764)	176	33,001
Recreation & Leisure	130	1,055	(925)	–	7,484
Transport	2,674	12,667	(9,993)	2,603	7,644
Waste & Environment	4,836	3,655	1,181	–	363,703
Administration	24,512	10,455	14,058	9,120	300
	38,168	**37,724**	**444**	**16,570**	**445,861**

Note 3: Funding for the delivery of our services

	2026 $'000	2025 $'000

3.1 Rates and charges

Council uses Capital Improved Value (CIV) as the basis of valuation of all properties within the municipal district. The CIV of a property is its market value (land and buildings included).

The valuation base used to calculate general rates for 2025/26 was $4,031 million (2024–2025 $4,050 million).

General rates	12,642	12,120
Municipal charge	1,688	1,683
Service rates and charges	4,853	4,295
Interest on rates and charges	151	138
Total rates and charges	**19,335**	**18,236**

The date of the general revaluation of land for rating purposes within the municipal district was 1 January 2025 and the valuation was first applied in the rating year commencing 1 July 2025.

Annual rates and charges are recognised as income when Council issues annual rates notices. Supplementary rates are recognised when a valuation and reassessment is completed and a supplementary rates notice issued.

3.2 Statutory fees and fines

Infringements and costs	60	67
Registrations	173	182
Town planning fees	125	148
Land information certificates	24	18
Permits	102	102
Total statutory fees and fines	**484**	**517**

Statutory fees and fines (including parking fees and fines) are recognised as income when the service has been provided, the payment is received, or when the penalty has been applied, whichever first occurs.

3.3 User fees

VicRoads Agency Fees	235	229
Leisure centre and recreation	55	46
Child care/children's programs	657	517
Registration and other permits	13	20
Waste management services	413	366
Leases	116	135
Energy Breakthrough	176	168
Vaccinations	29	27
Other fees and charges	158	154
Total user fees	**1,851**	**1,662**
User fees by timing of revenue recognition		
User fees recognised at a point in time	1,851	1,662
Total user fees	**1,851**	**1,662**

User fees are recognised as revenue at a point in time, or over time, when (or as) the performance obligation is satisfied. Recognition is based on the underlying contractual terms.

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Note 3: Funding for the delivery of our services

	2026 $'000	2025 $'000
3.4 Funding from other levels of government		
Grants were received in respect of the following:		
Summary of grants		
Commonwealth funded grants	8,272	8,858
State funded grants	8,574	7,712
Total grants received	**16,846**	**16,570**
(a) Operating Grants		
Recurrent – Commonwealth Government		
Financial Assistance Grants – General	5,060	5,617
Financial Assistance Grants – Roads	2,269	2,525
Heritage & Culture	2	13
Recurrent – State Government		
Health and Human Services	2,971	2,444
School crossing supervisors	57	55
Libraries	183	171
Maternal and child health	377	419
Community safety	55	60
Youth	110	197
Economic Development	–	6
Environment	71	3
Family and children	141	–
Heritage & Culture	12	–
Total recurrent operating grants	**11,306**	**11,510**
Non-recurrent – State Government		
Economic Development	38	137
Youth	2	58
Community Safety	1,486	891
Libraries	1	–
Heritage and culture	20	29
Recreation	111	128
Family and children	89	192
Environment	39	65
Total non-recurrent operating grants	**1,787**	**1,500**
Total operating grants	**13,092**	**13,010**

Note 3: Funding for the delivery of our services

	2026 $'000	2025 $'000
3.4 Funding from other levels of government (continued)		
(b) Capital Grants		
Recurrent – Commonwealth Government		
Roads to recovery	941	629
Total recurrent capital grants	**941**	**629**
Non-recurrent – Commonwealth Government		
Buildings	–	74
Non-recurrent – State Government		
Buildings	84	213
Drainage	–	159
Heritage and Culture	64	57
Community	123	1,578
Recreation	1,021	355
Plant, Machinery and equipment	8	(36)
Transport	1,258	138
Waste and Environment	254	393
Total non-recurrent capital grants	**2,812**	**2,931**
Total capital grants	**3,753**	**3,560**

(c) Recognition of grant income

Before recognising funding from government grants as revenue the Council assesses whether there is a contract that is enforceable and has sufficiently specific performance obligations in accordance with *AASB 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers*. When both these conditions are satisfied, the Council: – identifies each performance obligation relating to revenue under the contract/agreement – determines the transaction price – recognises a contract liability for its obligations under the agreement – recognises revenue as it satisfies its performance obligations, at the point in time or over time when services are rendered. Where the contract is not enforceable and/or does not have sufficiently specific performance obligations, the Council applies *AASB 1058 Income of Not-for-Profit Entities*.

Grant revenue with sufficiently specific performance obligations is recognised over time as the performance obligations specified in the underlying agreement are met. Where performance obligations are not sufficiently specific, grants are recognised on the earlier of receipt or when an unconditional right to receipt has been established. Grants relating to capital projects are generally recognised progressively as the capital project is completed. The following table provides a summary of the accounting framework under which grants are recognised.

Income recognised under *AASB 1058 Income of Not-for-Profit Entities*		
General purpose	7,329	8,142
Specific purpose grants to acquire non-financial assets	5,103	3,751
Other specific purpose grants	4,414	4,677
	16,846	**16,570**

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Note 3: Funding for the delivery of our services

	2026 $'000	2025 $'000
3.4 Funding from other levels of government (continued)		
(d) Unspent grants received on condition that they be spent in a specific manner		
Operating		
Balance at start of year	2,228	1,917
Received during the financial year and remained unspent at balance date	510	1,038
Received in prior years and spent during the financial year	(832)	(727)
Balance at year end	**1,907**	**2,228**
Capital		
Balance at start of year	3,125	1,833
Received during the financial year and remained unspent at balance date	2,744	1,846
Received in prior years and spent during the financial year	(1,938)	(554)
Balance at year end	**3,931**	**3,125**

Unspent grants are determined and disclosed on a cash basis.

3.5 Contributions		
Monetary	375	502
Non-monetary	28	–
Total contributions	**403**	**502**
Contributions of non monetary assets were received in relation to the following asset classes.		
Other infrastructure	23	–
Other	5	–
Total non-monetary contributions	**28**	**–**

Monetary and non monetary contributions are recognised as income at their fair value when Council obtains control over the contributed asset.

3.6 Net gain/(loss) on disposal of property, infrastructure, plant and equipment		
Proceeds of sale	81	81
Written down value of assets disposed	(209)	(336)
Total net gain/(loss) on disposal of property, infrastructure, plant and equipment	**(128)**	**(255)**

The profit or loss on sale of an asset is determined when control of the asset has passed to the buyer.

3.7 Other income		
Interest	189	117
Other rent	33	30
Other	759	547
Total other income	**980**	**694**

Interest is recognised as it is earned.

Other income is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable and is recognised when Council gains control over the right to receive the income.

Note 4: The cost of delivering services

	2026 $'000	2025 $'000
4.1 (a) Employee costs		
Wages and salaries	12,296	12,405
WorkCover	741	852
Superannuation	1,881	1,796
Fringe benefits tax	94	83
Long Service leave	356	255
Other	259	127
Total employee costs	**15,628**	**15,518**
(b) Superannuation		
Council made contributions to the following funds:		
Defined benefit fund		
Employer contributions to Local Authorities Superannuation Fund (Vision Super)	73	71
	73	**71**
Employer contributions payable at reporting date.	–	–
Accumulation funds		
Employer contributions to Local Authorities Superannuation Fund (Vision Super)	763	640
Employer contributions – other funds	1,044	903
	1,807	**1,543**
Employer contributions payable at reporting date.	–	182

Contributions made exclude amounts accrued at balance date. Refer to note 9.3 for further information relating to Council's superannuation obligations.

4.2 Materials and services		
Contractor – Waste	2,917	2,731
Contractor – Unified	727	722
Contractor – Cleaning	193	163
Contractor – IT	666	618
Contractor – Other	5,369	5,703
Operating lease payments	21	26
Grants and contributions	461	534
Event Support – Energy Breakthrough	604	543
Insurance	897	702
Other materials and services	1,029	1,172
Total materials and services	**12,883**	**12,914**

Expenses are recognised as they are incurred and reported in the financial year to which they relate.

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Note 4: The cost of delivering services

	2026 $'000	2025 $'000
4.3 Depreciation		
Property	2,470	2,373
Plant and equipment	671	714
Fixtures, fittings and furniture	148	194
Infrastructure	5,378	5,222
Total depreciation	**8,667**	**8,503**

Refer to note 5.8 and 6.1 for a more detailed breakdown of depreciation and amortisation charges and accounting policy.

4.4 Depreciation – Right of use assets		
Property	52	42
IT equipment	–	18
Total depreciation – Right of use assets	**52**	**60**

4.5 Allowance for impairment losses		
Other debtors	15	11
Total allowance for impairment losses	**15**	**11**
Movement in allowance for impairment losses in respect of debtors		
Balance at the beginning of the year	(10)	(7)
New allowances recognised during the year	(15)	(11)
Amounts already allowed for and written off as uncollectible	16	8
Balance at end of year	**(10)**	**(10)**

An allowance for impairment losses in respect of debtors is recognised based on an expected credit loss model. This model considers both historic and forward looking information in determining the level of impairment.

4.6 Borrowing costs		
Interest – Borrowings	92	109
Total borrowing costs	**92**	**109**

Borrowing costs are recognised as an expense in the period in which they are incurred, except where they are capitalised as part of a qualifying asset constructed by Council.

4.7 Finance Costs – Leases		
Interest – Lease liabilities	11	11
Total finance costs	**11**	**11**

4.8 Other expenses		
Auditors' remuneration – VAGO – audit of the financial statements, performance statement and grant acquittals	52	56
Auditors' remuneration – Internal Audit	37	18
Councillors' allowances	289	282
Total other expenses	**378**	**356**

Note 5: Investing in and financing our operations

	2026 $'000	2025 $'000
5.1 Financial assets		
(a) Cash and cash equivalents		
Cash on hand	1	1
Cash at bank	8,514	4,796
Total cash and cash equivalents	**8,515**	**4,797**

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, deposits at call, and other highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, net of outstanding bank overdrafts.

Other financial assets are valued at fair value, at balance date. Term deposits are measured at original cost. Any unrealised gains and losses on holdings at balance date are recognised as either a revenue or expense.

Other financial assets include term deposits and those with original maturity dates of three to 12 months are classified as current, whilst term deposits with maturity dates greater than 12 months are classified as non-current.

(b) Trade and other receivables		
Current		
Statutory receivables		
Rates debtors	2,929	2,769
Infringement debtors	28	23
Non statutory receivables		
Employee related debtors	–	5
Families and childcare	167	89
Other debtors	1,149	507
Allowance for expected credit loss – other debtors	(10)	(10)
Total current trade and other receivables	**4,264**	**3,383**
Total trade and other receivables	**4,264**	**3,383**

Short term receivables are carried at invoice amount. An allowance for expected credit losses is recognised based on past experience and other objective evidence of expected losses. Long term receivables are carried at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method.

(c) Ageing of Receivables		
The ageing of the Council's trade and other receivables (excluding statutory receivables) that are not impaired was:		
Current (not yet due)	1,001	298
Past due by up to 30 days	212	174
Past due between 31 and 180 days	92	142
Total trade and other receivables	**1,306**	**614**

(d) Ageing of individually impaired Receivables

At balance date, other debtors representing financial assets with a nominal value of $10,000 (2025: $10,000) were impaired. The amount of the allowance raised against these debtors was $10,000 (2025: $10,000). They individually have been impaired as a result of their doubtful collection. Many of the long outstanding past due amounts have been lodged with Council's debt collectors or are on payment arrangements.

The ageing of receivables that have been individually determined as impaired at reporting date was:

Past due by more than 1 year	(10)	(10)
Total trade & other receivables	**(10)**	**(10)**

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Note 5: Investing in and financing our operations

	2026 $'000	2025 $'000
5.2 Non-financial assets		
(a) Inventories		
Inventories held for distribution	18	23
Total inventories	**18**	**23**

Inventories held for distribution are measured at cost, adjusted when applicable for any loss of service potential. All other inventories, including land held for sale, are measured at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Where inventories are acquired for no cost or nominal consideration, they are measured at current replacement cost at the date of acquisition.

(b) Other assets		
Prepayments	349	136
Accrued Income	131	18
Other	450	450
Total other assets	**930**	**604**
5.3 Payables, trust funds and deposits, and contract and other liabilities		
(a) Trade and other payables		
Current		
Non-statutory payables		
Trade payables	2,581	2,582
Accrued expenses	533	568
Accrued interest	4	2
Total current trade and other payables	**3,118**	**3,152**
(b) Trust funds and deposits		
Current		
Refundable deposits	126	68
Emergency Services and Volunteers Fund	643	509
Retention amounts	75	226
Total current trust funds and deposits	**844**	**803**
(c) Contract and other liabilities		
Contract liabilities		
Current		
Grants received in advance – operating	1,907	2,228
Grants received in advance – capital	3,931	3,125
Other	279	210
Total contract liabilities	**6,117**	**5,563**
Total contract and other liabilities	**6,117**	**5,563**

Note 5: Investing in and financing our operations

	2026 $'000	2025 $'000

5.3 Payables, trust funds and deposits, and contract and other liabilities (continued)

Trust funds and deposits

Amounts received as deposits and retention amounts controlled by Council are recognised as trust funds until they are returned, transferred in accordance with the purpose of the receipt, or forfeited. Trust funds that are forfeited, resulting in council gaining control of the funds, are to be recognised as revenue at the time of forfeit.

Contract liabilities

Contract liabilities reflect consideration received in advance from customers in respect of grant funded projects. Contract liabilities are derecognised and recorded as revenue when promised goods and services are transferred to the customer. Refer to Note 3.

Purpose and nature of items

Emergency Services and Volunteers Fund – Council is the collection agent for the Emergency Services and Volunteers Fund on behalf of the State Government. Council remits amounts received on a quarterly basis. Amounts disclosed here will be remitted to the State Government in line with that process.

Retention Amounts – Council has a contractual right to retain certain amounts until a contractor has met certain requirements or a related warrant or defect period has elapsed. Subject to the satisfactory completion of the contractual obligations, or the elapsing of time, these amounts will be paid to the relevant contractor in line with Council's contractual obligations.

5.4 Interest-bearing liabilities		
Current		
Other borrowings – secured	–	2,089
Total current interest-bearing liabilities	**–**	**2,089**
Non-current		
Treasury Corporation of Victoria borrowings – secured	1,989	–
Total non-current interest-bearing liabilities	**1,989**	**–**
Total	**1,989**	**2,089**
(a) The maturity profile for Council's borrowings is:		
Not later than one year	–	2,089
Later than one year and not later than five years	1,989	–
Total	**1,989**	**2,089**

Borrowings are initially measured at fair value, being the cost of the interest bearing liabilities, net of transaction costs. The measurement basis subsequent to initial recognition depends on whether the Council has categorised its interest-bearing liabilities as either financial liabilities designated at fair value through the profit and loss, or financial liabilities at amortised cost. Any difference between the initial recognised amount and the redemption value is recognised in net result over the period of the borrowing using the effective interest method. The classification depends on the nature and purpose of the interest bearing liabilities. The Council determines the classification of its interest bearing liabilities based on contractual repayment terms at every balance date.

In classifying borrowings as current or non-current Council considers whether at balance date it has the right to defer settlement of the liability for at least twelve months after the reporting period. Council's loan arrangements include covenants based on Council's financial performance and position at the end of the reporting period. These covenants are assessed for compliance after the reporting period based on specified financial ratios.

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Note 5: Investing in and financing our operations

5.5 Provisions

2026	Employee $ '000	Gravel Pit Rehabilitation $ '000	Total $ '000
Balance at beginning of the financial year	3,439	50	**3,489**
Additional provisions	1,212	–	**1,212**
Amounts used	(1,343)	–	**(1,343)**
Change in the discounted amount arising because of time and the effect of any change in the discount rate	–	21	**21**
Balance at the end of the financial year	**3,307**	**71**	**3,379**
Provisions – current	3,003	–	**3,003**
Provisions – non-current	305	71	**376**
2025			
Balance at beginning of the financial year	3,426	62	**3,488**
Additional provisions	1,621	–	**1,621**
Amounts used	(1,608)	–	**(1,608)**
Change in the discounted amount arising because of time and the effect of any change in the discount rate	–	(12)	**(12)**
Balance at the end of the financial year	**3,439**	**50**	**3,489**
Provisions – current	3,130	–	**3,130**
Provisions – non-current	309	50	**359**

(a) Employee provisions	**2026 $'000**	**2025 $'000**
Current provisions expected to be wholly settled within 12 months		
Annual leave	935	931
Long service leave	280	284
	1,215	**1,215**
Current provisions expected to be wholly settled after 12 months		
Annual leave	259	285
Long service leave	1,528	1,630
	1,787	**1,915**
Total current employee provisions	**3,003**	**3,130**
Non-current		
Long service leave	305	309
Total non-current employee provisions	**305**	**309**
Aggregate carrying amount of employee provisions:		
Current	3,003	3,130
Non-current	305	309
Total aggregate carrying amount of employee provisions	**3,307**	**3,439**

The calculation of employee costs and benefits includes all relevant on-costs and are calculated as follows at reporting date.

Note 5: Investing in and financing our operations

5.5 Provisions (continued)

Annual leave
A liability for annual leave is recognised in the provision for employee benefits as a current liability because the Council does not have an unconditional right to defer settlement of the liability. Liabilities for annual leave are measured at:
- nominal value if the Council expects to wholly settle the liability within 12 months
- present value if the Council does not expect to wholly settle within 12 months.

Liabilities that are not expected to be wholly settled within 12 months of the reporting date are recognised in the provision for employee benefits as current liabilities, measured at the present value of the amounts expected to be paid when the liabilities are settled using the remuneration rate expected to apply at the time of settlement.

Long service leave
Liability for long service leave (LSL) is recognised in the provision for employee benefits. Unconditional LSL is disclosed as a current liability as the Council does not have an unconditional right to defer settlement. Unconditional LSL is measured at nominal value if expected to be settled within 12 months or at present value if not expected to be settled within 12 months. Conditional LSL that has been accrued, where an employee is yet to reach a qualifying term of employment, is disclosed as a non-current liability and measured at present value.

Key assumptions:

– discount rate	4.736%	4.203%
– index rate	4.150%	4.250%

(b) Gravel Pit Rehabilitation

	2026 $'000	**2025 $'000**
Current	–	–
Non-current	71	50
Total	**71**	**50**

Council is obligated to restore Gravel Pit sites to a particular standard. The forecast life of the site is based on current estimates of remaining capacity. The provision for gravel pit restoration has been calculated based on the present value of the expected cost of works to be undertaken. The expected cost of works has been estimated based on current understanding of work required to reinstate the site to a suitable standard. Accordingly, the estimation of the provision required is dependent on the accuracy of the forecast timing of the work, work required and related costs.

Council reviews the gravel pit restoration provision on an annual basis, including the key assumptions listed below.

Key assumptions:

– discount rate	4.831%	1.400%
– index rate	4.600%	2.400%

5.6 Financing arrangements

The Council has the following funding arrangements in place as at 30 June 2026.

Credit card facilities	50	50
Bank Guarantees	600	600
Treasury Corporation of Victoria facilities	1,989	–
Borrowings	–	2,089
Total facilities	**2,639**	**2,739**
Used facilities	2,560	2,660
Unused facilities	**80**	**80**

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Note 5: Investing in and financing our operations

5.7 Commitments

The Council has entered into the following commitments. Commitments are not recognised in the Balance Sheet. Commitments are disclosed at their nominal value and presented inclusive of the GST payable.

(a) Commitments for expenditure

2026	Not later than 1 year	Later than 1 year and not later than 2 years	Later than 2 years and not later than 5 years	Total
Operating	**$'000**	**$'000**	**$'000**	**$'000**
Internal Audit services	45	15	–	**61**
IT Backup	42	–	–	**42**
Management of council facilities	771	338	530	**1,639**
Public Lighting	214	–	–	**214**
Roadside Management	204	102	102	**407**
Transfer Station operation	1,251	–	–	**1,251**
Waste collection	2,145	2,145	4,291	**8,581**
Total	**4,671**	**2,600**	**4,923**	**12,194**
Capital				
Land Improvement	3,085	–	–	**3,085**
Road	801	–	–	**801**
Software	–	111	222	**333**
Total	**3,885**	**111**	**222**	**4,219**

2025	Not later than 1 year	Later than 1 year and not later than 2 years	Later than 2 years and not later than 5 years	Total
Operating	**$'000**	**$'000**	**$'000**	**$'000**
Waste Collection	2,145	2,145	4,291	**8,581**
Transfer station operation	1,251	–	–	**1,251**
Management of council facilities	724	–	–	**724**
IT backup	42	–	–	**42**
Internal Audit services	45	15	–	**60**
Consultancies	3	–	–	**3**
Total	**4,210**	**2,160**	**4,291**	**10,661**
Capital				
Road	1,277	–	–	**1,277**
Buildings	362	–	–	**362**
Computers and telecommunications	59	–	–	**59**
Land improvements	434	–	–	**434**
Total	**2,132**	**–**	**–**	**2,132**

Note 5: Investing in and financing our operations

5.8 Leases

At inception of a contract, Council assesses whether a contract is, or contains, a lease. A contract is, or contains, a lease if the contract conveys the right to control the use of an identified asset for a period of time in exchange for consideration. To identify whether a contract conveys the right to control the use of an identified asset, it is necessary to assess whether:
- The contract involves the use of an identified asset;
- Council has the right to obtain substantially all of the economic benefits from use of the asset throughout the period of use; and
- Council has the right to direct the use of the asset.

This policy is applied to contracts entered into, or changed, on or after 1 July 2019.

As a lessee, Council recognises a right-of-use asset and a lease liability at the lease commencement date. The right-of-use asset is initially measured at cost which comprises the initial amount of the lease liability adjusted for:
- any lease payments made at or before the commencement date less any lease incentives received; plus
- any initial direct costs incurred; and
- an estimate of costs to dismantle and remove the underlying asset or to restore the underlying asset or the site on which it is located.

The right-of-use asset is subsequently depreciated using the straight-line method from the commencement date to the earlier of the end of the useful life of the right-of-use asset or the end of the lease term. The estimated useful lives of right-of-use assets are determined on the same basis as those of property, plant and equipment. In addition, the right-of-use asset is periodically reduced by impairment losses, if any, and adjusted for certain measurements of the lease liability.

The lease liability is initially measured at the present value of the lease payments that are not paid at the commencement date, discounted using the interest rate implicit in the lease or, if that rate cannot be readily determined, an appropriate incremental borrowing rate. Generally, Council uses an appropriate incremental borrowing rate as the discount rate.

Lease payments included in the measurement of the lease liability comprise the following:
- Fixed payments
- Variable lease payments that depend on an index or a rate, initially measured using the index or rate as at the commencement date;
- Amounts expected to be payable under a residual value guarantee; and
- The exercise price under a purchase option that Council is reasonably certain to exercise, lease payments in an optional renewal period if Council is reasonably certain to exercise an extension option, and penalties for early termination of a lease unless Council is reasonably certain not to terminate early.

When the lease liability is remeasured in this way, a corresponding adjustment is made to the carrying amount of the right-of-use asset, or is recorded in profit or loss if the carrying amount of the right-of-use asset has been reduced to zero.

Under *AASB 16 Leases*, Council as a not-for-profit entity has elected not to measure right-of-use assets at initial recognition at fair value in respect of leases that have significantly below-market terms and conditions principally to enable Council to further its objectives.

Council is the lessee in a number of lease arrangements and has elected to measure any eligible peppercorn lease right-of-use assets at cost rather than fair value, as permitted under *AASB 16 Leases*.

Council is also the lessor in a small number of immaterial peppercorn lease arrangements where Council-owned land and buildings are made available to community groups at nominal consideration in support of community outcomes.

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Note 5: Investing in and financing our operations

5.8 Leases (continued)

Right-of-Use Assets	**Property $'000**	**Total $'000**
Balance at 1 July 2025	252	294
Additions	28	–
Depreciation charge	(52)	(42)
Balance at 30 June 2026	**228**	**252**

Lease Liabilities	**2026**	**2025**
Maturity analysis – contractual undiscounted cash flows	**$'000**	**$'000**
Less than one year	60	60
One to five years	188	202
Total undiscounted lease liabilities as at 30 June:	**248**	**262**
Lease liabilities included in the Balance Sheet at 30 June:		
Current	52	55
Non-current	173	194
Total lease liabilities	**225**	**249**

Short-term and low value leases

Council has elected not to recognise right-of-use assets and lease liabilities for short-term leases of machinery that have a lease term of 12 months or less and leases of low-value assets (individual assets worth less than existing capitalisation thresholds for a like asset up to a maximum of AUD$10,000), including IT equipment. Council recognises the lease payments associated with these leases as an expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

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Note 6: Assets we manage

6.1 Property, infrastructure, plant and equipment

Summary of property, infrastructure, plant and equipment

	Carrying amount 30 June 2025 $'000	Additions $'000	Contributions $'000	Revaluation $'000	Depreciation $'000	Disposal $'000	Write-off $'000	Transfers $'000	Carrying amount 30 June 2026 $'000
Property	25,182	–	–	(389)	–	–	–	–	**24,793**
Buildings	56,738	–	–	1,978	(2,470)	(57)	–	484	**56,674**
Plant and equipment	4,682	8	–	86	(819)	(31)	–	190	**4,115**
Infrastructure	337,135	–	23	27,992	(5,378)	(122)	–	1,546	**361,197**
Work in progress	13,065	6,322	–	–	–	–	–	(2,220)	**17,167**
Total	**436,802**	**6,330**	**23**	**29,667**	**(8,667)**	**(209)**	**–**	**–**	**463,946**

Summary of Work in Progress	Opening WIP $'000	Additions $'000	Write-off $'000	Transfers $'000	Closing WIP $'000
Land Improvement	5,705	1,521	–	(98)	**7,128**
Buildings	3,920	747	–	(419)	**4,248**
Plant and equipment	349	256	–	(186)	**420**
Infrastructure	3,091	3,797	–	(1,517)	**5,370**
Total	**13,065**	**6,322**	**–**	**(2,220)**	**17,167**

Note 6: Assets we manage

6.1 Property, infrastructure, plant and equipment (continued)

(a) Property

	Land – specialised $'000	Land – non specialised $'000	Total Land & Land Improvements $'000	Buildings – specialised $'000	Total Buildings $'000	Work In Progress $'000	Total Property $'000
At fair value 1 July 2025	683	24,499	25,182	127,849	127,849	9,625	**162,656**
Accumulated depreciation at 1 July 2025	–	–	–	(71,111)	(71,111)	–	**(71,111)**
	683	**24,499**	**25,182**	**56,738**	**56,738**	**9,625**	**91,545**
Movements in fair value							
Additions	–	–	–	–	–	–	**–**
Contributions	–	–	–	–	–	–	**–**
Revaluation	–	–	–	5,321	5,321	–	**5,321**
Disposal	–	–	–	(198)	(198)	–	**(198)**
Write-off	–	–	–	–	–	–	**–**
Transfers	–	–	–	484	484	1,752	**2,236**
	–	**–**	**–**	**5,608**	**5,608**	**1,752**	**7,360**
Movements in accumulated depreciation							
Depreciation and amortisation	–	–	–	(2,470)	(2,470)	–	**(2,470)**
Accumulated depreciation of disposals	–	–	–	141	141	–	**141**
Revaluation movement	(14)	(375)	(389)	(3,343)	(3,343)	–	**(3,732)**
Transfers	–	–	–	–	–	–	**–**
	(14)	**(375)**	**(389)**	**(5,672)**	**(5,672)**	**–**	**(6,061)**
At fair value 30 June 2026	683	24,499	25,182	133,457	133,457	11,377	**170,016**
Accumulated depreciation at 30 June 2026	(14)	(375)	(389)	(76,783)	(76,783)	–	**(77,172)**
Carrying amount	**670**	**24,123**	**24,793**	**56,674**	**56,674**	**11,377**	**92,844**

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Note 6: Assets we manage

6.1 Property, infrastructure, plant and equipment (continued)

(b) Plant and Equipment

	Plant machinery and equipment $'000	Fixtures fittings and furniture $'000	Mayoral Chain $'000	Artwork Collection $'000	Library books $'000	Work In Progress $'000	Total plant and equipment $'000
At cost 1 July 2025	8,012	1,918	100	671	379	349	**11,429**
Accumulated depreciation at 1 July 2025	(4,801)	(1,597)	–	–	–	–	**(6,398)**
	3,211	**321**	**100**	**671**	**379**	**349**	**5,031**
Movements in fair value							
Additions	–	–	–	8	–	–	**8**
Contributions	–	–	–	–	–	–	**–**
Revaluation	–	–	111	–	(25)	–	**86**
Disposal	(194)	–	–	–	–	–	**(194)**
Write-off	–	–	–	–	–	–	**–**
Transfers	–	190	–	–	–	71	**260**
Impairment losses recognised in operating result	–	–	–	–	–	–	**–**
	(194)	**190**	**111**	**8**	**(25)**	**71**	**159**
Movements in accumulated depreciation							
Depreciation and amortisation	(671)	(148)	–	–	–	–	**(819)**
Accumulated depreciation of disposals	164	–	–	–	–	–	**164**
Impairment losses recognised in operating result	–	–	–	–	–	–	**–**
Transfers	–	–	–	–	–	–	**–**
	(507)	**(148)**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**(656)**
At cost 30 June 2026	7,818	2,108	211	679	354	420	**11,588**
Accumulated depreciation at 30 June 2026	(5,308)	(1,745)	–	–	–	–	**(7,054)**
Carrying amount	**2,509**	**362**	**211**	**679**	**354**	**420**	**4,534**

Note 6: Assets we manage

6.1 Property, infrastructure, plant and equipment (continued)

(c) Infrastructure

	Roads $'000	Bridges $'000	Footpaths and cycleways $'000	Drainage $'000	Kerb & Channel $'000	Minor Culvert $'000	Other Infrastructure $'000	Work In Progress $'000	Total Infrastructure $'000
At fair value 1 July 2025	291,730	53,938	17,192	44,315	15,561	18,007	2,671	3,091	**446,505**
Accumulated depreciation at 1 July 2025	(58,815)	(14,549)	(6,971)	(12,744)	(5,300)	(6,972)	(928)	–	**(106,279)**
	232,915	**39,389**	**10,221**	**31,571**	**10,261**	**11,035**	**1,743**	**3,091**	**340,226**
Movements in fair value									
Additions	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	**–**
Contributions	–	–	16	–	7	–	–	–	**23**
Revaluation	25,328	4,745	1,527	3,905	1,338	1,565	232	–	**38,640**
Disposal	(181)	–	–	–	(31)	–	–	–	**(212)**
Write-off	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	**–**
Transfers	1,383	–	–	–	134	–	29	2,279	**3,825**
	26,530	**4,745**	**1,543**	**3,905**	**1,448**	**1,565**	**260**	**2,279**	**42,276**
Movements in accumulated depreciation									
Depreciation and amortisation	(3,594)	(566)	(312)	(464)	(201)	(181)	(58)	–	**(5,377)**
Accumulated depreciation of disposals	75	–	–	–	16	–	–	–	**91**
Revaluation movement	(5,997)	(1,461)	(689)	(1,273)	(492)	(647)	(89)	–	**(10,647)**
Transfers	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	**–**
	(9,516)	**(2,027)**	**(1,000)**	**(1,737)**	**(678)**	**(828)**	**(148)**	**–**	**(15,934)**
At fair value 30 June 2026	318,260	58,683	18,735	48,220	17,009	19,572	2,931	5,370	**488,781**
Accumulated depreciation at 30 June 2026	(68,331)	(16,576)	(7,971)	(14,481)	(5,978)	(7,800)	(1,076)	–	**(122,213)**
Carrying amount	**249,929**	**42,108**	**10,763**	**33,738**	**11,031**	**11,771**	**1,856**	**5,370**	**366,568**

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Note 6: Assets we manage

6.1 Property, infrastructure, plant and equipment (continued)

Acquisition
Initial measurement Council initially measures its property, infrastructure, plant and equipment assets at cost. The cost of an acquired asset is the fair value of the consideration that Council has provided at the date of acquisition plus any incidental costs attributable to the acquisition. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset (or paid to transfer a liability) in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. Refer to Note 8.4 for more information on how Council measures fair value.

Where assets are constructed by Council, cost includes all materials used in construction, direct labour, borrowing costs incurred during construction, and an appropriate share of directly attributable variable and fixed overheads.

In accordance with Council's policy, the threshold limits have applied when recognising assets within an applicable asset class and unless otherwise stated are consistent with the prior year.

	Depreciation Period	Threshold Limit
Asset recognition thresholds and depreciation periods		$'000
Land & land improvements		
land improvements	50 – 100 years	2
Buildings		
buildings	50 – 100 years	5
building and leasehold improvements	50 – 100 years	2
Plant and Equipment		
fixture, fittings and furniture	2 – 20 years	2
plant, machinery and equipment	2 – 40 years	2
others	2 – 10 years	2
Infrastructure		
roads – pavements and substructure	15 – 60 years	20
roads – kerb, channel and minor culverts and other	20 – 100 years	5
bridges and major culverts	70 – 100 years	20
footpaths and cycleways	18 – 50 years	5
drainage	20 – 100 years	5
minor culverts	100 years	5
monuments	200 years	2
waste water assets	60 years	10
traffic control facilities	10 – 50 years	5

Note 6: Assets we manage

6.1 Property, infrastructure, plant and equipment (continued)

Land under roads
Council recognises land under roads it controls at fair value.

Depreciation and amortisation
Buildings, land improvements, plant and equipment, infrastructure, and other assets having limited useful lives are systematically depreciated over their useful lives to the Council in a manner which reflects consumption of the service potential embodied in those assets. Estimates of remaining useful lives and residual values are made on a regular basis with major asset classes reassessed annually. Depreciation rates and methods are reviewed annually.

Where assets have separate identifiable components that are subject to regular replacement, these components are assigned distinct useful lives and residual values and a separate depreciation rate is determined for each component.

Road earthworks are not depreciated on the basis that they are assessed as not having a limited useful life.

Straight line depreciation is charged based on the residual useful life as determined each year.

Depreciation periods used are listed above and are consistent with the prior year unless otherwise stated.

Repairs and maintenance
Where the repair relates to the replacement of a component of an asset and the cost exceeds the capitalisation threshold the cost is capitalised and depreciated. The carrying value of the replaced asset is expensed.

Leasehold improvements
Leasehold improvements are recognised at cost and are amortised over the unexpired period of the lease or the estimated useful life of the improvement, whichever is the shorter. At balance date, leasehold improvements are amortised over a 10 year period.

Valuation of land and buildings
Valuation of land and buildings were undertaken by using Valuer-General Victoria Vacant Land Indexation Factors June 2026 and Australian Bureau of Statistics 6427.0 Producer Price Indexes, Australia Table 17, Index Number 3020, "Non-residential building construction, Victoria" for the Financial Year 2025–2026. The valuation of land and buildings is at fair value, being market value based on highest and best use permitted by relevant land planning provisions. Where land use is restricted through existing planning provisions the valuation is reduced to reflect this limitation. This adjustment is an unobservable input in the valuation. The adjustment has no impact on the comprehensive income statement.

Specialised land is valued at fair value using site values adjusted for englobo (undeveloped and/or unserviced) characteristics, access rights and private interests of other parties and entitlements of infrastructure assets and services. This adjustment is an unobservable input in the valuation. The adjustment has no impact on the comprehensive income statement.

Any significant movements in the unobservable inputs for land and land under roads will have a significant impact on the fair value of these assets.

The date and type of the current valuation is detailed in the following table. An indexed based revaluation was conducted in the current year, this valuation was based on Valuer-General Victoria Vacant Land Indexation Factors June 2026 and Australian Bureau of Statistics 6427.0 Producer Price Indexes, Australia Table 17, Index Number 3020, "Non-residential building construction, Victoria" for the Financial Year 2025–2026, a full revaluation of these assets will be conducted in 2026–2027.

Details of the Council's land and buildings and information about the fair value hierarchy as at 30 June 2026 are as follows:

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Date of Valuation	Type of Valuation
Land	–	–	24,123	Jun-26	Index
Specialised land	–	–	670	Jun-26	Index
Buildings	–	–	56,674	Jun-26	Index
Total	**–**	**–**	**81,467**		

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Note 6: Assets we manage

6.1 Property, infrastructure, plant and equipment (continued)

Valuation of infrastructure

Valuation of infrastructure were undertaken by using Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) price indices table 6427.0 Producer Price Indexes, Australia Table 17, Index Number 3101, "Road and Bridge Construction Victoria".

The date and type of the current valuation is detailed in the following table. An index based revaluation was conducted in the current year, this valuation was based on Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) price indices table 6427.0 Producer Price Indexes, Australia Table 17, Index Number 3101, "Road and Bridge Construction Victoria", a full revaluation of these assets will be conducted in 2026–2027. The most recent previous full revaluation of these classes of infrastructure assets was determined in accordance with a qualified independent valuer from Shepherd Services Pty Ltd – Steven Forbes – General Manager Asset Services and Patrick McGuire – Asset Management and GIS Specialist in July 2022.

The valuation is at fair value based on current replacement cost less accumulated depreciation as at the date of valuation.

Details of the Council's infrastructure and information about the fair value hierarchy as at 30 June 2026 are as follows:

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Date of Valuation	Type of Valuation
Roads	–	–	249,929	Jun-26	Index
Bridges	–	–	42,108	Jun-26	Index
Footpaths and cycleways	–	–	10,764	Jun-26	Index
Drainage	–	–	33,738	Jun-26	Index
Kerb & channel	–	–	11,031	Jun-26	Index
Minor culverts	–	–	11,772	Jun-26	Index
Other infrastructure	–	–	1,856	Jun-26	Index
Total	**–**	**–**	**361,197**		

Description of significant unobservable inputs into level 3 valuations

Specialised land and land under roads is valued using a market based direct comparison technique. Significant unobservable inputs include the extent and impact of restriction of use and the market cost of land per square metre. The extent and impact of restrictions on use varies and results in a reduction to surrounding land values between 5% and 95%. The market value of land varies significantly depending on the location of the land and the current market conditions. Currently land values range between $185 and $375 per square metre.

Specialised buildings are valued using a current replacement cost technique. Significant unobservable inputs include the current replacement cost and remaining useful lives of buildings. Current replacement costs are calculated on a square metre basis and ranges from $375 to $5,896 per square metre. The remaining useful lives of buildings are determined on the basis of the current condition of buildings and vary from 1 years to 80 years. Replacement cost is sensitive to changes in market conditions, with any increase or decrease in cost flowing through to the valuation. Useful lives of buildings are sensitive to changes in expectations or requirements that could either shorten or extend the useful lives of buildings.

Infrastructure assets are valued based on the current replacement cost. Significant unobservable inputs include the current replacement cost and remaining useful lives of infrastructure. The remaining useful lives of infrastructure assets are determined on the basis of the current condition of the asset and vary from 2 years to 100 years. Replacement cost is sensitive to changes in market conditions, with any increase or decrease in cost flowing through to the valuation. Useful lives of infrastructure are sensitive to changes in use, expectations or requirements that could either shorten or extend the useful lives of infrastructure assets.

Reconciliation of specialised land	**2026 $'000**	**2025 $'000**
Land under roads	670	683
Total specialised land	**670**	**683**

Note 6: Assets we manage

6.2 Investments in associates, joint arrangements and subsidiaries

(a) Community Asset Committee

All entities controlled by Council that have material income, expenses, assets or liabilities, such as community asset committees, have been included in this financial report. Any transactions between these entities and Council have been eliminated in full.

The below is a listing of relevant community asset committees.

a) Adelaide Lead Hall
b) Daisy Hill Community Centre
c) Dunolly Historic Precinct Management
d) Talbot Community Homes
e) Talbot Town Hall
f) Tullaroop Leisure Centre

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Note 7: People and relationships

7.1 Council and key management remuneration

(a) Related Parties

Parent entity
Central Goldfields Shire Council is the parent entity.

Subsidiaries and Associates
As at 30 June 2026, Council does not have any interests in any subsidiaries and/or associates.

(b) Key Management Personnel
Key management personnel (KMP) are those people with the authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of Central Goldfields Shire Council. The Councillors, Chief Executive Officer and Directors are deemed KMP.

Details of KMP at any time during the year are:

	2026	2025
Councillors	**No.**	**No.**
Councillor Grace La Vella (to 25 October 2024) (from 19 November 2025)	1	1
Mayor – Grace La Vella Mayor (from 13 November 2024 to 19 November 2025)	1	1
Deputy Mayor – Ben Green (from 13 November 2024 to 19 November 2025)	1	1
Mayor – Ben Green (from 19 November 2025)	1	–
Councillor Geoff Bartlett (from 13 November 2024)	1	1
Councillor Anna de Villiers (from 13 November 2024 to 19 November 2025)	1	1
Deputy Mayor – Anna de Villiers (from 19 November 2025)	1	–
Councillor Liesbeth Long (from 13 November 2024)	1	1
Mayor – Liesbeth Long (to 25 October 2024)	–	1
Councillor Geoff Lovett (to 25 October 2024)	–	1
Councillor Chris Meddows-Taylor (to 25 October 2024)	–	1
Councillor Jake Meyer (from 13 November 2024)	1	1
Councillor Gerard Murphy (from 13 November 2024)	1	1
Councillor Wayne Sproull (to 25 October 2024)	–	1
Chief Executive Officer – Lucy Roffey (to 21 August 2024)	–	1
Chief Executive Officer (Interim) – Sally Jones (from 2 June 2024 to 30 June 2025)	–	1
Chief Executive Officer – Peter Harriott (from 1st July 2025)	1	–
Director Community Wellbeing – Emma Little	1	1
Director Corporate Services – Mick Smith (to 14 March 2025)	–	1
Director Corporate Services – Philippa Spurling (Acting) (from 29 July 2024 to 20 September 2024)	–	1
Director Corporate Services (Acting) – Veronica Hutcheson (from 2 February to 22 April 2025)	–	1
Director Corporate Services (Acting) – Anthony Smith (from 26 April 2025 to 30 June 2025)	–	1
Director Corporate Services (Acting) – Shane Marr (from 1 July 2025 to 19 October 2025)	1	–
Director Corporate Services – Liam Routledge (from 20 October 2025)	1	–
Director Assets & Planning – Amber Donegan (from 26 June 2024)	1	1
Total Number of Councillors	**7**	**12**
Total of Chief Executive Officer and other Key Management Personnel	**4**	**8**
Total Number of Key Management Personnel	**11**	**20**

Note 7: People and relationships

7.1 Council and key management remuneration (continued)

(c) Remuneration of Key Management Personnel
Remuneration comprises employee benefits including all forms of consideration paid, payable or provided by Council, or on behalf of the Council, in exchange for services rendered. Remuneration of Key Management Personnel and Other senior staff is disclosed in the following categories.

Short-term employee benefits include amounts such as wages, salaries, annual leave or sick leave that are usually paid or payable on a regular basis, as well as non-monetary benefits such as allowances and free or subsidised goods or services.

Other long-term employee benefits include long service leave, other long service benefits or deferred compensation.

Post-employment benefits include pensions, and other retirement benefits paid or payable on a discrete basis when employment has ceased.

Termination benefits include termination of employment payments, such as severance packages.

	2026	2025
	$'000	**$'000**
Total remuneration of key management personnel was as follows:		
Short-term employee benefits	1,079	1,242
Post-employment benefits	86	104
Total	**1,165**	**1,346**

The numbers of key management personnel whose total remuneration from Council and any related entities, fall within the following bands:

	2026	2025
	No.	**No.**
$1,000 – $9,999	–	4
$10,000 – $19,999	–	2
$20,000 – $29,999	4	5
$30,000 – $39,999	1	1
$40,000 – $49,999	1	1
$60,000 – $69,999	–	2
$70,000 – $79,999	1	
$100,000 – $109,999	–	1
$180,000 – $189,999	1	–
$200,000 – $209,999	2	3
$260,000 – $269,999	–	1
$290,000 – $299,999	1	–
Total	**11**	**20**

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Note 7: People and relationships

7.1 Council and key management remuneration (continued)

(d) Remuneration of other senior staff
Other senior staff are officers of Council, other than Key Management Personnel, whose total remuneration exceeds $170,000 and who report directly to a member of the KMP.

	2026	2025
Total remuneration of other senior staff was as follows:	$'000	$'000
Short-term employee benefits	786	159
Post-employment benefits	94	18
Total	**880**	**177**

The number of other senior staff are shown below in their relevant income bands:

	2026	2025
Income Range:	No.	No.
$170,000 – $179,999	4	1
$180,000 – $189,999	1	–
Total	**5**	**1**

	$'000	$'000
Total remuneration for the reporting year for other senior staff included above, amounted to:	880	177

Note 7: People and relationships

7.2 Related party disclosure

(a) Transactions with related parties

During the period Council entered into the following transactions with related parties.	2026 $'000	2025 $'000
Purchase of Goods and Services under normal trading terms – Payments to Central Victorian Greenhouse Alliance (Councillor Liesbeth Long is a board member and Chair)	21	10
Purchase of Goods and Services under normal trading terms – Payments to Coliban Water (Former CEO Lucy Roffey is a Board Director)	–	12
Purchase of Goods and Services under normal trading terms – Payments to Unified Community Sports and Leisure (Councillor Gerard Murphy is a Director)	831	801
Purchase of Goods and Services under normal trading terms – Payments to Adventure Zone Inflatables Kids Entertainment (Councillor Jake Meyer is the owner)	–	1
Purchase of Goods and Services under normal trading terms – Payments to Destination Central Victoria (Director Community Wellbeing Emma Little is a board member)	39	–
Purchase of Goods and Services under normal trading terms – Payments to Bowenvale Hall Committee (Councillor Liesbeth Long is a committee member)	1	–
Purchase of Goods and Services under normal trading terms – Payments to Central Goldfields Bushwalking and Hiking Club (Councillor Liesbeth Long is a president)	2	–
Purchase of Goods and Services under normal trading terms – Payments to Bull & Mouth Hotel (Councillor Gerard Murphy is a creditor)	3	–
Purchase of Goods and Services under normal trading terms – Payments to Local Government Finance Professionals (Director Liam Routledge is an executive member)	5	–
Purchase of Goods and Services under normal trading terms – Payments to Parkview Bakery (Councillor Geoff Bartlett is a creditor)	11	–
Sale of Services under normal trading terms – Sales to Parkview Bakery (Councillor Geoff Bartlett is a creditor)	0	–

(b) Outstanding balances with related parties
There were no balances outstanding at the end of the reporting period in relation to transactions with related parties.

(c) Loans to/from related parties
There were no loans to/from related parties during the 2025–2026 financial year.

(d) Commitments to/from related parties
Payments to Unified Community Sports and Leisure (Councillor Gerard Murphy is a Director)

A contract with Unified Community Sports and Leisure has been extended to June 2029	2282	724

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Note 8: Managing uncertainties

8.1 Contingent assets and liabilities

Contingent assets and contingent liabilities are not recognised in the Balance Sheet, but are disclosed and if quantifiable, are measured at nominal value. Contingent assets and liabilities are presented inclusive of GST receivable or payable, respectively.

(a) Contingent assets
Council is not aware of any contingent assets as at 30 June 2026. Open space contributions and developer-contributed assets, including footpaths and kerb and channel infrastructure, received during the year have been recognised in the financial statements and therefore do not meet the definition of contingent assets.

(b) Contingent liabilities
Contingent liabilities are:
- possible obligations that arise from past events, whose existence will be confirmed only by the occurrence or non-occurrence of one or more uncertain future events not wholly within the control of the Council; or
- present obligations that arise from past events but are not recognised because:
- it is not probable that an outflow of resources embodying economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation; or
- the amount of the obligation cannot be measured with sufficient reliability. Council is not aware of any contingent liabilities as at 30 Jun 2026.

Superannuation
Council has obligations under a defined benefit superannuation scheme that may result in the need to make additional contributions to the scheme, matters relating to this potential obligation are outlined below. As a result of the volatility in financial markets the likelihood of making such contributions in future periods exists.

Future superannuation contributions
In addition to the disclosed contributions, Central Goldfields Shire Council has paid unfunded liability payments to Vision Super totalling $73,000 ($71,000 in 2024–2025 financial year). There were no contributions outstanding and no loans issued from or to the above schemes as at June 30, 2026. The expected contributions to be paid to the Defined Benefits category of Vision Super for the year ending 30 June 2027 is $72,000.

Landfill
Council owns a non-operational landfill which is located behind Carisbrook Transfer Station. This matter is separate from the rehabilitation provision disclosed in Note 5.5, which relates to gravel pit rehabilitation obligations. At 30 June 2026 Council is unable to reliably estimate the future costs associated with any landfill remediation or rehabilitation works that may be required. Accordingly, no provision has been recognised in the financial statements.

Insurance claims
There is no major insurance claims during 2025–2026 that could have a material impact on future operations.

Legal matters
There is no major legal matters during 2025–2026 that could have a material impact on future operations.

Liability Mutual Insurance
Council is a participant of the MAV Liability Mutual Insurance (LMI) Scheme. The LMI scheme provides public liability and professional indemnity insurance cover. The LMI scheme states that each participant will remain liable to make further contributions to the scheme in respect of any insurance year in which it was a participant to the extent of its participant's share of any shortfall in the provision set aside in respect of that insurance year, and such liability will continue whether or not the participant remains a participant in future insurance years.

MAV WorkCare
Council was a participant of the MAV WorkCare Scheme. The MAV WorkCare Scheme provided workers compensation insurance. MAV WorkCare commenced business on 1 November 2017 and the last day the Scheme operated as a self-insurer was 30 June 2021. In accordance with the Workplace Injury Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2013 , there is a six-year liability period following the cessation of the Scheme (to 30 June 2027). During the liability period, adjustment payments may be required (or received). The determination of any adjustment payment is dependent upon revised actuarial assessments of the Scheme's tail claims liabilities as undertaken by Work Safe Victoria. Any adjustments, which are expected to occur at the 3-year and 6-year periods during the liability period will affect participating members. The assessment from WorkSafe Victoria at the three-year period was a deficiency of $5.776 million payable to WorkSafe Victoria. This was due to evidence of higher-than-expected payments and higher claim lodgements during the first three years of the runoff period.

Note 8: Managing uncertainties

8.1 Contingent assets and liabilities (continued)

(c) Guarantees for loans to other entities
The amount disclosed for financial guarantee in this note is the nominal amount of the underlying loan that is guaranteed by the Council, not the fair value of the financial guarantee.

Financial guarantee contracts are not recognised as a liability in the balance sheet unless the lender has exercised their right to call on the guarantee or Council has other reasons to believe that it is probable that the right will be exercised.

8.2 Australian Accounting Standards issued but not yet effective

Certain new Australian Accounting Standards and interpretations have been published that are not mandatory for the 30 June 2026 reporting period. Council assesses the impact of these new standards. The Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB) has issued *AASB 18 Presentation and Disclosure in Financial Statements*. When applicable *AASB 18* supersedes *AASB 101 Presentation of Financial Statements*. *AASB 18* aims to improve how entities communicate in their financial statements, with a focus on information about financial performance in the statement of profit or loss. It is expected to result in presentation and disclosure changes, primarily to Council's Comprehensive Income Statement. *AASB 18* is expected to first apply to Council for the 2028–2029 financial year.

8.3 Financial instruments

(a) Objectives and policies
The Council's principal financial instruments comprise cash assets, term deposits, receivables (excluding statutory receivables), payables (excluding statutory payables) and TCV borrowings. Details of the material accounting policy information and methods adopted, including the criteria for recognition, the basis of measurement and the basis on which income and expenses are recognised, in respect of each class of financial asset, financial liability and equity instrument is disclosed in the notes of the financial statements. Risk management is carried out by senior management under policies approved by the Council. These policies include identification and analysis of the risk exposure to Council and appropriate procedures, controls and risk minimisation.

(b) Market risk
Market risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of council financial instruments will fluctuate because of changes in market prices. The Council's exposure to market risk is primarily through interest rate risk with only insignificant exposure to other price risks and no exposure to foreign currency risk.

Interest rate risk
Interest rate risk refers to the risk that the value of a financial instrument or cash flows associated with the instrument will fluctuate due to changes in market interest rates. Council's interest rate liability risk arises primarily from long term loans and borrowings at fixed rates which exposes council to fair value interest rate risk. Council does not hold any interest bearing financial instruments that are measured at fair value, and therefore has no exposure to fair value interest rate risk. Cash flow interest rate risk is the risk that the future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates. Council has minimal exposure to cash flow interest rate risk through its cash and deposits that are at floating rates.

Investment of surplus funds is made with approved financial institutions under the *Local Government Act 2020*. Council manages interest rate risk by adopting an investment policy that ensures:
- diversification of investment product;
- monitoring of return on investment; and
- benchmarking of returns and comparison with budget.

There has been no significant change in the Council's exposure, or its objectives, policies and processes for managing interest rate risk or the methods used to measure this risk from the previous reporting period.

Interest rate movements have not been sufficiently significant during the year to have an impact on the Council's year end result.

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Note 8: Managing uncertainties

8.3 Financial instruments (continued)

(c) Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk that a contracting entity will not complete its obligations under a financial instrument and cause Council to make a financial loss. Council have exposure to credit risk on some financial assets included in the balance sheet. Particularly significant areas of credit risk exist in relation to outstanding fees and fines as well as loans and receivables from sporting clubs and associations. To help manage this risk:

- council have a policy for establishing credit limits for the entities council deal with;
- council may require collateral where appropriate; and
- council only invest surplus funds with financial institutions which have a recognised credit rating specified in council's investment policy.

Receivables consist of a large number of customers, spread across the ratepayer, business and government sectors. Credit risk associated with the council's financial assets is minimal because the main debtor is secured by a charge over the rateable property.

There are no material financial assets which are individually determined to be impaired.

Council may also be subject to credit risk for transactions which are not included in the balance sheet, such as when council provide a guarantee for another party. Details of our contingent liabilities are disclosed in Note 8.1(b).

The maximum exposure to credit risk at the reporting date to recognised financial assets is the carrying amount, net of any allowance for impairment of those assets, as disclosed in the balance sheet and notes to the financial statements. Council does not hold any collateral.

(d) Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk includes the risk that, as a result of council's operational liquidity requirements it will not have sufficient funds to settle a transaction when required or will be forced to sell a financial asset at below value or may be unable to settle or recover a financial asset.

To help reduce these risks Council:

- have a liquidity policy which targets a minimum and average level of cash and cash equivalents to be maintained;
- have readily accessible standby facilities and other funding arrangements in place;
- have a liquidity portfolio structure that requires surplus funds to be invested within various bands of liquid instruments;
- monitor budget to actual performance on a regular basis; and
- set limits on borrowings relating to the percentage of loans to rate revenue and percentage of loan principal repayments to rate revenue.

The Council's maximum exposure to liquidity risk is the carrying amounts of financial liabilities as disclosed on the face of the balance sheet and the amounts related to financial guarantees disclosed in Note 8.1(c), and is deemed insignificant based on prior periods' data and current assessment of risk.

There has been no significant change in Council's exposure, or its objectives, policies and processes for managing liquidity risk or the methods used to measure this risk from the previous reporting period.

With the exception of borrowings, all financial liabilities are expected to be settled within normal terms of trade. Details of the maturity profile for borrowings are disclosed at Note 5.4.

Unless otherwise stated, the carrying amounts of financial instruments reflect their fair value.

(e) Sensitivity disclosure analysis

Taking into account past performance, future expectations, economic forecasts, and management's knowledge and experience of the financial markets, Council believes the following movements are 'reasonably possible' over the next 12 months:

- A parallel shift of +1% and -1% in market interest rates (AUD) from year-end rates of 4.35%.

These movements will not have a material impact on the valuation of Council's financial assets and liabilities, nor will they have a material impact on the results of Council's operations.

Note 8: Managing uncertainties

8.4 Fair value measurement

Fair value hierarchy

Council's financial assets and liabilities are not valued in accordance with the fair value hierarchy, Council's financial assets and liabilities are measured at amortised cost.

Council measures certain assets and liabilities at fair value where required or permitted by Australian Accounting Standards. *AASB 13 Fair Value Measurement* aims to improve consistency and reduce complexity by providing a definition of fair value and a single source of fair value measurement and disclosure requirements for use across Australian Accounting Standards. For assets where Council adopts a current replacement cost approach to determine fair value, Council considers the inclusion of site preparation costs, disruption costs and costs to restore another entity's assets in the underlying valuation.

All assets and liabilities for which fair value is measured or disclosed in the financial statements are categorised within a fair value hierarchy, described as follows, based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement as a whole:

Level 1 — Quoted (unadjusted) market prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities
Level 2 — Valuation techniques for which the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement is directly or indirectly observable; and
Level 3 — Valuation techniques for which the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement is unobservable.

For the purpose of fair value disclosures, Council has determined classes of assets and liabilities on the basis of the nature, characteristics and risks of the asset or liability and the level of the fair value hierarchy as explained above.

In addition, Council determines whether transfers have occurred between levels in the hierarchy by re-assessing categorisation (based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement as a whole) at the end of each reporting period.

Revaluation

Subsequent to the initial recognition of assets, non-current physical assets, other than plant and equipment, are measured at their fair value, being the price that would be received to sell an asset (or paid to transfer a liability) in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. (For plant and equipment carrying amount is considered to approximate fair value given short useful lives). At balance date, the Council reviewed the carrying value of the individual classes of assets measured at fair value to ensure that each asset materially approximated its fair value. Where the carrying value materially differed from the fair value at balance date, the class of asset was revalued.

Fair value valuations are determined in accordance with a valuation hierarchy. Changes to the valuation hierarchy will only occur if an external change in the restrictions or limitations of use of an asset result in changes to the permissible or practical highest and best use of the asset. In addition, Council undertakes a formal revaluation of land, buildings, and infrastructure assets on a regular basis being a 4 years cycle. The valuation is performed either by experienced council officers or independent experts. The following table sets out the frequency of revaluations by asset class.

Asset class	**Revaluation frequency**
Land	4 years
Buildings	4 years
Roads	4 years
Bridges	4 years
Footpaths and cycleways	4 years
Drainage	4 years
Recreational, leisure and community facilities	4 years
Waste management	4 years
Parks, open space and streetscapes	4 years
Aerodromes	4 years
Other infrastructure	4 years

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8.4 Fair value measurement

Where the assets are revalued, the revaluation increases are credited directly to the asset revaluation reserve except to the extent that an increase reverses a prior year decrease for that class of asset that had been recognised as an expense in which case the increase is recognised as revenue up to the amount of the expense. Revaluation decreases are recognised as an expense except where prior increases are included in the asset revaluation reserve for that class of asset in which case the decrease is taken to the reserve to the extent of the remaining increases. Within the same class of assets, revaluation increases and decreases within the year are offset.

Council's estimates relating to property, infrastructure, plant and equipment are based on the information available at the reporting date. Council has scheduled a number of asset verification and valuation review activities for the 2026–2027 financial year. The outcomes of these reviews may inform future accounting estimates and assumptions. Any resulting changes will be recognised in the period in which they occur.

Impairment of assets

At each reporting date, the Council reviews the carrying value of its assets to determine whether there is any indication that these assets have been impaired. If such an indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset, being the higher of the asset's fair value less costs of disposal and value in use, is compared to the assets carrying value. Any excess of the assets carrying value over its recoverable amount is expensed to the comprehensive income statement, unless the asset is carried at the revalued amount in which case, the impairment loss is recognised directly against the revaluation surplus in respect of the same class of asset to the extent that the impairment loss does not exceed the amount in the revaluation surplus for that same class of asset. The impairment policy above does not apply to Council's property, infrastructure, specialised buildings and other non-current physical assets subsequently measured at fair value. These are primarily non-cash generating assets of not-for-profit entities, which are typically specialised in nature and held for continuing use of their service capacity. Their recoverable amount is expected to be materially the same as fair value determined under *AASB 13 Fair Value Measurement*, with the consequence that *AASB 136 Impairment of Assets* does not apply to such assets that are regularly revalued.

8.5 Events occurring after balance date

No matters have occurred after balance date that require disclosure in the financial report.

Note 9: Other Matters

9.1 Reserves

(a) Asset revaluation reserves	Balance at beginning reporting period $'000	Increase (decrease) $'000	Balance at end of reporting period $'000
2026			
Property			
Land and land improvements	17,744	(389)	17,356
Buildings	29,221	1,978	31,199
	46,965	**1,589**	**48,554**
Plant and Equipment			
Library book and Art Collection	451	(25)	426
Mayoral Chain	–	111	111
	451	**86**	**537**
Infrastructure			
Roads	170,523	19,331	189,855
Bridges	32,713	3,284	35,998
Footpaths and cycleways	8,355	838	9,193
Drainage	20,739	2,632	23,370
Minor culverts	9,181	918	10,099
Waste management	408	5	414
Monuments	1,345	61	1,406
Traffic control facilities	326	77	403
Kerb and channel	9,702	846	10,547
	253,292	27,992	281,284
Total asset revaluation reserves	**300,708**	**29,667**	**330,375**
2025			
Property			
Land and land improvements	17,665	79	17,744
Buildings	26,877	2,344	29,221
	44,542	**2,423**	**46,965**
Property			
Library book and Art Collection	389	62	451
	389	**62**	**451**
Infrastructure			
Roads	164,387	6,136	170,523
Bridges	31,666	1,047	32,713
Footpaths and cycleways	8,089	266	8,355
Drainage	19,900	838	20,739
Minor culverts	8,887	293	9,181
Waste management	406	2	408
Monuments	1,326	19	1,345
Traffic control facilities	303	23	326
Kerb and channel	9,433	268	9,702
	244,397	8,892	253,292
Total asset revaluation reserves	**289,328**	**11,377**	**300,708**

The asset revaluation reserve is used to record the increased (net) value of Council's assets over time.

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9.1 Reserves (continued)

(b) Other reserves	Balance at beginning of reporting period $'000	Transfer from accumulated surplus $'000	Transfer to accumulated surplus $'000	Balance at end of reporting period $'000
2026				
Unfunded superannuation	450	–	–	450
Open space	313	11	–	324
Waste Management	660	1,156	–	1,815
Plant Reserve Operating	62	120	–	182
Total Other reserves	**1,485**	**1,286**	**–**	**2,771**
2025				
Unfunded superannuation	450	–	–	450
Open space	255	58	–	313
Waste Management	–	660	–	660
Plant Reserve Operating	–	62	–	62
Total Other reserves	**705**	**780**	**–**	**1,485**

Unfunded Superannuation
This reserve is used to assist in funding future liabilities related to Defined Benefits Superannuation. Transfers to and from reserve are based on the budgeted reserve position at the end of the reporting period.

Open Space
This reserve contains contributions paid by developers undertaking the subdivision of residential land. These funds are required to be expended on the creation of expansion of recreational opportunities for the community, and are held until such time the relevant expenditure is incurred.

Waste Management
This reserve is used to assist with the cost of strategic projects, compliance, long-term planning for Council's landfills, transfer stations, and waste management responsibilities.

Plant Reserve Operating
This reserve is used to assist with the cost of strategic projects, compliance, long-term planning for Council's plant management.

Note 9: Other Matters

9.2 Reconciliation of cash flows from operating activities to surplus/(deficit)

	2026 $'000	2025 $'000
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	2,045	444
Non-cash adjustments:		
Profit/(loss) on disposal of property, infrastructure, plant and equipment	128	255
Bad debts	–	11
Depreciation and amortisation	8,719	8,563
Contributions – Non-monetary assets	(28)	–
Finance costs	92	(8)
Other	–	–
Change in assets and liabilities:	–	–
(Increase)/decrease in trade and other receivables	(881)	(290)
(Increase)/decrease in prepayments	(326)	196
Increase/(decrease) in trade and other payables	(34)	301
(Decrease)/increase in contract and other liabilities	554	1,474
(Decrease)/increase in inventories	5	(8)
(Increase)/decrease in provisions	(110)	13
(Decrease)/increase in trust funds and deposits	41	116
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	**10,205**	**11,067**

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Note 9: Other Matters

9.3 Superannuation

Council makes all of its employer superannuation contributions in respect of its employees to the Local Authorities Superannuation Fund (the Fund). This Fund has two categories of membership, accumulation and defined benefit, each of which is funded differently. Obligations for contributions to the Fund are recognised as an expense in the Comprehensive Income Statement when they are made or due.

Accumulation
The Fund's accumulation category, Vision MySuper/Vision Super Saver, receives both employer and employee contributions on a progressive basis. Employer contributions are normally based on a fixed percentage of employee earnings (for the year ended 30 June 2026, this was 12% as required under Superannuation Guarantee (SG) legislation (2025: 11.5%)).

Defined Benefit
Council does not use defined benefit accounting for its defined benefit obligations under the Fund's Defined Benefit category. This is because the Fund's Defined Benefit category is a pooled multi-employer sponsored plan.

There is no proportional split of the defined benefit liabilities, assets or costs between the participating employers as the defined benefit obligation is a floating obligation between the participating employers and the only time that the aggregate obligation is allocated to specific employers is when a call is made. As a result, the level of participation of Council in the Fund cannot be measured as a percentage compared with other participating employers. Therefore, the Fund Actuary is unable to allocate benefit liabilities, assets and costs between employers for the purposes of *AASB 119 Employee Benefits*.

Funding arrangements
Council makes employer contributions to the Defined Benefit category of the Fund at rates determined by the Trustee on the advice of the Fund Actuary. As at 30 June 2025, an interim actuarial investigation was held as the Fund provides lifetime pensions in the Defined Benefit category. The vested benefit index (VBI) of the Defined Benefit category as at 30 June 2025 (of which Council is a contributing employer) was 110.5%. The financial assumptions used to calculate the VBI were:

Net investment returns 5.7% pa
Salary information 3.5% pa
Price inflation (CPI) 2.6% pa

As at 30 June 2026, a triennial actuarial investigation is underway as the Fund provides lifetime pensions in the Defined Benefit category. It is expected to be completed by 31 October 2026. The VBI is used as the primary funding indicator. Because the VBI was above 100%, the 30 June 2025 actuarial investigation determined the Defined Benefit category was in a satisfactory financial position and that no change was necessary to the Defined Benefit category's funding arrangements from prior years.

Employer contributions
(a) Regular contributions
On the basis of the results of the 2025 interim actuarial investigation conducted by the Fund Actuary, Council makes employer contributions to the Fund's Defined Benefit category at rates determined by the Fund's Trustee. For the year ended 30 June 2026, this rate was 12% of members' salaries (11.5% in 2024–2025). This rate is expected to increase in line with any increases in the SG contribution rate and was reviewed as part of the 30 June 2023 triennial valuation.

In addition, Council reimburses the Fund to cover the excess of the benefits paid as a consequence of retrenchment above the funded resignation or retirement benefit.

(b) Funding calls
If the Defined Benefit category is in an unsatisfactory financial position at an actuarial investigation or the Defined Benefit category's VBI is below its shortfall limit at any time other than the date of the actuarial investigation, the Defined Benefit category has a shortfall for the purposes of SPS 160 and the Fund is required to put a plan in place so that the shortfall is fully funded within three years of the shortfall occurring. The Fund monitors its VBI on a quarterly basis and the Fund has set its shortfall limit at 98% from 26 July 2024 (previously 97%).

In the event that the Fund Actuary determines that there is a shortfall based on the above requirement, the Fund's participating employers (including Council) are required to make an employer contribution to cover the shortfall.

Using the agreed methodology, the shortfall amount is apportioned between the participating employers based on the pre-1 July 1993 and post-30 June 1993 service liabilities of the Fund's Defined Benefit category, together with the employer's payroll at 30 June 1993 and at the date the shortfall has been calculated.

Due to the nature of the contractual obligations between the participating employers and the Fund, and that the Fund includes lifetime pensioners and their reversionary beneficiaries, it is unlikely that the Fund will be wound up.

If there is a surplus in the Fund, the surplus cannot be returned to the participating employers.

In the event that a participating employer is wound-up, the defined benefit obligations of that employer will be transferred to that employer's successor.

Note 9: Other Matters

9.3 Superannuation (continued)

The 2025 interim actuarial investigation surplus amounts
An actuarial investigation is conducted annually for the Defined Benefit category of which Council is a contributing employer. Generally, a full actuarial investigation is conducted every three years and interim actuarial investigations are conducted for each intervening year. An interim investigation was conducted as at 30 June 2025 and 30 June 2024 while a full investigation was conducted as at 30 June 2023.

The Fund's actuarial investigation identified the following for the Defined Benefit category of which Council is a contributing employer:

	2025 (Interim) $m	2024 (Interim) $m	2023 (Triennial) $m
– A VBI Surplus	200.1	108.4	85.7
– A total service liability surplus	229.4	141.4	123.6
– A discounted accrued benefits surplus	242.8	156.7	141.9

The VBI surplus means that the market value of the fund's assets supporting the defined benefit obligations exceed the vested benefits that the defined benefit members would have been entitled to if they had all exited on 30 June 2025.

The total service liability surplus means that the current value of the assets in the Fund's Defined Benefit category plus expected future contributions exceeds the value of expected future benefits and expenses as at 30 June 2025.

The discounted accrued benefit surplus means that the current value of the assets in the Fund's Defined Benefit category exceeds the value of benefits payable in the future but accrued in respect of service to 30 June 2025.

The 2026 triennial actuarial investigation
A triennial actuarial investigation is being conducted for the Fund's position as at 30 June 2026 as the Fund provides lifetime pensions in the Defined Benefit category. It is anticipated that this actuarial investigation will be completed by October 2026. The last interim actuarial investigation conducted prior to 30 June 2026 was at 30 June 2025. The VBI of the Defined Benefit category at that date was 110.5%. The financial assumptions used to calculate the 30 June 2025 VBI were:

Net investment returns 5.7% pa
Salary information 3.5% pa
Price inflation (CPI) 2.6% pa

Council was notified of the 30 June 2025 VBI during August 2025. Because the VBI was above 100%, the Defined Benefit category was in a satisfactory financial position at 30 June 2025 and it is expected that the actuarial investigation will recommend that no change will be necessary to the Defined Benefit category's funding arrangements from prior years.

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Note 9: Other Matters

9.3 Superannuation (continued)

The 2023 triennial investigation

The last triennial actuarial investigation conducted prior to 30 June 2023 was at 30 June 2020. This actuarial investigation was completed by 31 December 2020. The financial assumptions for the purposes of that investigation was:

	2023 Triennial investigation	2020 Triennial investigation
Net investment return	5.7% pa	5.6% pa
Salary inflation	3.50% pa	2.5% pa for two years and 2.75% pa thereafter
Price inflation	2.8% pa	2.0% pa

Superannuation contributions

Contributions by Council (excluding any unfunded liability payments) to the above superannuation plans for the financial year ended 30 June 2026 are detailed below:

Scheme	Type of Scheme	Rate	2026 $'000	2025 $'000
Vision super	Defined benefits	12% (2025:11.5%)	73	71
Vision super	Accumulation	12% (2025:11.5%)	763	640
Other super fund	Accumulation	12% (2025:11.5%)	1,044	903

In addition to the above contributions, Council has paid unfunded liability payments to Vision Super totalling $73,000 during the 2025–2026 year (2024–2025 $71,000 during the 2024–2025 year).

There were no contributions outstanding and no loans issued from or to the above schemes as at 30 June 2026.

The expected contributions to be paid to the Defined Benefit category of Vision Super for the year ending 30 June 2027 is $72,000.

Note 10: Change in accounting policy

There have been no changes to accounting policies in the 2025–2026 year.

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Certification of the performance statement

In my opinion, the accompanying performance statement has been prepared in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2020* and the *Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2020*.

Liam Routledge
Principal Accounting Officer
Dated: 8/10/2026

In our opinion, the accompanying performance statement of the *Central Goldfields Shire Council* for the year ended 30 June 2026 presents fairly the results of council's performance in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2020* and the *Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2020*.

The performance statement contains the relevant performance indicators, measures and results in relation to service performance, financial performance and sustainable capacity.

At the date of signing, we are not aware of any circumstances that would render any particulars in the performance statement to be misleading or inaccurate We have been authorised by the council and by the *Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2020* to certify this performance statement in its final form.

Gerard Murphy
Councillor
Dated: 8/10/2026

Geoffrey Bartlett
Councillor
Dated: 8/10/2026

Peter Harriott
Chief Executive Officer
Dated: 8/10/2026

Independent Auditor's Report

Victorian Auditor-General's Office

To the Councillors of Central Goldfields Shire Council

Opinion

I have audited the accompanying performance statement of Central Goldfields Shire Council (the council) which comprises the:

- description of municipality for the year ended 30 June 2026
- service performance indicators for the year ended 30 June 2026
- financial performance indicators for the year ended 30 June 2026
- sustainable capacity indicators for the year ended 30 June 2026
- notes to the accounts
- certification of the performance statement.

In my opinion, the performance statement of Central Goldfields Shire Council in respect of the year ended 30 June 2026 presents fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with the performance reporting requirements of Part 4 of the *Local Government Act 2020* and Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2020.

Basis for Opinion

I have conducted my audit in accordance with the *Audit Act 1994* which incorporates the Australian Standards on Assurance Engagements. I further describe my responsibilities under that Act and those standards in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the performance statement* section of my report.

My independence is established by the *Constitution Act 1975*. My staff and I are independent of the council in accordance with the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards)* (the Code) that are relevant to my audit of the performance statement in Victoria. My staff and I have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

Councillors' responsibilities for the performance statement

The Councillors are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the performance statement in accordance with the performance reporting requirements of the *Local Government Act 2020* and Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2020 and for such internal control as the Councillors determines is necessary to enable the preparation and fair presentation of a performance statement that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the performance statement

As required by the *Audit Act 1994*, my responsibility is to express an opinion on the performance statement based on the audit. My objectives for the audit are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the performance statement as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes my opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Standards on Assurance Engagements will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the decisions of users taken on the basis of this performance statement. As part of an audit in accordance with the Australian Standards on Assurance Engagements, I exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. I also:

- identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the performance statement, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the council's internal control
- evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the performance statement, including the disclosures, and whether performance statement represents the underlying events and results in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

I communicate with the Councillors regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that I identify during my audit.

MELBOURNE
20 October 2026

Travis Derricott
as delegate for the Auditor-General of Victoria

Section 1. Description of municipality

Located in the heart of the historic Victorian Goldfields, Central Goldfields Shire covers 1,532 square kilometres and has an approximate population of 13,704 people. Maryborough is the Shire's major business centre with a population of around 7,900. Maryborough has gained recognition in recent years as having some of the finest sporting facilities in regional Victoria, together with significant historical buildings dating back to the goldmining era of the 1850's. Other towns in the shire include Bealiba, Carisbrook, Dunolly, Majorca, Talbot and Timor-Bowenvale and the rural districts surrounding these centres. All are famous for their heritage architecture and significant agricultural industries. The shire is currently experiencing moderate growth with key infrastructure projects and residential developments reaching fruition. The State Government's commitment to the shire has seen investments in the areas of health, education, and law and order, together with assistance to economic development activities initiated by Council.

The shire is located within one hour's drive from main regional centres of Ballarat and Bendigo and just two hours from Melbourne. The first democratically elected council for Central Goldfields Shire was elected on 15 March 1997. In 2005, the Minister for Local Government determined that the number of Councillors to represent the shire be increased from five to seven. Central Goldfields Shire Council elected seven Councillors during 2024–2025 for a four-year term, beginning in November 2024.

Section 2. Service performance indicators

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2026

Service / *Indicator* / *Measure* [Formula]	Results 2023 Actual	2024 Actual	2025 Actual	2026 Target as per budget	Actual	Comment
Aquatic Facilities						
Utilisation						
Utilisation of aquatic facilities	6.06	4.75	5.17	N/A	4.72	Full centre members (which have access to gym, courts and pools) not considered (24,209 visits) which combined would have been 88,910 visits total.
[Number of visits to aquatic facilities / Municipal population]						
Animal Management						
Health and safety						
Animal management prosecutions	0%	0%	0%	N/A	0%	There were no animal prosecutions in 2025–2026.
[Number of successful animal management prosecutions / Number of animal management prosecutions] x 100						
Food Safety						
Health and safety						
Critical and major non-compliance outcome notifications	80.00%	100.00%	100.00%	N/A	100.00%	All major and critical non-compliance outcomes were followed up and businesses were brought into compliance.
[Number of critical non-compliance outcome notifications and major non-compliance notifications about a food premises followed up / Number of critical non-compliance outcome notifications and major non-compliance notifications about a food premises] × 100						
Governance						
Consultation and engagement						
Satisfaction with community consultation and engagement	51	48	46	50	45	The small decrease continues a downward trend and highlights an opportunity for improvement.
[Community satisfaction rating out of 100 with how Council has performed on community consultation and engagement]						
Libraries						
Participation						
Library membership	N/A	9.50%	19.47%	N/A	19.32%	Membership has remained steady throughout the year.
[Number of registered library members / Population] × 100						

Section 2. Service performance indicators

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2026

Service / *Indicator* / *Measure* [Formula]	Results 2023 Actual	2024 Actual	2025 Actual	2026 Target as per budget	Actual	Comment
Maternal and Child Health (MCH)						
Participation						
Participation in the MCH service	93.18%	91.00%	92.54%	N/A	92.55%	This result is consistent with last year's high participation data, with over 92% of children attending the MCH service at least once. This can be attributed to the high quality, flexible and responsive service model that is in place.
[Number of children who attend the MCH service at least once (in the year) / Number of children enrolled in the MCH service] × 100						
Participation in the MCH service by Aboriginal children	96.39%	95.51%	96.43%	N/A	89.74%	The engagement of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families in the MCH Service remains high, likely due to the flexible and responsive service model that includes continuity of care with a known nurse.
[Number of Aboriginal children who attend the MCH service at least once (in the year) / Number of Aboriginal children enrolled in the MCH service] × 100						
Roads						
Condition						
Sealed local roads maintained to condition standards	98.74%	99.11%	99.17%	99.00%	99.19%	Council continued with resealing and reconstructing roads above the intervention level.
[Number of kilometres of sealed local roads below the renewal intervention level set by Council / Kilometres of sealed local roads] × 100						

Service / *Indicator* / *Measure* [Formula]	Results 2023 Actual	2024 Actual	2025 Actual	2026 Target as per budget	Actual	Comment
Statutory Planning						
Service standard						
Planning applications decided within required time frames	65.33%	30.43%	71.67%	32.00%	12.86%	Council is implementing a new planning administration system that will strengthen workflow management, reporting capability and compliance with Planning Permit Activity Reporting System (PPARS) requirements. The transition from manually compiled data is expected to improve consistency and reliability of future reporting. The percentage of applications decided within statutory timeframes can vary annually depending on the number of complex applications received, referral requirements and competing workload demands. During 2025–2026, a higher proportion of complex applications contributed to extended assessment periods. When compared with other small rural councils, Council's result should be viewed in the context of similar resources.
[(Number of regular planning application decisions made within 60 days) + (Number of VicSmart planning application decisions made within 10 days) / Number of planning application decisions made] × 100						
Waste Management						
Waste diversion						
Kerbside collection waste diverted from landfill	44.82%	45.37%	42.22%	47.00%	40.58%	Landfill tonnage increased during the year, while recorded recycling volumes were lower as more residents used the container deposit scheme. Green waste volumes were also lower than in the previous two years. Green waste can vary significantly from year to year because it is influenced by seasonal conditions and weather patterns. The reduction in overall waste diversion was mainly due to lower recycling volumes and reduced green waste collection.
[Weight of recyclables and green organics collected from kerbside bins / Weight of garbage, recyclables and green organics collected from kerbside bins] × 100						

Section 3. Financial performance indicators

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2026

	Results					Forecasts				
	2023	2024	2025	2026		2027	2028	2029	2030	
Dimension /*indicator* / *measure* [Formula]	Actual	Actual	Actual	Target as per budget	Actual	Forecasts	Forecasts	Forecasts	Forecasts	Material Variations and Comments
Efficiency										
Expenditure level										
Expenses per property assessment	$4,209.37	$4,428.16	$4,250.68	$4,125.00	$4,079.02	$4,153.32	$4,075.34	$4,009.38	$3,933.68	Expenses per property assessment have decreased in 2025–2026 due to reduction of materials and services costs, and a reduction in asset disposal.
[Total expenses / Number of property assessments]										
Revenue level										
Average rate per property assessment	$1,465.57	$1,512.63	$1,554.74	N/A	$1,544.18	$1,646.16	$1,646.21	$1,646.26	$1,646.19	Average rate per property assessment increased in line with the rate capping at 3%.
[Sum of all general rates and municipal charges / Number of property assessments]										
Liquidity										
Working capital										
Current assets compared to current liabilities	125.00%	35.04%	59.53%	82.87%	104.51%	93.27%	117.27%	129.46%	137.67%	The increase in the Working Capital Ratio from 59.53% to 104.51% is primarily due to higher cash at bank resulting from the receipt of 80% of Council's 2026–2027 Financial Assistance Grant in June 2026, which increased current assets and improved liquidity.
[Current assets / Current liabilities] × 100										

	Results					Forecasts				
	2023	2024	2025	2026		2027	2028	2029	2030	
Dimension /*indicator* / *measure* [Formula]	Actual	Actual	Actual	Target as per budget	Actual	Forecasts	Forecasts	Forecasts	Forecasts	Material Variations and Comments
Liquidity										
Unrestricted cash										
Unrestricted cash compared to current liabilities	46.62%	-31.26%	32.43%	N/A	64.83%	56.29%	80.29%	92.95%	101.22%	Council's unrestricted cash balance has increased mainly because 80% of the Financial Assistance Grant funding for 2026–2027 was received in advance. As this funding relates to future services and operations, the higher cash balance is largely due to the timing of the grant payment rather than an increase in ongoing operating funds.
[Unrestricted cash / Current liabilities] × 100										
Obligations										
Loans and borrowings										
Loans and borrowings compared to rates	12.56%	11.92%	11.46%	N/A	10.29%	10.96%	15.86%	14.25%	12.71%	No additional borrowings were undertaken in 2025–2026. During the year, Council reduced its existing loan balance by repaying $100,000 of loan principal. Additional borrowings are included in the adopted budgets for 2026–2027 and 2027–2028 to support Council's long-term capital works and infrastructure investment program.
[Interest bearing loans and borrowings / Rate revenue] × 100										

Section 3. Financial performance indicators

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2026

	Results					Forecasts				
	2023	2024	2025	2026		2027	2028	2029	2030	
Dimension /*indicator* / *measure* [Formula]	Actual	Actual	Actual	Target as per budget	Actual	Forecasts	Forecasts	Forecasts	Forecasts	Material Variations and Comments
Obligations										
Loans and borrowings										
Loans and borrowings repayments compared to rates	0.48%	0.53%	0.04%	N/A	1.11%	2.29%	2.01%	1.97%	1.94%	The significant movement in this ratio is driven by the treatment of loan principal repayments as a negative cash flow within the calculation. Council repaid $100,000 of existing loan principal in 2025–2026 and did not take on any new borrowings, resulting in reduced debt levels.
[Interest and principal repayments on interest bearing loans and borrowings / Rate revenue] × 100										
Indebtedness										
Non-current liabilities compared to own source revenue	14.66%	2.41%	2.61%	N/A	11.20%	19.65%	23.57%	21.95%	20.44%	The increase in this ratio reflects the refinancing of an existing loan during 2025–2026. In the previous year, the loan was reported as a current liability because it was due within 12 months. Following refinancing, the loan is now reported as a non-current liability, which has increased this ratio. The change relates to the classification of the loan rather than an increase in Council's debt levels.
[Non-current liabilities / Own source revenue] × 100										

	Results					Forecasts				
	2023	2024	2025	2026		2027	2028	2029	2030	
Dimension /*indicator* / *measure* [Formula]	Actual	Actual	Actual	Target as per budget	Actual	Forecasts	Forecasts	Forecasts	Forecasts	Material Variations and Comments
Obligations										
Asset renewal and upgrade										
Asset renewal and upgrade compared to depreciation	148.39%	154.31%	66.03%	111.22%	52.87%	120.89%	72.55%	65.71%	81.18%	The ratio decreased from 66.03% to 52.87% in 2025–2026 due to the timing of expenditure within Council's multi-year asset renewal and upgrade program. Investment levels vary between years as projects progress through planning, delivery and completion stages.
[Asset renewal and asset upgrade expense / Asset depreciation] × 100										
Operating position										
Adjusted underlying result										
Adjusted underlying surplus (or deficit)	-9.51%	-30.88%	-7.06%	N/A	-2.15%	-6.47%	-4.49%	-4.43%	-2.48%	Council's adjusted underlying deficit has slightly improved from 2024–2025. This improvement is largely attributable to the early receipt of Financial Assistance Grant funding and continued management of operating costs. Council continues to monitor the long-term impacts of rate capping and increasing costs on its underlying financial position.
[Adjusted underlying surplus (deficit)/ Adjusted underlying revenue] × 100										

Section 3. Financial performance indicators

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2026

	Results					Forecasts				
	2023	2024	2025	2026		2027	2028	2029	2030	
Dimension /*indicator* / *measure* [Formula]	Actual	Actual	Actual	Target as per budget	Actual	Forecasts	Forecasts	Forecasts	Forecasts	Material Variations and Comments
Stability										
Rates concentration										
Rates compared to adjusted underlying revenue	49.43%	58.67%	51.73%	60.86%	52.17%	58.59%	58.60%	59.54%	59.55%	The ratio increased marginally from 2024–2025. While rates revenue increased during the year, the result continues to be influenced by the composition of Council's overall revenue, including grant funding received during the year.
[Rate revenue / Adjusted underlying revenue] × 100										
Rates effort										
Rates compared to property values	0.47%	0.42%	0.45%	N/A	0.45%	0.51%	0.51%	0.51%	0.51%	The ratio increased slightly in 2025–2026, reflecting normal annual rate increases. Overall, rates remain consistent relative to property values across the municipality and continue to align with Council's adopted rating strategy.
[Rate revenue / Capital improved value of rateable properties in the municipality] × 100										

Section 4. Sustainable capacity indicators

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2026

	Results				
Indicator / *Measure* [Formula]	2023 Actual	2024 Actual	2025 Actual	2026 Actual	Comment
Population					
Expenses per head of municipal population	$2,728.72	$2,879.58	$2,780.13	$2,762.21	Expenses per resident decreased slightly in 2025–2026, reflecting Council's continued focus on managing operating costs while maintaining service levels for the community.
[Total expenses / Municipal population]					
Infrastructure per head of municipal population	$28,198.95	$29,637.20	$30,324.15	$30,492.63	Infrastructure assets per resident increased marginally in 2025–2026, reflecting continued investment in Council's roads, buildings, and other community assets. This demonstrates Council's commitment to maintaining and enhancing infrastructure to support current and future community needs.
[Value of infrastructure / Municipal population]					
Population density per length of road	10.28	10.96	10.35	10.45	The ratio remained relatively stable in 2025–2026, reflecting minimal change in both population and the length of Council's road network.
[Municipal population / Kilometres of local roads]					
Own-source revenue					
Own-source revenue per head of municipal population	$1,491.42	$1,518.31	$1,555.11	$1,652.76	Own-source revenue per resident increased in 2025–2026, reflecting growth in revenue generated from rates, fees and charges that support the delivery of Council services and infrastructure.
[Own-source revenue / Municipal population]					
Recurrent grants					
Recurrent grants per head of municipal population	$769.25	$436.25	$894.28	$893.68	Recurrent grant funding per resident remained stable in 2025–2026, reflecting the ongoing importance of external funding in supporting Council services and operations.
[Recurrent grants / Municipal population]					

	Results				
Indicator / *Measure* [Formula]	2023 Actual	2024 Actual	2025 Actual	2026 Actual	Comment
Disadvantage					
Relative Socio-Economic Disadvantage	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	The measure remained unchanged in 2025–2026, indicating no material change in the relative socio-economic profile of the municipality.
[Index of Relative Socio-Economic Disadvantage by decile]					
Workforce turnover					
Percentage of staff turnover	17.7%	24.0%	15.0%	19.5%	Staff turnover increased during 2025–2026, largely due to an ageing workforce and a higher number of employee retirements. Exit survey data also indicates that a number of employees left the organisation to pursue external career opportunities and professional growth. While retirements were a significant contributor to turnover during the year, employee movement reflects broader workforce trends and the competitive labour market.
[Number of permanent staff resignations and terminations / Average number of permanent staff for the financial year] × 100					

Section 5. Notes to the accounts

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2026

5.1 Basis of preparation

Council is required to prepare and include a performance statement within its annual report. The performance statement includes the results of the prescribed, service performance, financial performance and sustainable capacity indicators and measures together with a description of the municipal district, an explanation of material variations in the results and notes to the accounts. This statement has been prepared to meet the requirements of the *Local Government Act 2020* and *Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2020*.

Where applicable the results in the performance statement have been prepared on accounting bases consistent with those reported in the Financial Statements. The other results are based on information drawn from council information systems or from third parties (e.g., Australian Bureau of Statistics or the Council's satisfaction survey provider).

The performance statement presents the actual results for the current year and the previous three years, along with the current year's target, if mandated by the *Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2020*. Additionally, for the prescribed financial performance indicators and measures, the performance statement includes the target budget for the current year and the results forecast for the period 2026–2027 to 2029–2030 by the Council's financial plan.

The *Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2020* requires explanation of any material variations in the results contained in the performance statement. Council has adopted materiality thresholds relevant to each indicator and measure and explanations have not been provided for variations below the materiality thresholds unless the variance is considered to be material because of its nature.

5.2 Definitions

Key term	Definition
Aboriginal children	means a child who is an Aboriginal person
Aboriginal person	has the same meaning as in the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006*
adjusted underlying revenue	means total income other than: • non-recurrent grants used to fund capital expenditure; and • non-monetary asset contributions; and • contributions to fund capital expenditure from sources other than those referred to above
adjusted underlying surplus (or deficit)	means adjusted underlying revenue less total expenditure
annual report	means an annual report prepared by a council under section 98 of the Act
asset renewal expenditure	means expenditure on an existing asset or on replacing an existing asset that returns the service capability of the asset to its original capability
asset upgrade expenditure	means expenditure that— (a) enhances an existing asset to provide a higher level of service; or (b) extends the life of the asset beyond its original life
critical non-compliance outcome notification	means a notification received by council under section 19N(3) or (4) of the *Food Act 1984*, or advice given to council by an authorized officer under that Act, of a deficiency that poses an immediate serious threat to public health
current assets	has the same meaning as in the Australian Accounting Standards
current liabilities	has the same meaning as in the Australian Accounting Standards
food premises	has the same meaning as in the *Food Act 1984*
intervention level	means the level set for the condition of a road beyond which a council will not allow the road to deteriorate and will need to intervene
local road	means a sealed or unsealed road for which the council is the responsible road authority under the *Road Management Act 2004*

5.2 Definitions (continued)

Key term	Definition
major non-compliance outcome notification	means a notification received by a council under section 19N(3) or (4) of the *Food Act 1984*, or advice given to council by an authorized officer under that Act, of a deficiency that does not pose an immediate serious threat to public health but may do so if no remedial action is taken
MCH	means the Maternal and Child Health Service provided by a council to support the health and development of children within the municipality from birth until school age
non-current liabilities	means all liabilities other than current liabilities
own-source revenue	means adjusted underlying revenue other than revenue that is not under the control of council (including government grants)
population	means the resident population estimated by council
rate revenue	means revenue from general rates, municipal charges, service rates and service charges
relative socio-economic disadvantage	in relation to a municipal district, means the relative socio-economic disadvantage, expressed as a decile for the relevant financial year, of the area in which the municipal district is located according to the Index of Relative Socio-Economic Disadvantage of SEIFA
restricted cash	means cash, cash equivalents and financial assets, within the meaning of the Australian Accounting Standards, not available for use other than for a purpose for which it is restricted, and includes cash to be used to fund capital works expenditure from the previous financial year
SEIFA	means the Socio-Economic Indexes for Areas published from time to time by the Australian Bureau of Statistics on its Internet site
unrestricted cash	means all cash and cash equivalents other than restricted cash

CENTRAL GOLDFIELDS SHIRE COUNCIL

7.2 Draft Sale and Acquisition of Land Policy

Author Coordinator Strategic Property and Facilities Management

Responsible Officer: Director Assets and Planning

The Officer presenting this report, having made enquiries with relevant members of staff, reports that no disclosable interests have been raised in relation to this report.

SUMMARY/PURPOSE

The existing Sale and Acquisition of Land Policy and Leasing and Licensing Policy have been reviewed to ensure they align with current legislative requirements, best practice and Council's strategic objectives. Draft forms of the updated Council policies have been developed to incorporate the findings of this review.

Both draft Policies, following approval from Council, will undergo a community engagement process before being finalised for adoption.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Endorse the Draft Sale and Acquisition of Land Policy for Community consultation; and
2. Note that the final Policies will be presented to Council for adoption following consideration of community feedback.

LEGISLATION AND POLICY CONTEXT

Central Goldfields Shire Council's Council Plan 2025-2029:

The Community's vision:	**Economic Growth and Prosperity** 1. Facilitate inclusive, affordable and sustainable population growth. **Informed and engaged community** 3. Ensure the community is well-informed, actively engaged and empowered to participate in local decision-making. 3. Provide our community with clear, transparent and targeted communication and engagement opportunities that are bottom up, planned and accessible. **Sound leadership and financial management** 6. Embed good governance in all aspects of the organisation to create the fundamentals of fair, open and equitable decision making. 6. Ensure the organisation's long-term financial viability.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Property Leasing and Licensing Policy (2023) and Disposal or Sale of Council Assets and Land Policy (2023) are due for review in October 2026. Both Policies are Council Policies and as such will require a Council decision following community consultation.

These policies require adjustments to meet current practices. The updated Policies will function as a framework for all property related matters within the newly created Strategic Property and Facilities Management Team.

REPORT

Following the restructure of the Property Team, both Policies have moved from Corporate Performance directorate to Infrastructure Assets and Planning directorate. The responsible officer for both these policies has been moved to Manager Project Services and Asset Management to reflect this change.

Leasing and Licensing Policy

The 2026 Leasing and Licensing Policy significantly modernises and expands the existing policy by introducing clear decision-making principles, tenant categories, rental frameworks and governance requirements. The updated policy provides greater clarity around occupancy arrangements, rent setting, agreement terms, tenant responsibilities, shared use and asset management, creating a more strategic and consistent framework for managing Council property.

Table 1: Comparison between 2023 and 2026 Leasing and Licensing Policies

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Sale and Acquisition of Land Policy

The 2026 Sale and Acquisition of Land Policy modernises Council's approach by shifting from a disposal-focused asset policy to a strategic land management policy. This Policy introducing new requirements for land retention, acquisition, assessment and governance while removing non-land assets from its scope.

Provisions relating to the sale of plant and equipment will be moved to a separate Policy, to be developed by the Business Transformation and Operations Teams.

Table 2: Comparison between Disposal or Sale of Council Assets and Land Policy (2023) and Sale and Acquisition of Land Policy (2026)

Area	Current Policy (2023)	Updated Policy (2026)
Policy Focus	Covers disposal and sale of Council assets, land, plant and equipment.	Focuses specifically on the acquisition, retention, sale, exchange and disposal of Council-owned land.
Strategic Approach	Provides a framework for identifying and disposing of surplus assets.	Introduces a strategic land management framework aligned with community needs, service delivery and long-term financial sustainability.
Retention of Land	No formal retention principles.	Introduces clear land retention principles and requires assessment before land is declared surplus.
Acquisition of Land	Not specifically addressed.	Establishes a formal framework and assessment criteria for acquiring land.
Assessment Requirements	Focuses largely on disposal processes.	Requires formal land assessments considering strategic, financial, environmental, cultural and community factors before acquisition or disposal decisions.
Governance	Guided by legislative requirements and community engagement obligations.	Strengthens governance by linking decisions to the Council Plan, Financial Plan and Asset Plan.
Sale Processes	Public sale processes are outlined for surplus land.	Clarifies and formalises sale methods, including auction, tender, EOI and private treaty, with stronger probity and transparency requirements.
Non-Land Assets	Includes plant, equipment and other assets.	Removes non-land assets from scope and focuses solely on land transactions.

CONSULTATION/COMMUNICATION

The Sale and Acquisition of Land Policy has been shared with the Finance Team and Procurement Team for feedback. Further internal staff consultation will occur once the draft has been approved for circulation.

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FINANCIAL & RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

The proposed policies are not expected to have any direct adverse financial impact on Council. The policies provide improved guidance for land acquisitions, disposals, leasing and licensing arrangements, supporting better management of Council's property portfolio and informed decision-making.

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This report addresses Council’s strategic risk:
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Governance - Failure to transparently govern and embrace good governance practices
Legislative compliance - Failure to manage our compliance with relevant legislative requirements
Community engagement- Inadequate stakeholder management or engagement impacting brand reputation and community satisfaction in Council decision making

CONCLUSION

The updated Sale and Acquisition of Land Policy and Leasing and Licensing Policy provide contemporary, strategic frameworks for the management of Council-owned and managed land. The policies enhance transparency, consistency and governance, align with current legislative requirements and support the effective stewardship of Council's property assets for the benefit of the community.

ATTACHMENTS

1. DRAFT Sale and Acquisition of Land Policy 2026 [**7.2.1**]

SALE AND ACQUISITION OF LAND POLICY

Directorate:	Infrastructure, Assets and Planning
Responsible Manager:	Manager Project Services and Asset Management
Review Due:	Month Year
Adoption:	Council
Date Adopted:	……..

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1. Purpose

The purpose of this Policy is to provide a clear, consistent and accountable framework for the acquisition, retention, sale, exchange and disposal of Council-owned land.

This Policy ensures that Central Goldfields Shire Council:

- Complies with the Local Government Act 2020, relevant legislation and recognised Victorian local government best practice;
- Strategically manages its land and property portfolio to support current and future service delivery, community needs and long-term financial sustainability;
- Makes decisions about Council-owned land in the best interests of the community, having regard to financial, social, environmental, cultural and strategic considerations;
- Achieves best value, including both financial and non-financial benefits, in all land transactions;
- Applies clear principles and assessment criteria to determine how land should be acquired, retained or disposed of; and
- Uses proceeds from the sale of Council-owned land in accordance with legislative requirements and Council-approved strategies and budgets.

2. Background

Council owns and manages land to support service delivery, community use, economic development and environmental outcomes. Over time, changes in community needs, planning frameworks and service requirements may result in some land becoming surplus to Council's needs, while in other circumstances Council may need to acquire land to support strategic objectives.

Decisions relating to the acquisition, retention or disposal of Council-owned land can have long-term implications for the community and Council's financial sustainability. This Policy provides a consistent and transparent framework to guide these decisions, ensuring land is managed in accordance with legislative requirements, recognised best practice and the best interests of the community.

3. Scope

This Policy provides a clear framework for the acquisition and disposal of land within the Central Goldfields Shire.

This Policy applies to:

a. The sale, exchange, or transfer of land which is held by Council in freehold title.

b. Land proposed to be acquired by, or vested in, Council.

This Policy must be read in conjunction with relevant legislation, including the Local Government Act 2020, the Valuation of Land Act 1960, the Planning and Environment Act 1987, the Land Acquisition and Compensation Act 1986, and relevant Council Policies and strategies.

This Policy does not apply to:

a. Land managed but not owned by Council such as where Council is the appointed Committee of Management for Crown land.

b. Land transferred or exchanged pursuant to section 116 of the Local Government Act 2020.

c. The creation, alteration or extinguishment of easements;

d. Land sold or transferred by Council for the non-payment of rates or charges;

e. Any acquisition of Land in accordance with the Planning and Environment Act 1987.

f. Land being disposed of or acquired pursuant to a Developer Contribution Plan or Infrastructure Contribution Legislation.

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4. Policy

Under the LGA, Council is able to acquire, hold, deal with or dispose of land for the purposes of performing its function and exercising its powers.

4.1. Retention of Land Principles

Council-Owned Land should be retained unless a clear case is established for its disposal.

Land may only be declared surplus and considered for disposal where Council is satisfied that:

a. It is not required for current service delivery, operational purposes, or identified future strategic or infrastructure needs.

b. Its retention is not justified by its strategic, economic, environmental, community, cultural or other public benefit.

c. Disposal would support a positive planning, development, economic or service outcome, or its alternative value materially exceeds the cost of relocating any affected service.

d. Relevant internal departments and stakeholders have been consulted, and alternative Council, community or public benefit uses have been considered.

e. The proposed disposal is consistent with an adopted Council strategy, plan, budget, policy or planning scheme, or is otherwise supported by a documented strategic assessment.

f. The proposed surplus declaration has been reviewed by the Executive Leadership Team before being presented to Council.

4.2. Land Assessment Requirements

Prior to any recommendation to acquire, retain, exchange or transfer of Council-Owned Land, a Land Assessment Report or Business Case must be prepared.

The assessment must include, where relevant:

a. Strategic justification and alignment with the Council Plan, Asset Plan, Financial Plan and other adopted strategies.

b. Current and future operational requirements.

c. Financial analysis and value for money assessment.

d. Whole-of-life costs, maintenance obligations and renewal liabilities.

e. Community impacts and service implications.

f. Environmental, cultural heritage and planning considerations.

g. Risk assessment and mitigation measures.

h. Community engagement outcomes.

i. Consideration of alternative options.

j. Recommended approval pathway.

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The Land Assessment Report will form part of the decision-making record and provide the basis for Council consideration of significant land transactions.

4.3. Sale, Exchange and Transfer of Land Principles

Council will ensure that the sale, exchange and transfer of Council-Owned Land is in the best interests of the community and achieves the best overall outcome for Council, having regard to financial and non-financial considerations. All dispositions of land should consider the objectives outlined in Council's Financial Plan and Asset Plan.

Council will not dispose of Council-Owned Land for less than market value as determined by a suitably qualified valuer, unless a demonstrated community benefit justifies sale at less than market value.

When selling, exchanging or transferring Council-Owned Land, Council must ensure the land is appropriately zoned and is sold for its highest and best use, unless a different outcome delivers a clear community benefit.

In assessing best value, Council must consider:

a. Market value.

b. Whole-of-life costs.

c. Future maintenance and renewal liabilities.

d. Impact on operating budgets.

e. Impact on Council's long-term financial sustainability.

f. Revenue opportunities.

g. Opportunity costs associated with retaining or disposing of the land.

h. Financial and non-financial benefits to the community

4.4. Method of Disposition

Where the land assessment has been undertaken and it is determined that the Council-Owned Land is not required for retention, it can be set aside for a proposed disposal.

For the purposes of this Policy, the disposal of Council-Owned Land will require a decision of Council. A Council resolution is required, at minimum, before:

a. The decision to dispose of Council Owned Land; and

b. Endorsing the proposed sale after completion of the statutory process.

Council-Owned Land should be sold through a public process unless circumstances exist that justify an alternative method of sale. The sale of Council-Owned Land may occur by several methods. The method of each sale is to be determined by Council resolution.

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4.4.1. Auction

Sale by public auction may be used where Council seeks a competitive process to achieve market value for Council-Owned Land. The sale must be conducted by a licensed real estate agent.

A reserve price must be set prior to auction and must not be less than the market value determined by a suitably qualified valuer. If the reserve price is not met, Council may consider alternative sale methods in accordance with this policy.

In the case of sale by auction, public notice of the proposed sale must be given before the auction is held.

4.4.2. Expression of Interest

An expression of interest (EOI) process may also be appropriate where Council seeks to:

a. Test market interest in a parcel of land,

b. Achieve a particular development, planning or community outcome, or

c. Retain some influence over the future use or development of the land.

A valuation must be obtained prior to commencing an EOI process. Following assessment of submissions, Council may negotiate with a preferred proponent, subject to Council approval.

Following an Expression of Interest process, Council will assess prospective purchasers in accordance with the principle outlines in section 4.3 of this Policy.

4.4.3. Private Agreement

Sale by private agreement may be used where a public sale process is unsuccessful, impractical or where there is a clear and justifiable reason to negotiate directly with a purchaser.

Sale by private treaty must be supported by a current market valuation and must be approved by Council. Council will ensure that appropriate probity, transparency and governance measures are applied to all significant land transactions.

Depending on the scale, complexity, value or risk of the transaction, Council may obtain:

a. Independent probity advice;

b. Independent legal review;

c. Additional valuation advice; and

d. Other specialist advice considered appropriate.

4.5. Statutory Requirements for Sale of Council-Owned Land

All sale of Council-Owned Land must comply with the provisions outlined in Section 114 of the LGA.

4.5.1. Community Engagement

Council will undertake community engagement for the sale or exchange of Council-Owned Land in accordance with the LGA and Council's Community Engagement Policy.

4.5.2. Valuation of Land

A market valuation of Council-Owned Land must be obtained no more than six months prior to sale or exchange and will be used to inform the sale price or reserve price.

Council-Owned Land will not be sold for less than market value unless Council determines that a demonstrated community benefit justifies a sale at less than market value.

For land being sold to an adjoining owner, for example, to tidy an anomaly or to alleviate maintenance or boundary issues, the valuation may be assessed on an added-value basis.

4.5.3. Proceeds of Sale

Proceeds from the sale of Council-Owned Land will be applied in accordance with Council's adopted Annual Budget, Financial Plan and any resolution of Council. Where appropriate, Council should consider applying proceeds toward:

a. Asset renewal and replacement;

b. Strategic capital investment;

c. Debt reduction;

d. Acquisition of strategic land assets; and

e. Other Council-approved priorities.

If the land sold was public open space land, the proceeds will be allocated in accordance with Section 24A(8) of the Subdivision Act 1988.

4.6. Sale of Land - Discontinued Roads

The sale of any road or road reserve must follow the statutory requirements outlined in Section 4.4 of this policy. As with the sale of all Council-Owned Land, the sale of discontinued roads requires a Council resolution.

Prior to considering the discontinuance and sale or transfer of a road, right of way or reserve, Council must consider whether the land:

a. Is required for current or future vehicular or pedestrian access.

b. Has strategic, operational or community value.

c. Provides recreational linkages, public open space, or supports public works or flood mitigation.

d. Is required for any other municipal purpose.

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Where Council determines the land is no longer required, the sale, transfer or exchange may be supported where it reduces maintenance liability, improves land management outcomes, increases rate revenue, or resolves unauthorised occupation. Sales will generally be limited to abutting landowners, with equal opportunity provided unless justified otherwise, and may be based on a current market valuation on an added value basis.

All costs associated with the discontinuance and sale or transfer of the land, including legal, survey, registration and service relocation costs, must be borne by the purchaser unless otherwise determined by Council.

4.7. Acquisition of Land

Council may acquire land where it is demonstrated that the acquisition supports or facilitates the delivery of current or future services, strategic objectives, or community outcomes.

For the purposes of this Policy, any decision for Council to acquire land requires a Council resolution.

Land may be acquired by Council through a public process, private negotiation or agreement, or compulsory acquisition in accordance with the Land Acquisition and Compensation Act 1986.

Prior to any decision to acquire land, a land assessment must be undertaken to confirm the strategic justification for Council ownership. The assessment must consider, at a minimum:

a. Service, economic and strategic needs and uses.
b. Planning, zoning and statutory requirements.
c. Legal matters, including title and ownership.
d. Environmental and contamination considerations.
e. Cultural, heritage and native title considerations.
f. Site constraints, opportunities and risks.
g. Financial considerations and value for money.
h. Alignment with the Council Plan, Financial Plan, Asset Plan and other strategic documents.

Council will generally not acquire land at a price above market value unless there is a clearly demonstrated community or strategic benefit and the acquisition is approved by Council.

4.8. Delegations

Nothing in this Policy limits, alters or overrides Council's Instrument of Delegation, Instrument of Sub-delegation, governance framework, or any statutory powers or responsibilities reserved to Council under legislation.

4.9. Conflicts of Interest

Councillors, Council staff and contractors involved in activities relating to this policy must proactively identify, disclose, and appropriately manage conflicts of interest. The

management of perceived or actual conflicts of interest must follow relevant Council policies and procedures.

5. Human Rights Statement

It is considered that this policy does not impact negatively on any rights identified in the Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act (2006). Central Goldfields Shire Council is committed to consultation and cooperation between management and employees.

6. Relevant Legislation and Council Policies

6.1. Legislation and Regulation

- Local Government Act 2020
- Planning and Environment Act 1987
- Subdivision Act 1988
- Transfer of Land Act 1958
- Valuation of Land Act 1960
- Land Acquisition and Compensation Act 1986

6.2. Policies and Procedures

- Community Engagement Policy
- Council Asset Plan 2025-2035
- Council Financial Plan 2025-2035
- Council Plan
- Managing Conflicts of Interest for Councillors and Council Committee Members Policy

7. Definitions

Acquisition/Acquire	The process of gaining ownership or control of land, or an interest in land through purchase, vesting, transfer or exchange.
Community Benefit	The social, cultural, recreational, environmental, educational, health or economic value provided to the broader community through the use of Council property, having regard to Council's strategic objectives and community needs.
Council	Central Goldfields Shire Council.
Council-Owned Land	Land owned by Council in freehold title.

Disposal	The sale, exchange or transfer of Council-Owned Land.
Sale	A transaction by which Council disposes of Council-Owned Land to another person for monetary consideration. For the purposes of section 114 of the LGA, a sale is subject to the applicable notice, community engagement and valuation requirements.
Exchange	A transaction by which Council conveys Council-Owned Land in return for other land or another agreed form of consideration. For the purposes of section 114 of the LGA, an exchange is subject to the applicable notice, community engagement and valuation requirements.
Transfer	A transaction by which Council conveys legal ownership of Council-Owned Land to another person. For the purposes of section 114 of the LGA, this includes a transfer without consideration or for a nominal amount and is subject to the applicable notice, community engagement and valuation requirements.
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LGA	Local Government Act 2020 as amended from time to time.
Market Value	The value of land as determined by a qualified Valuer, having regard to the land's highest and best use and any relevant valuation requirements.
Valuer	A person with suitable qualifications and experience as specified in the Valuation of Land Act 1960.

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7.3 Draft Leasing and Licensing Policy

Author Coordinator Strategic Property and Facilities Management

Responsible Officer: Director Assets and Planning

The Officer presenting this report, having made enquiries with relevant members of staff, reports that no disclosable interests have been raised in relation to this report.

SUMMARY/PURPOSE

The existing Leasing and Licensing Policy has been reviewed to ensure it aligns with current legislative requirements, best practice and Council's strategic objectives. A draft form of the updated Council policy has been developed to incorporate the findings of this review.

The draft Policy, following approval from Council, will undergo a community engagement process before being finalised for adoption.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Endorse the Draft Leasing and Licensing Policy for Community consultation;
2. Note that the final Policy will be presented to Council for adoption following consideration of community feedback.

LEGISLATION AND POLICY CONTEXT

Central Goldfields Shire Council's Council Plan 2025-2029:

The Community's vision:

Economic Growth and Prosperity
1. Facilitate inclusive, affordable and sustainable population growth.

Informed and engaged community
3. Ensure the community is well-informed, actively engaged and empowered to participate in local decision-making.
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Sound leadership and financial management
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6. Ensure the organisation's long-term financial viability.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Property Leasing and Licensing Policy (2023) is due for review in October 2026. As a Council Policy, it will require a Council decision following community consultation.

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REPORT

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The Leasing and Licensing Policy provides a consistent and transparent framework for the management of Council-owned land and buildings. By establishing clear processes, roles and decision-making criteria, the Policy assists Council to manage legal, financial, governance and asset-related risks associated with leasing and licensing arrangements. The Policy also supports compliance with legislative obligations and helps ensure equitable and accountable management of community and commercial occupancy agreements.

CONCLUSION

The updated Leasing and Licensing Policy provides a contemporary, strategic framework for the leasing and licensing of Council-owned and managed property. The policy enhances transparency, consistency and governance, aligns with current legislative requirements and supports the effective stewardship of Council's property assets for the benefit of the community.

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1. DRAFT Leasing and Licensing Policy 2026 [**7.3.1**]

LEASING AND LICENSING POLICY

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1. Purpose

The purpose of this Policy is to provide a clear and transparent framework for the leasing and licensing of Council owned and Council managed land, buildings and facilities.

This Policy ensures that Council:

a. Manages its property portfolio responsibly and in the long-term interests of the community

b. Maximises community benefit, access and utilisation of Council property

c. Protects public assets and supports appropriate, sustainable and lawful use

d. Meets statutory obligations, including requirements relating to Council owned land, Council managed Crown land and relevant approval processes

e. Ensures that lease and licence arrangements are appropriate, documented and actively managed. These arrangements must also set out clear rights and responsibilities for Council and Tenants.

2. Scope

This Policy should be read in conjunction with the legislation, policies and procedures listed in Section 5 (Relevant Legislation and Council Policies).

This Policy applies to:

a. Leasing and licensing of land and associated buildings and facilities which are held in freehold title by Council, and

b. Leasing and licensing of Crown land and associated buildings and facilities where Council is the appointed Committee of Management or which has been vested to Council.

c. Seasonal and Personal Training Licences granted for the recurring use of Council owned or managed sporting facilities, sportsgrounds, pavilions, playing surfaces and associated sporting infrastructure.

This Policy does not apply to:

a. Community Asset Committees

b. Casual hire Agreements

c. Lease/Licence Agreements where Council is the Tenant

d. Funding or service Agreements

3. Policy

3.1. Principles

Council will apply the following principles when considering and entering into leases and/or licences:

1. **Community benefit and public value:** Council property will be leased or licenced in a way that supports demonstrated community benefit and access to facilities in alignment with Council priorities.

2. **Fair, consistent and transparent decision-making:** Council will apply clear and consistent processes when allocating, renewing or varying leases and licences. Current or historical occupation of a property does not create an automatic right to a new or renewed Agreement.

3. **Responsible custodianship and asset management:** Council is the custodian of Council owned and Council managed land on behalf of the community. Council will manage Agreements to protect assets, clarify responsibilities and support sustainable use. This will help maintain the long-term value of the property portfolio.

4. **Appropriate use of leases and licences:** Council will use a lease where exclusive possession is required and a licence where shared, flexible or non-exclusive use is appropriate. Council encourages shared use of community facilities wherever practicable to maximise utilisation of public assets.

5. **Equity, inclusion and access:** Leasing and licensing decisions will consider inclusion, diversity, access, equity, non-discrimination and opportunities to remove barriers to community participation.

3.2. Types of Occupancy Arrangements

For the purposes of this Policy, Council may enter into lease and licence arrangements, including ground leases where appropriate. Council will consider:

a. The nature of the property and whether exclusive or shared use is required,

b. The proposed Tenant or Licensee, use and demonstrated community benefit,

c. Statutory, Crown land, planning, building or other approval requirements,

d. The proposed term and any investment in buildings, improvements or capital works,

e. Maintenance responsibilities, risk, insurance and compliance obligations,

f. Council's need to retain access, control or flexibility.

3.2.1. Lease

A lease may be used where the Tenant requires exclusive possession of a property or part of a property for a defined purpose and term. A lease may be appropriate for long-term community services, commercial arrangements, specialist facilities, Tenant-funded improvements or other uses where exclusive occupation is necessary.

3.2.2. Licence

A licence may be used where shared, flexible or non-exclusive use is appropriate. Licences are preferred where facilities can be used by multiple groups or where Council needs to retain greater control over access and use.

Seasonal and Personal Training Licences are a sub category of Licences, and have additional requirements as detailed in this Policy.

3.2.3. Ground Lease

A ground lease may be used where Council leases land only and the Tenant is responsible for constructing, owning, maintaining and managing any buildings or improvements on the land. Ground leases are generally appropriate where the Tenant is making a significant capital investment and requires long-term tenure. Rent will generally reflect the value and use of the land component, with the ownership and treatment of improvements to be determined under the lease Agreement.

3.2.4. Crown Land Lease or Licence

Where Council manages Crown land, including as Committee of Management, Council must confirm its authority to enter into the proposed arrangement and obtain any required approval from DEECA. Agreements for Crown land must be consistent with the reservation purpose, the Leasing Policy for Victorian Crown Land, any

Ministerial or departmental requirements, and the prescribed or approved Agreement form.

3.3. Seasonal and Personal Training Licences

Seasonal Licences

A Seasonal Licence may be granted for the recurring use of Council-owned or Council-managed sporting facilities, sportsgrounds, pavilions, playing surfaces and associated sporting infrastructure where exclusive possession is not required. Access is generally only required over a set season, usually set by a sport season fixture. A Seasonal Licence does not grant exclusive possession of any land or facility.

Personal Training Licence

A Personal Training Licence may be granted to a personal trainer or fitness provider to conduct organised personal training, group fitness or similar commercial fitness activities on a Council Managed Facility. The licence authorises only the approved activities, location, times and period, does not grant exclusive possession, and remains subject to Council's operational requirements and applicable conditions.

Detailed requirements may be established through the applicable agreement, permit, terms and conditions or procedure.

3.3.1. Allocation

Where competing requests are received for the same facility or period, Council may establish allocation priorities having regard to:

a. Council operational and emergency requirements.
b. Existing approved agreements.
c. Community participation and benefit.
d. Fair access and inclusion.
e. Local community benefit.
f. Facility capacity, condition and sustainability.
g. The nature and suitability of the proposed use.

Previous or historical use of a sporting facility does not create an entitlement to future allocation or renewal of a Seasonal or Personal Training Licence.

3.3.2. Seasonal Periods

Seasonal Licences will generally apply for the following periods:

Winter Season	1 April to 30 September
Summer Season	1 October to 31 March

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Council may vary these periods to reflect competition requirements, facility availability, weather conditions or maintenance requirements.

3.3.3. Eligibility Requirements – Seasonal Licence

For a group to be eligible for a Seasonal Licence, the group must:

a. Be an Incorporated entity or recognised sporting organisation.

b. Be affiliated with a relevant sporting association, where applicable.

c. Have no outstanding debt to Council.

d. Provide participant numbers which include junior participation, female participation and other demographic information requested by Council.

e. Submit a seasonal application by the advertised closing date.

f. Accept Council's terms and conditions.

g. Comply with Child Safe Standards.

h. Demonstrate commitment to fair access principles.

3.3.4. Facility Management

Council may vary, restrict, suspend or reallocate a Seasonal or Personal Training Licence use where necessary to protect the condition, safety, sustainability or availability of sporting facilities and playing surfaces.

3.4. Tenant and Licensee Categories

Council will consider the nature of the Tenant or Licensee, the proposed use, community benefit, financial capacity, commercial return and property characteristics when determining rent, licence fees, subsidies or other charges.

The following categories assists Council in determining the most appropriate occupancy arrangement and rental approach but does not create an entitlement to a particular rent category, subsidy or form of tenure.

The following tenant categories apply:

3.4.1. Community Groups and Clubs

Community Groups and Clubs are organisations established primarily to facilitate community participation, recreation, sport, culture, arts, environmental activities or other community-based activities for the benefit of the local community.

To be eligible for this category, an organisation will generally be required to be:

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a. An incorporated association;
b. A company limited by guarantee;
c. Established under legislation or other statutory authority; or
d. Another incorporated or legally constituted entity capable of entering into and complying with the obligations of a lease or licence agreement, to council's satisfaction.

This category may include sporting clubs, recreation groups, arts and cultural organisations, environmental groups, service clubs, Scouts Victoria, Girl Guides Victoria and similar organisations.

3.4.2. Community Service Organisations

Community Service Organisations are organisations that provide education, health, childcare, disability, welfare, community support or similar services to the community.

This category may include registered charities, schools, kindergartens and early childhood service providers. It may also include YMCA, community health providers, disability service providers, welfare organisations and similar service-based organisations.

Council recognises that these organisations may receive government funding, charitable funding, service fees or other revenue to support the delivery of community services.

3.4.3. Government Agencies

Government Agencies are Commonwealth, State or Local Government entities, statutory authorities or other publicly funded organisations delivering government services or programs.

This category may include government departments, statutory authorities, public sector agencies and other government-funded bodies.

3.4.4. Commercial and Private Occupiers

Commercial and Private Occupiers are individuals, businesses or organisations occupying Council property primarily for commercial purposes, private benefit, private use or commercial return.

This category may include:

a. Sole traders, partnerships and companies;

b. Commercial operators and franchise businesses;

c. Adjoining landowners occupying Council land as an extension of their property;

d. Occupiers holding encroachment licences or similar arrangements;

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e. Hangar tenants and other aviation-related occupiers;

f. Grazing licensees;

g. Individuals occupying Council land for private purposes; and

h. Other private enterprises or occupiers not falling within another occupancy category.

3.5. Tenant and Licensee Selection and Assessment

3.5.1. Eligibility of Tenants and Licensees

Council will assess prospective and renewing Tenants and Licensees to ensure that occupancy arrangements are appropriate, sustainable and in the community interest. Assessment will consider the Tenant's or Licensees legal status, governance arrangements and demonstrated community benefit. It will also consider alignment with Council priorities, suitability of the proposed use, financial capacity, risk profile and ability to meet the obligations of the proposed Agreement.

3.5.2. Occupancy Allocation

Council may allocate occupancy through a public expression of interest or other competitive process, direct negotiation, or renewal of an existing Agreement. Any allocation process will have regard to the nature of the property, legislative requirements, strategic objectives, and the circumstances of the proposed occupancy.

3.5.3. Renewal of Agreements

The occupation of Council property under an existing lease or licence does not create an entitlement to renewal or continued occupation. Requests for renewal will be assessed on their merits, having regard to the Tenant or Licensee’s performance under the existing Agreement, ongoing community or strategic benefit, the future use of the property, and any other relevant considerations.

3.5.4. Agreements relating to Crown Land

Occupancy arrangements relating to Crown land will be managed in accordance with applicable legislation and the policies, guidelines and approvals of the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (DEECA). Where required, these requirements may take precedence over the principles contained in this Policy.

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3.6. Rent and Fees

Council will determine rent and licence fees having regard to the category of occupier, the purpose of the occupancy, the level of community benefit provided, the value of the property, the occupier's capacity to generate income from the property and Council's strategic objectives.

The rental category applied to an occupancy arrangement will be determined by Council having regard to the nature of the occupier, the community benefit provided and the objectives of this Policy.

Council may apply one of the following rental approaches:

3.6.1. Community Use Rent

Community Use Rent generally applies to Community Groups and Clubs that provide a demonstrable benefit to the community and operate primarily through volunteers or limited revenue sources.

Community Use Rent is intended to support community participation while recognising the costs incurred by Council in providing and managing public assets.

When calculating rent for Community Use, the following principles will apply

a. Rent for Crown Land should not be significantly different to rent on Council Owned land for an equivalent facility.
b. Two identical facilities in different parts of the municipality should pay the same rent.
c. Where groups engage in similar activities, a group that uses a better facility should pay more rent
d. The rent should not be prohibitively expensive for the Group or Club.

3.6.2. Market Rent with Subsidy

Market Rent with Subsidy generally applies to Community Service Organisations where Council determines that the occupier provides a significant community benefit.

The subsidy may be determined having regard to the value of the community benefit provided the extent of government funding received by the occupier, the occupier's financial capacity and Council's strategic objectives.

3.6.3. Market Rent

Market Rent will generally apply to:

a. Commercial and Private Occupiers;

b. Government Agencies; and
c. Community Service Organisations where Council does not determine a subsidy is appropriate.

3.6.4. Licences and Community Use

Council recognises that some Community Groups and Clubs have limited capacity to pay Community Use rent. Where appropriate, Council may prefer a licence arrangement to facilitate shared use, casual hiring and broader community access to facilities.

In considering the most appropriate occupancy arrangement, Council will have regard to the occupier's capacity to meet occupancy costs, the potential for shared use of the facility and the efficient utilisation of Council assets.

3.6.5. Seasonal and Personal Training Licence Fees

When determining fees for seasonal and personal training licences, Council may consider:

a. The standard and quality of the facility;
b. Asset maintenance and renewal costs;
c. Frequency and intensity of use;
d. Extent of facility access provided;
e. Community benefit outcomes; and
f. Consistency with similar facilities and user groups.

Council may apply different fee structures or subsidies to reflect community and commercial use.

Council may require a security bond or other security arrangement. The amount, application, refund and administration of security arrangements will be determined in accordance with the applicable agreement, terms and conditions or procedure.

3.6.6. Peppercorn Rent

Council generally does not support peppercorn rent arrangements.

Community support will generally be provided through Community Use Rent, licence arrangements, shared use opportunities or other mechanisms determined by Council.

3.6.7. Rent Review

Rent and licence fees will be reviewed annually or in accordance with the Agreement. Annual rent reviews will generally be based on a fixed percentage determined by Council.

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Commercial Agreements may include periodic market rent reviews where appropriate, including at the commencement of a further term.

3.7. Length of Agreements

Council will determine the term of a lease or licence having regard to the intended use of the property, the nature of the occupancy arrangement, applicable legislative requirements, Council's strategic objectives for the property and any other relevant considerations.

The term of any lease or licence must comply with applicable legislation, including the *Local Government Act 2020*, the *Crown Land (Reserves) Act 1978* and any other requirements applying to the land or occupancy arrangement.

3.7.1. General Term Guidelines - Leases

Council will generally offer an initial term of between one and three years, with further option terms where appropriate.

The length of the initial term and any option periods will be determined having regard to the circumstances of the occupancy, the factors outlined in this Policy and any applicable legislative requirements.

Council may offer shorter initial terms where an organisation is newly established, its capacity to meet the obligations of the agreement has not yet been demonstrated, the future use of the property is uncertain, or Council considers it appropriate to review the arrangement before considering a longer-term commitment.

Longer initial terms or additional option periods may be considered where an occupier has demonstrated an ongoing capacity to meet its obligations, proposes significant investment in the property, or where a longer tenure is otherwise considered appropriate having regard to the intended use of the premises and Council's strategic objectives.

Longer-term agreements may be considered on a case-by-case basis, subject to any applicable legislative requirements.

3.8. Subletting and Shared Use

Council supports the efficient and shared use of Council-owned and managed facilities where such use is consistent with the purpose of the facility, the terms of the occupancy agreement and any applicable legislative or land tenure requirements.

Prospective occupiers are encouraged to discuss their operational requirements and intended use of the facility with Council during negotiations to ensure that the occupancy agreement appropriately reflects the proposed arrangements.

Unless otherwise agreed by Council, the Tenant or Licensee remains responsible for complying with all obligations under the occupancy agreement.

3.8.1. Hiring of Premises

Under a lease, A Tenant may hire all or part of the premises to third parties where this is expressly permitted under the occupancy agreement. Any hire arrangements must comply with Council's requirements, including:

a. The use of Council's prescribed hire agreement, or another form approved by Council;

b. Compliance with any conditions specified by Council;

c. Maintaining accurate records of facility users and hire arrangements; and

d. Obtaining and maintaining evidence of public liability insurance from facility users where required by Council.

Hire arrangements must not grant exclusive possession or otherwise create an interest in the land.

3.8.2. Subletting, Licensing, Assignment

Subletting, licensing, assigning or otherwise granting occupancy rights over all or part of the premises to another organisation is generally not permitted without Council's prior written approval.

In considering a request for subletting or another occupancy arrangement, Council may have regard to:

a. The purpose and terms of the existing occupancy agreement;

b. The nature, frequency and duration of the proposed use;

c. Any impact on community access, availability and benefit;

d. The suitability of the proposed occupant;

e. Insurance, risk management and compliance requirements;

f. Any legislative, reserve purpose, Crown land, land tenure or other property-related requirements applicable to the premises; and

g. Whether the proposed arrangement would be more appropriately managed through a direct agreement with Council.

Where an occupier's proposed use of a facility is expected to involve ongoing shared occupation, co-tenancy or the granting of ongoing occupancy rights to multiple organisations, Council will generally consider a licence to be the preferred form of occupancy rather than a lease.

3.9. Overholding

3.9.1. Overholding on Council Land Agreements

Council may permit temporary overholding where the lease or licence allows it, or where Council agrees in writing.

Overholding is a short-term administrative measure. It is not a substitute for timely review, renewal or replacement of an occupancy agreement.

Overholding does not create an entitlement to a renewal, extension or replacement lease or licence.

Unless Council determines otherwise, overholding will be month-to-month. The Tenant or Licensee must continue to pay all applicable fees and comply with the expired agreement.

Either party may end an overholding arrangement by giving one month's written notice. The arrangement will also end when a new occupancy agreement starts.

Overholding should generally not continue for more than six months after expiry. Prolonged or indefinite overholding may become inconsistent with current legislative, policy, land management or operational requirements. It may also limit review of the property use and responsibilities, creating unacceptable risk for Council.

3.9.2. Overholding on Crown Land Agreements

Overholding on Crown land is subject to any applicable legislative, regulatory and State Government requirements.

In accordance with Department requirements, overholding of a Crown land lease or licence will automatically expire three months after the expiry date of the agreement.

A Tenant or Licensee occupying Crown land must not assume that a new lease, licence or extension will be granted. Where a replacement agreement has not been executed prior to the expiry of the three-month overholding period, the Tenant or Licensee will be expected to vacate the premises at the end of that period.

Council will provide no assurance that a replacement agreement will be offered and an overholding arrangement on Crown land must not be relied upon as an ongoing occupancy arrangement.

3.10. Review and Variation of Agreements

Council may review leases and licences from time to time to ensure they remain consistent with applicable legal, policy, insurance, risk and property management requirements.

A review may be undertaken where changes affect the management, use or compliance obligations of the property.

Where reasonably required, Council may seek to vary an occupancy agreement to maintain compliance and support effective asset management.

Tenants and Licensees are expected to reasonably cooperate with Council in the review of occupancy agreements and the preparation and execution of any agreed variation.

The allocation of costs associated with a variation will be determined by Council having regard to the nature and circumstances of the proposed variation.

3.11. Tenant and Licensee Responsibilities

Council expects Tenants and Licensees to occupy and manage Council property in a responsible manner that protects Council assets and supports safe, lawful and sustainable use.

Tenants and Licensees are responsible for:

a. Complying with the terms and conditions of their lease or licence Agreement;

b. Using the property only for its approved purpose;

c. Complying with all relevant legislation, regulations and Council policies;

d. Maintaining appropriate insurance and risk management measures as required under the Agreement;

e. Maintaining the premises in the condition required by the Agreement and promptly reporting any defects, damage or safety hazards;

f. Obtaining Council's written approval before undertaking alterations or improvements to the property, unless otherwise permitted under the Agreement;

g. Meeting any maintenance, repair and operational responsibilities allocated to them under the Agreement; and

h. Ensuring the property is managed in a safe, secure and environmentally responsible manner.

The specific responsibilities of Council and the Tenant or Licensee, including maintenance, repair, renewal and reinstatement obligations, will be set out in the applicable lease or licence Agreement.

3.12. Tenant Improvements

Council recognises that Tenants under a Lease may seek to undertake improvements or install fixtures and fittings to support the approved use of the property.

The following principles apply:

a. Tenants must obtain Council's written approval before structural alterations, capital works or permanent improvements, unless the Agreement permits otherwise.

b. Council may consider design, construction standards, maintenance, property and future-use impacts, and applicable legislative, planning and Crown land requirements.

c. Council may require a bond, bank guarantee or other security to cover potential removal, reinstatement or rectification costs.

d. Unless agreed otherwise in writing, Tenants are responsible for maintaining, repairing and replacing their improvements during the Agreement.

e. At the Agreement's end, Council may require Tenant-installed works to be removed and the property reinstated to its satisfaction at the Tenant's cost.

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f. Council may retain Tenant-installed works without compensation unless agreed otherwise in writing.

g. Tenant-owned temporary structures, fixtures, fittings, plant, furniture and equipment must be removed at the Agreement's end unless Council agrees otherwise.

h. The Tenant must repair damage caused by removing its assets or improvements unless Council agrees otherwise.

i. The applicable Agreement will specify the ownership, maintenance, removal, reinstatement and treatment of improvements.

3.13. Insurance

Council requires Tenants and Licensees to maintain insurance appropriate to the nature of their occupancy and the risks associated with their use of Council property.

Unless otherwise determined by Council, occupiers must maintain public liability insurance with a minimum indemnity of $20 million for any one claim or occurrence.

Council may require additional or alternative insurance coverage having regard to the nature of the occupancy, activities undertaken on the property, improvements, assets, equipment, employees, volunteers, or any other risks associated with the occupation.

Insurance requirements will be specified in the applicable lease or licence agreement.

Tenants and Licensees must maintain all insurance required under the lease or licence agreement and provide evidence of currency to Council annually, and upon request at any time during the term of the agreement.

3.14. Conflicts of Interest

Councillors, Council staff and contractors involved in activities relating to this policy must proactively identify, disclose, and appropriately manage conflicts of interest. The management of perceived or actual conflicts of interest must follow relevant Council policies and procedures.

3.15. Delegations

Council will exercise its powers relating to the leasing and licensing of Council owned and Council managed land in accordance with the LGA, any other applicable legislation, and Council's Instrument of Delegation.

The approval authority for leasing and licensing matters will be determined by the nature, value, term and complexity of the proposed Agreement. Matters not delegated to Council officers, or those required by legislation or Council policy to be determined by Council, will be referred to Council for decision.

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Council officers exercising delegated authority are responsible for ensuring leasing and licensing decisions are consistent with this Policy, as well as related policies and procedures.

3.16. Implementation

Council will maintain leasing and licensing Procedures to support the implementation of this Policy. The Procedures prescribe the administrative processes, assessment criteria, approval pathways and operational requirements for administering leases and licences. The Procedures are an administrative document approved under Council's governance framework and may be amended from time to time without requiring amendment to this Policy.

4. Human Rights Statement

It is considered that this policy does not impact negatively on any rights identified in the Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act (2006).

5. Relevant Legislation and Council Policies

5.1. Policies and Procedures

- Leasing and licensing Procedures
- Instrument of Delegation to Members of Council Staff
- Leasing Policy for Victorian Crown Land 2023
- Community Engagement Policy
- Council Asset Plan 2025-2035
- Council Financial Plan 2025-2035
- Council Plan
- Staff Conflict of Interest Policy
- Managing Conflicts of Interest for Councillors and Council Committee Members Policy

5.2. Legislation and Regulation

- Local Government Act 2020
- Retail Leases Act 2003
- Crown Land (Reserves) Act 1978
- Planning and Environment Act 1987
- Land Act 1958
- Subdivision Act 1988
- Residential Tenancies Act 1997

6. Definitions

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Term	Definition
Agreement	A lease, licence or other approved occupancy instrument granting rights to occupy or use Council-owned or Council-managed land and/or buildings.
Commercial Tenant	A person, business, company, partnership, sole trader or other entity occupying Council-owned or Council-managed land primarily for commercial gain, private benefit or market-based activities.
Committee of Management	Refers to a committee appointed by the State Government in accordance with the Crown Land Reserves Act 1978 to manage Crown Land.
Community Benefit	The social, cultural, recreational, environmental, educational, health or economic value provided to the broader community through the use of Council property, having regard to Council's strategic objectives and community needs.
Community Service Organisation	An organisation that provides education, health, childcare, disability, welfare, community support or similar services to the community.
Community Group or Club	An organisation established primarily to facilitate community participation, recreation, sport, culture, arts, environmental activities or other community-based activities for the benefit of the community.
Community Use Rent	A subsidised rent determined by Council, having regard to the level of community benefit provided by an occupier.
Council	Central Goldfields Shire Council
Council Managed Land	Land held by Council in freehold title, together with Crown land managed by Council as the appointed Committee of Management or otherwise vested in Council for management purposes. The term includes any buildings, facilities, structures, improvements and other assets located on that land.
Council Owned Land	Land owned by Council in freehold title. This may also include buildings or assets located on this land.

DEECA	The Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action or its successor.
Exclusive Possession	The legal right granted under a lease for a Tenant to exclusively occupy and control all or part of a property for the term of the Agreement, subject to any rights reserved by Council.
Government Agency	A Commonwealth, State or Local Government entity, statutory authority or publicly funded body delivering government services or programmes.
Ground Lease	A lease where Council grants exclusive possession of land only, with the Tenant responsible for any buildings, structures or improvements on the land in accordance with the terms of the Agreement.
Lease	Means a contract by which one party (Landlord/Lessor) grants a right to another (Tenant/Lessee) to exclusive possession of lands, building, property or part thereof for a specified time, in return for rental payments.
LGA	Refers to the *Local Government Act 2020*
Licence	Means a contract by which one party (Licensor) grants a contractual right to another (Licensee) to non-exclusive possession of lands, building, property or part thereof for a specified time, in return for payment of a licence fee.
Licensee	A person, organisation or other legal entity granted a Licence by Council to use Council Managed Land for an approved purpose, including under a Seasonal Licence or Personal Training Licence, without exclusive possession and subject to the applicable Agreement, terms and conditions.
Market Rent	The rent that would reasonably be expected to be paid for the occupation of a property in an open and competitive market, as determined by Council and, where required, informed by an independent valuation.
Market Value	The value of a property as determined by a qualified valuer.

Not For Profit Organisation	An organisation whose governing documents prohibit the distribution of profits to members. This includes, but is not limited to, Incorporated Associations, companies limited by guarantee and charities registered with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission.
Overholding	The continued occupation of Council property by a Tenant after the expiry of a lease or licence, with Council's approval, on a temporary basis until the arrangement is terminated or replaced by a new Agreement.
Peppercorn Rent	A nominal rent charged to a Tenant significantly below market value, generally $1 or $10 per annum.
Personal Training Licence	Council approval for a personal trainer or fitness provider to conduct organised personal training, group fitness or similar commercial fitness activities on a Council Managed Facility, subject to applicable conditions.
Rent Subsidy	A reduction applied by Council to market rent having regard to community benefit and the objectives of this Policy.
Seasonal Licence	A licence granted by Council for the regular or recurring use of a sporting facility, sportsground, playing surface, pavilion or associated sporting infrastructure for an approved sporting season or defined period, without granting exclusive possession.
Subletting	An arrangement where a Tenant grants another person or organisation the right to occupy or use all or part of the leased premises for a period of time, while the Tenant remains responsible for complying with the terms of the lease or licence Agreement.
Tenant	A person, organisation or other legal entity granted a lease by Council to occupy Council Managed Land for an approved purpose, generally with exclusive possession and subject to the applicable lease Agreement.

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7.4 Draft Community Facility Hire Policy 2026

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Responsible Officer: Director Assets and Planning

The Officer presenting this report, having made enquiries with relevant members of staff, reports that no disclosable interests have been raised in relation to this report.

SUMMARY/PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to seek Council endorsement of the Draft Community Facility Hire Policy 2026 for community consultation. The updated Policy replaces the Casual Hire Policy 2019 and establishes a contemporary, consistent framework for the casual hire of Council-owned and Council-managed community facilities.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Endorse the Draft Community Facility Hire Policy 2026 for community consultation; and
2. Note that the final Policy will be presented to Council for adoption following consideration of community feedback.

LEGISLATION AND POLICY CONTEXT

Central Goldfields Shire Council's Council Plan 2025-2029:

The Community's vision:

Economic Growth and Prosperity
1. Boost tourism and celebrate regional Identity.
Informed and engaged community
3. Ensure the community is well-informed, actively engaged and empowered to participate in local decision-making.
3. Strengthen community engagement and belonging through Shire-wide participation.
3. Provide our community with clear, transparent and targeted communication and engagement opportunities that are bottom up, planned and accessible.
Infrastructure that supports growth and liveability
4. Provide and maintain inclusive, accessible, culturally safe and sustainable community infrastructure that supports wellbeing at every life stage.
Sound leadership and financial management
6. Embed good governance in all aspects of the organisation to create the fundamentals of fair, open and equitable decision making.
6. Ensure the organisation's long-term financial viability.
6. Lead with integrity, accountability and transparency within the organisation.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Council's Casual Hire Policy was adopted in 2019 to guide casual use of a limited group of community facilities. Its scope identified the Maryborough Town Hall, Maryborough Community Hub and Maryborough Resource Centre and prescribed detailed operational requirements for bookings, insurance, fees, bonds, cleaning, cancellations and property damage.

Since adoption, Council's facility portfolio, governance arrangements and legislative context have evolved. A broader framework is required to provide consistent principles across all hireable Council facilities, including existing sporting facilities where they are made available for casual hire.

The updated Policy will be a part of the framework within the newly created Strategic Property And Facilities Management Team.

REPORT

The Draft Community Facility Hire Policy 2026 modernises Council's approach to casual facility hire. It expands the policy from a small number of named venues to all Council-owned and Council-managed community facilities available for casual hire, including sporting facilities where the proposed use is not otherwise governed by a seasonal use agreement, lease, licence or separate agreement.
The updated Policy establishes principles of community benefit, public value, fairness, transparency, responsible custodianship, appropriate use, equity, inclusion, accessibility and safe and lawful use. Operational matters are supported through facility-specific Hire Agreements and Hire Terms and Conditions, enabling requirements to be applied proportionately to the nature of each facility and activity.
The Policy also clarifies the distinction between casual hire and ongoing occupancy. Short-term or occasional use may proceed under casual hire arrangements, while regular, recurring or intensive use may require an alternative agreement such as a licence or lease.

Table 1: Comparison between the Casual Hire Policy 2019 and Draft Community Facility Hire Policy 2026

Area	Current Policy (2019)	Updated Policy (2026)
Scope	Applies to a limited list of community venues, principally the Town Hall, Community Hub and Resource Centre.	Applies consistently to all hireable Council-owned and Council-managed community facilities, including sporting facilities available for casual hire.
Policy approach	Combines policy principles with detailed operational booking rules.	Sets a strategic policy framework, with facility-specific operational requirements contained in Hire Agreements and Terms and Conditions.
Decision-making	Provides limited allocation principles and reserves a general right to refuse hire.	Introduces fair, consistent and transparent assessment, allocation and cancellation principles, including community benefit, suitability, availability and risk.
Access and inclusion	Focuses on community participation and responsible use.	Expressly addresses equity, inclusion, accessibility, diversity, non-discrimination and removal of barriers to participation.
Fees and concessions	Refers to annual fees and charges and selected facility bonds.	Provides principles for fees, community group rates, fee waivers, cost recovery, security bonds and access arrangements.
Governance and legislation	Reflects legislation and organisational responsibilities current in 2019.	Aligns with the Local Government Act 2020 and Council's current governance, asset management and policy framework.

CONSULTATION/COMMUNICATION

Following the approval of the draft policies, Community engagement will be undertaken in accordance with Council's Community Engagement Policy. This will involve all current tenants of Council managed properties, as well as a short feedback form for the general community.

Once Community engagement has concluded and has been reviewed, the finalised Policy will go through the ELT and Councillor Briefing process, before adoption at a Council Meeting.

FINANCIAL & RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

The draft Policy is not expected to create a direct adverse financial impact. Facility hire fees will continue to be determined through Council's annual Fees and Charges process. The Policy supports transparent fee setting, appropriate community group rates, and provides principles to ensure see waivers are applied fairly and consistently.
Implementation will require administrative updates to facility listings, booking processes, agreements and Terms and Conditions, together with staff and hirer communication. These activities are expected to be managed within existing operational resources.

RISK MANAGEMENT

This report addresses Council's strategic risk:
Government policy changes - change in government policy and/or funding resulting in significant impact on the delivery of critical services
Financial sustainability - Failure to maintain our long term financial sustainability
Governance - Failure to transparently govern and embrace good governance practices
Legislative compliance - Failure to manage our compliance with relevant legislative requirements
Community engagement- Inadequate stakeholder management or engagement impacting brand reputation and community satisfaction in Council decision making

The updated Policy reduces governance and legislative compliance risk by establishing consistent and transparent decision-making across Council's hireable facility portfolio. It supports financial sustainability through clearer fee, waiver and cost-recovery principles and strengthens asset protection by clarifying hirer responsibilities, insurance, security, damage and risk requirements. Community engagement risk will be managed through consultation with affected users before adoption. Operational risk will be further managed through facility-specific Hire Agreements and Terms and Conditions that reflect the suitability, capacity and risk profile of each facility and activity.

CONCLUSION

The Draft Community Facility Hire Policy 2026 provides a contemporary and scalable framework for the casual hire of Council facilities. Unlike the 2019 Policy, which was limited to a small number of named venues, the updated Policy applies consistently across all hireable Council-owned and Council-managed community facilities, including sporting facilities available for casual hire. The Policy strengthens fairness, transparency, inclusion, risk management and responsible stewardship while allowing operational requirements to be tailored through facility-specific agreements and conditions.

ATTACHMENTS

1. DRAFT Community Facility Hire Policy [**7.4.1**]

COMMUNITY FACILITY HIRE POLICY

Directorate:	Infrastructure, Assets and Planning
Responsible Manager:	Manager Project Services and Asset Management
Review Due:	*4 years from Adoption Date*
Adoption:	Council Resolution
Date Adopted:	……..

Acknowledgement

Central Goldfields Shire Council acknowledges and extends appreciation for the Dja Dja Wurrung People, the Traditional Owners of the land that we are on.

We pay our respects to leaders and Elders past, present and emerging for they hold the memories, the traditions, the culture and the hopes of all Dja Dja Wurrung People.

We express our gratitude in the sharing of this land, our sorrow for the personal, spiritual and cultural costs of that sharing and our hope that we may walk forward together in harmony and in the spirit of healing.

1. Purpose

The purpose of this Policy is to provide a clear, fair, consistent and transparent framework for the casual hire and use of Council-Owned and Council Managed community facilities.

Council is the custodian of these assets on behalf of, and for the benefit of, the community and will manage facility hire arrangements to support appropriate use, community benefit, public value, equitable access and responsible stewardship of Council property.

This Policy ensures that Council:

a. Promotes equitable community access and appropriate utilisation of Council facilities;
b. Supports community participation, recreation, learning, cultural activities and events;
c. Protects Council assets and supports safe, sustainable and lawful use;
d. Manages facility hire arrangements in a fair, consistent and transparent manner;
e. Ensures hirers understand their responsibilities and comply with applicable legislation, Council policies and hire conditions; and
f. Ensures facility hire arrangements are appropriately documented, actively managed and supported by clear rights and responsibilities for Council and hirers.

2. Scope

This Policy must be read in conjunction with the relevant legislation, Council policies, procedures, facility Hire Agreements and terms and conditions applicable to the use of Council facilities.

These facilities are available to support community activities including meetings, workshops, training, cultural events, recreational activities, and community gatherings.

1. This Policy applies to:
    a. Casual hire of Council owned and Council managed community facilities;

2. This Policy does not apply to:
    a. Community Asset Committees;
    b. Seasonal use Agreements;
    c. Lease or Licence Agreements;
    d. Council facilities used exclusively for Council operations.

3. Policy

3.1. Principles

Council will apply the following principles when considering and managing the casual hire and use of Council facilities:

a. **Community benefit and public value:** Council facilities will be made available in a way that supports demonstrated community benefit, public value, community participation and appropriate utilisation of public assets.

b. **Fair, consistent and transparent decision-making:** Council will apply clear and consistent processes when allocating, approving, renewing or cancelling facility hire arrangements. Previous or historical use of a facility does not create an automatic right to future bookings.

c. **Responsible custodianship and asset management:** Council is the custodian of Council-Owned and Council Managed property on behalf of the community and will manage facility hire arrangements to protect assets, manage risk and maintain the long-term value and availability of facilities.

d. **Appropriate use of facilities:** Council will consider the suitability of the proposed activity, facility capacity, operational requirements, risk and the intended use when approving facility hire.

e. **Equity, inclusion and access:** Facility hire decisions will consider inclusion, diversity, accessibility, equity, non-discrimination and opportunities to remove barriers to community participation.

f. **Safe, lawful and responsible use:** Council will support the safe and lawful use of facilities and expects hirers to comply with applicable legislation, Council policies, Hire Agreements and directions issued by authorised Council officers.

3.2. Facility Hire Arrangements

Council will determine the appropriate arrangement for the use of each facility having regard to:

a. The nature and purpose of the facility;

b. The proposed activity and intended use;

c. The duration and frequency of the proposed use;

d. The capacity and availability of the facility;

e. Community benefit and public value;

f. Risk, insurance, safety and compliance requirements;

g. Council's operational and asset management requirements; and

h. Any legislative, planning, building, Crown land or other approval requirements.

Casual hire arrangements will generally be used for short-term or occasional use of Council facilities where an ongoing occupancy arrangement is not required.

Where use becomes regular or recurring, Council may require the user to enter into an alternative Agreement, including a Licence or Lease, where appropriate.

The specific terms and conditions applying to each facility hire arrangement will be set out in the applicable Hire Agreement.

3.3. Booking and Allocation

Council will manage facility bookings in a fair, consistent and transparent manner having regard to the nature of the facility, proposed use, community benefit, availability, operational requirements and any applicable legislative requirements.

Council may require applicants to provide information necessary to assess a proposed booking, including information relating to:

a. The proposed activity and purpose of the hire;

b. Expected attendance;

c. Insurance and risk management;

d. Food, alcohol or other regulated activities;

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e. Equipment, structures or services proposed to be brought onto the property; and

f. Any other information reasonably required by Council.

Council may establish booking priorities where competing requests are received for the same facility or period.

Previous or historical use of a facility does not create an automatic right to future bookings.

The administrative requirements, booking timeframes, allocation processes and applicable conditions will be established through the relevant Terms and Conditions for each facility.

3.4. Fees and Charges

Council will determine facility hire fees in a manner that is fair, transparent and consistent, having regard to the purpose of the hire, the nature of the hirer, the facility, the level of community benefit and the costs associated with providing the facility.

3.4.1. Principles

In determining fees, Council will apply the following principles:

a. Commercial and private use will generally attract the applicable commercial or private hire fee;

b. Fees and any subsidy will be determined in a consistent and equitable manner; and

c. Council may recover additional costs associated with a hire arrangement, including cleaning, damage, security, staffing, equipment or other services where applicable.

d. Facility hire fees will be determined through Council's annual budget process;

e. The applicable fees and charges will be published in Council's Annual Budget Schedule of Fees and Charges.

3.4.2. Community Group Hire Rate

Some facilities may have a discounted hire fee for Community Groups. This rate is typically applicable to a community group or organisation that meets the following criteria:

a. An organisation that has limited capacity to generate revenue and relies mainly on volunteers to conduct its activities;

b. The organisation’s activities aim to increase social engagement and promote the health and wellbeing of the Central Goldfields community;

c. The Organisation reinvests or applies the revenue it receives predominantly for public interest services or activities.

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Council may request further information from the hirer to be considered under the community rate, if sufficient evidence is not provided upon application. If a hirer does not meet the criteria, standard rates will apply.

3.4.3. Fee Waivers

Council may, at its discretion, consider a full or partial facility hire fee waiver for eligible Community Group hirers in exceptional circumstances.

When assessing a Fee Waiver, Council will consider:

- The financial capacity of the hirer, having regard to the exceptional circumstances giving rise to the request;
- Council's operating costs of the facility that will be hired; and
- Fairness and equity principles, ensuring that fee waivers are applied in a consistent manner.

Fee waivers are intended to be granted only in exceptional circumstances. Examples may include:

- A newly established community group or club seeking to trial the use of a Council facility for a limited period;
- A club or community group displaced from its usual premises due to significant unexpected circumstances beyond its control and requiring temporary access to a Council facility; and
- A declared emergency or disaster where the use of a Council facility supports emergency response, relief or recovery activities.

Not-for-profit status, charitable status, and volunteer-based operations may be considered as part of an application; however, these factors alone would not ordinarily be sufficient to support a fee waiver.

Fee waivers will be assessed on a case-by-case basis and will be approved by the relevant Manager or Director, under existing delegated authority.

Any approved fee waiver applies only to the specific booking or period approved by Council and does not create an entitlement for future fee waivers.

A fee waiver does not remove the hirer's responsibility for damage, cleaning, insurance, security, additional services or other costs arising from the hire unless expressly approved by Council.

3.6 Insurance and Risk

Council Facilities cannot be hired without Public Liability Insurance. The Hirer must either:

a. Provide a Certificate of Currency of Public Liability insurance to the amount of $20 million dollars; or

b. Request to use Council's Public Liability Insurance, at a rate determined by the Fees and Charges set in Council's Annual Budget

Hirers may be required to provide evidence of other relevant insurance information to Council, dependent on the nature of the facility and activity.

3.7 Security Bonds and Access

Council may require a hirer to provide a security bond or other security arrangement as a condition of facility hire.

Security arrangements may be used to protect Council against costs arising from damage to property, additional cleaning, loss or damage to keys or access devices, breaches of hire conditions, or other costs associated with the hire.

Where keys, access cards, fobs or other access devices are provided, Council may require a security bond or other arrangement and may establish requirements for their return and use.

The amount, application, refund and administration of security bonds and access arrangements are determined in Terms and Conditions for each facility.

The hirer remains responsible for any costs incurred by Council that exceed the value of any security bond held.

3.8 Hirer Responsibilities

Council expects hirers to use Council facilities in a responsible manner that protects Council assets and supports safe, lawful and sustainable use.

Hirers are responsible for:

a. Complying with the Terms and Conditions of their Hire Agreement;

b. Using the facility only for its approved purpose;

c. Complying with all relevant legislation, regulations and Council policies;

d. Maintaining appropriate insurance and risk management measures as required;

e. Maintaining the facility in the condition required by the Hire Agreement and promptly reporting any defects, damage or safety hazards;

f. Obtaining Council's written approval before undertaking alterations, installing fixtures or attaching items to the facility, unless otherwise permitted under the Hire Agreement;

g. Meeting any cleaning, set-up, pack-down, waste removal and other responsibilities allocated to them under the Hire Agreement; and

h. Ensuring the facility is managed in a safe, secure and environmentally responsible manner.

The specific responsibilities of Council and the hirer will be set out in the applicable Hire Agreement terms and conditions.

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3.9 Booking Cancellation

Hirers may request cancellation of a booking before the time of hire.

Cancellation fees, refund arrangements and notice requirements will be determined in accordance with the Terms and Conditions of each facility.

3.10 Council's Right to Refuse Hire

Council may refuse, restrict, suspend or cancel a facility hire arrangement where the proposed use is unsuitable, unlawful, unsafe, inconsistent with the purpose of the facility, or otherwise presents unacceptable risk or operational impacts.

Council will exercise these powers fairly, reasonably and consistently and in accordance with Council's delegations and applicable legislation.

4. Human Rights Statement

It is considered that this policy does not impact negatively on any rights identified in the Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act (2006).

5. Relevant Legislation and Council Policies

5.1. Policies and Procedures

- Council Plan
- Leasing and Licensing Policy
- Sportsground and Facilities Allocation Policy
- Fees and Charges Schedule
- Risk Management Framework
- Community Facility Hire Terms and Conditions

5.2. Legislation and Regulation

- Local Government Act 2020
- Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006
- Food Act 1984
- Liquor Control Reform Act 1998
- Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004
- Equal Opportunity Act 2010

5 Definitions

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Casual Hire	A short-term or occasional booking of a Council facility for a specified activity, event, meeting or program that does not create an ongoing occupancy arrangement.
Community Benefit	Economic, social, cultural, environmental, or recreational benefits provided to the wider community.
Community Facility	Land, buildings, facilities and associated infrastructure owned, occupied, controlled or managed by Council and available for community use.
Community Group	A group, club, association or organisation that operates primarily for community, recreational, cultural, educational, charitable or public interest purposes, and is not established primarily for private or commercial profit.
Council	Central Goldfields Shire Council.
Council-Owned and Council Managed	Land, buildings, facilities or associated infrastructure that Council owns, occupies, controls, manages or is otherwise responsible for making available for community use.
Fee Waiver	A full or partial reduction of a facility hire fee approved by Council for a specific booking or approved period. This does not include charges for damage, cleaning, security, insurance, additional services or other costs unless expressly approved by Council.
Hire Agreement	The agreement between Council and a hirer governing the use of a facility.
Hirer	The individual, group, organisation, business or other entity that applies for, enters into, or is otherwise responsible for a facility hire arrangement with Council.
Lease	An agreement that grants exclusive possession of Council property for a defined term, subject to the terms of the agreement and any applicable legislative requirements.
Licence	An occupancy agreement granting permission to use a Council property without exclusive possession.

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Not-for-Profit Organisation	An organisation that operates for community benefit rather than private profit, including charities, sporting clubs, community groups, and incorporated associations.
Public Liability Insurance	Insurance that provides cover for legal liability arising from personal injury or property damage to third parties in connection with the approved use of a Council facility.
Seasonal Use Agreement	An agreement that authorises regular or recurring use of a Council facility, sporting ground or playing field for an approved season or defined period.
Security Bond	An amount or other security arrangement required by Council before or during a hire arrangement to cover potential costs arising from damage, additional cleaning, loss of keys or access devices, breaches of hire conditions or other costs associated with the hire.
Terms and Conditions	The applicable facility hire terms, conditions, rules, procedures and requirements approved or issued by Council for the use of a Council facility.

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7.5 Talbot Town Hall Community Market

Author: Coordinator Strategic Property and Facilities Management

Responsible Officer: Director Assets and Planning

The Officer presenting this report, having made enquiries with relevant members of staff, reports that no disclosable interests have been raised in relation to this report.

SUMMARY/PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is for Council to formally recognise and authorise the Talbot Town Hall Community Asset Committee, under the Instrument of Delegation, to operate the Talbot Town Hall Community Market, subject to Council's governance, compliance, and risk management requirements.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Authorise the Talbot Town Hall Community Asset Committee, under the Instrument of Delegation, to operate the Talbot Town Hall Community Market, subject to the Committee:
    a. Ensuring approvals, risk assessments and compliance documents meet the Local Government Act 2020 and Council requirements.
    b. Demonstrating sound governance and financial management, including transparent collection and management of fees, income, expenditure, and records.
2. Note that authorisation is conditional on the Committee meeting Council's event compliance, traffic management, asset protection, risk management, and governance requirements, and may be withdrawn if not met.
3. Delegate to the Chief Executive Officer authority to exercise the functions and powers needed to give effect to this resolution under the Local Government Act 2020.

LEGISLATION AND POLICY CONTEXT

Central Goldfields Shire Council's Council Plan 2025-2029:

The Community's vision:	**Economic Growth and Prosperity** 1. Boost tourism and celebrate regional Identity. **Healthy, connected, and safe Communities** 2. Foster social connections, inclusion, and pride in community identity **Sound leadership and financial management** 6. Embed good governance in all aspects of the organisation to create the fundamentals of fair, open and equitable decision making. 6. Lead with integrity, accountability, and transparency within the organisation.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Talbot Town Hall and ANA Hall are community facilities that support local connection, participation, and place-based activity.

The Talbot Town Hall Community Asset Committee provides a mechanism for community members to assist Council with the care, use, and activation of the hall in accordance with Council's governance framework.

Following changes introduced by the Local Government Act 2020, the Committee transitioned from a section 86 Committee to a Community Asset Committee, which was formed by Council resolution on 24 December 2020.

The Talbot Town Hall Committee has operated the Talbot Town Hall Community Market for the past 45 years. The monthly market includes approximately 50 stalls and runs alongside the Talbot Farmers Market.

This report seeks to apply a consistent governance approach to community market operations by aligning the Talbot Town Hall Community Market authorisation with the authorisation previously provided for the Dunolly Country Market.

REPORT

A Council Resolution was passed at the 27 May 2026 Council Meeting which gave approval for the Dunolly Historic Precinct Community Asset Committee to operate the Dunolly Country Market. The same authorisation from Council is sought for the Talbot Town Hall Community Market.

The Talbot Town Hall Community Market has historically satisfied all Council permit and compliance requirements, including those relating to event permits, Local Law permits and Traffic Management Plans. Formal authorisation for the Committee to operate the market does not change the requirement for the Committee to apply for and meet all relevant permit conditions.

Formal authorisation under the Instrument of Delegation provides a mechanism to clearly establish roles, responsibilities and expectations for the ongoing management of activities associated with Talbot Town Hall. This will ensure activities are planned and delivered in a way that is safe, compliant, and aligned with Council's legislative obligations.

Subject to authorisation under the Instrument of Delegation, the Committee may coordinate approved community events and activities at Talbot Town Hall, contingent upon ongoing compliance with Council requirements and oversight by Council officers.

CONSULTATION/COMMUNICATION

Consultation has been undertaken with the Talbot Town Hall Community Asset Committee in relation to its request to operate the Talbot Town Hall Community Market and the requirements associated with ongoing operation under the Instrument of Delegation.

Internal consultation has also occurred with relevant Council officers to identify compliance, risk management and regulatory requirements associated with the Committee's activities. This has informed the conditions outlined in this report.

Ongoing communication between Council and the Committee will be required to ensure all event planning, risk management and compliance requirements are clearly understood and met prior to activities being undertaken.

FINANCIAL & RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

The operation of community events and activities at Talbot Town Hall is the responsibility of the Talbot Town Hall Community Asset Committee and is not expected to result in any direct financial impact on Council. The Committee will be responsible for all costs associated with planning, delivery, and compliance, unless otherwise approved by Council.

Council resources will be limited to officer time associated with governance oversight, event compliance, risk assessment review, and support to ensure requirements are met.

Any minor administrative or regulatory costs can be accommodated within existing operational budgets. No additional staffing or capital expenditure is anticipated, and the activities are expected to deliver community benefits through increased participation, local connection, and activation of the hall.

RISK MANAGEMENT

Property and Assets - Failure to maintain, renew and expand our assets in a timely and robust way, that considers service and delivery needs
Governance - Failure to transparently govern and embrace good governance practices
Legislative compliance - Failure to manage our compliance with relevant legislative requirements

Authorising the Talbot Town Hall Community Asset Committee to coordinate activities under delegation requires clear accountability arrangements. A nominated Committee member must be responsible for overseeing events and activities and ensuring compliance with all Council requirements. The Committee will be required to demonstrate appropriate governance practices, including financial transparency, record keeping, and clear allocation of responsibilities.

Prior to the operation of relevant activities, the Committee will be required to submit and obtain approval for applicable documentation, which may include:

- Site Plan
- Risk Assessment
- Public Liability Insurance
- Emergency Management Plan
- Traffic Management Plan, where required
- Asset Protection Permits, where required
- Food Handling Permits, where required

These requirements are consistent with Council’s event planning framework and will be supported by Council officers.

CONCLUSION

Formal authorisation under the Instrument of Delegation will clarify the Talbot Town Hall Community Asset Committee’s role in operating the Talbot Town Hall Community Market, while ensuring appropriate governance, compliance, risk management, and Council oversight.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Talbot Town Hall Committee - Instrument of Delegation [**7.5.1**]

C7 Instrument of Delegation
by CEO to Community Asset Committee

Central Goldfields Shire Council

Instrument of Delegation

by the Chief Executive Officer

to the Talbot Town Hall Community Asset Committee

In exercise of the power conferred by s 47(1)(b) of the *Local Government Act 2020* (**Act**), I, as Chief Executive Officer of Central Goldfields Shire Council, by this Instrument of Sub-Delegation –

1. delegate to each person who is from time to time appointed as a member of the Community Asset Committee, established by resolution of Council passed on **24 December 2020** and known as "**Talbot town Hall Committee**" (**Community Asset Committee**), each power and/or function and/or duty set out in the Schedule;

2. declare that a delegate can only exercise the delegations contained in this Instrument of Sub-Delegation while acting as a member of the Community Asset Committee at a meeting of the Community Asset Committee;

3. declare that this Instrument of Sub-Delegation –

3.1 comes into force immediately upon its execution;

3.2 remains into force until varied or revoked; and

3.3 is subject to the conditions and limitations set out in paragraph 4 and 5, and in the Schedule;

4. declare that the delegate must comply with specified governance requirements to ensure appropriate standards of probity are met and monitor and report on the activities and performance of the Community Asset Committee;

5. declare that the delegate must not determine the issue, take action or do the act or thing if the determining of the issue, the taking of the action or the doing of the act or thing cannot be the subject of a lawful delegation, whether on account of s 47 of the Act or otherwise.

This Instrument of Sub-Delegation is dated **22 April 2024** and is made by the Chief Executive Officer.

Signed by the Chief Executive Officer of Council in the presence of:)

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Witness

Talbot Town Hall Community Asset Committee

SCHEDULE

Powers and functions

a. To manage the following community asset Talbot Town Hall, related outbuildings and land located at 15 Ballarat Street, Talbot, Victoria, 3371 (the Asset). The building asset is identified as H037 & H039 (As shown in Appendix 1); and

b. to advise Council in relation to the general improvement and preservation of the asset.

And for that purpose:

1. Develop and maintain the Asset for the overall benefit of the community and advise Council in relation to any development.

2. Preserve the historical integrity of the Asset.

3. Promote and attract visitors to the Asset.

4. Arrange and manage opening and closing times.

5. Manage bookings.

6. Financial management of the Community Asset Committee.

7. Determine fees and charges.

8. By resolution, reduce or waive fees where appropriate.

9. Arrange general maintenance as detailed in Appendix 2 and the improvement to the development.

    9.1 The Committee shall inform Council of major maintenance requirements for the development; [1]

10. Enter into contracts, and to incur expenditure, not exceeding the value of $4,999 per contract or per contractor in any financial year and for the specific purposes of cleaning, maintenance, hosting events and fundraising.

11. Do all things necessary or convenient to be done for or in connection with the performance of those functions, duties and powers.

OPERATION OF THE COMMITTEE

12. The Committee members will be appointed by Council resolution. Council may resolve to delegate the appointment to the Chief Executive Officer. In the event of a casual vacancy on the Committee, the Council shall give public notice of the vacancy and subsequently resolve to fill the vacancy, unless appointment

[1] Major maintenance is maintenance which goes beyond a value of $4,999 limit or is likely to require a building or planning permit, or Heritage Victoria approval.

of members has been delegated to the Chief Executive Officer.

13. The Chief Executive Officer of the Council, or his or her nominee may attend Committee meetings as an observer and may be called upon by the Chair or Committee for assistance.

14. If the Council does not do so, the Committee shall elect the following office bearers from among its members:

    14.1 a President;

    14.2 a Secretary; and

    14.3 a Treasurer.

Requirements

The members of the Community Asset Committee must, when exercising the powers, functions and duties delegated to them:

15. Comply with Council policies and procedures**.**

16. Comply with any requests and directions or financial rules or requirements made by Council.

    16.1 The Committee shall within 30 days of its Annual General Meeting provide Council an audited financial report, including a statement of assets and liabilities and profit and loss statement for the Committee for that financial year.

17. Advise Council if the Committee considers that further members should be appointed to the Committee.

18. Advise Council as soon as practicable of any event which may result in an insurance claim relating to the Asset.

19. Assist Council however necessary with any insurance claim which relates to the Asset.

20. Act in good faith to work with all members of the Committee for the benefit of the community and the Asset.

21. Not appoint elected councillors to office bearer positions, noting that elected Councillors can be appointed by Council to a Committee as a general committee member. If a Councillor is elected as an officer bearer of the Committee, they must resign from their officer bearer position.

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COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF OFFICE BEARERS

Meetings

22. An annual general meeting of the Committee shall be held between 1 July and 30 September annually at which:

    22.1 the Treasurer shall present a statement of receipts and expenditure for the preceding year ending 30 June.

    22.2 the President shall present a general statement of the operation and performance of the Committee.

23. Publish a public notice of the Annual General Meeting in a newspaper and/or on Council's website not less than seven (7) days prior to the meeting, generally circulating within the district of the facility.

24. The Committee shall convene other meetings at least quarterly.

    24.1 Minutes of these meetings shall be provided to the Council.

25. The Chair or at least three Committee Members may by a written notice to all members call a special Committee Meeting.

    25.1 The Notice must specify the date and time of the Meeting and the business to be transacted.

    25.2 Unless all Committee Members are in attendance and unanimously agree to deal with any other matter, only the business specified in the written notice can be transacted at the special meeting.

Meeting procedures

26. A quorum of the Committee is at least a majority of the members of the Committee, including no fewer than two office bearers.

27. A meeting may continue in an informal manner if a quorum is not present, however decisions will not be able to be voted on.

28. Each Committee member shall have one vote and in the event of an equality of votes, the Chairperson of the meeting shall have a casting vote except in the case of the election of the Chairperson in which case the election shall be decided by lot.

29. In the interests of good governance, it is the responsibility of individual Committee Members to exhibit good conduct in Committee Meetings. Members should listen while others are speaking, avoid interrupting, be aware of their body language and use reasonable and temperate language in debates (no matter how contentious the topic may be).

Finances

30. The Treasurer shall as soon as possible after the receipt, pay all monies received by the Committee into the Committee's bank account.

    30.1 Financial transactions between the Committee and third parties are to be made by direct debit or deposit or other electronic means.

31. The Committee is responsible for paying all costs under (9) which are to be recovered from users through fees charged by the Committee for the use of the community asset and associated activities.

Secretary

32. The Secretary shall keep proper minutes of all meetings and provide them to the Council's Chief Executive Officer within 14 days of every Committee Meeting.

Entry by Council

33. Council reserves the right to enter the premises.

34. Where practicable, Council will exercise its right to enter the premises in consultation with the Committee and by giving reasonable notice.

Governance

35. Failure to observe the following requirements may result in a Committee member being removed from the Committee.

Misuse of position

36. A Committee Member must not intentionally misuse their position—

    36.1 to gain or attempt to gain, directly or indirectly, an advantage for themselves or for any other person; or

    36.2 to cause, or attempt to cause, detriment to the Council or another person.

Confidential Information

37. A Committee member must not intentionally or recklessly disclose information that the person knows, or should reasonably know, is confidential information.

Conflicts of Interest

38. Members of the Committee must, at a meeting, disclose any conflict of interests by advising the meeting of the conflict immediately before the matter is considered and must leave the room until the matter has been resolved.

39. The declaration of the conflict must be recorded in the minutes.

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EXCEPTIONS, CONDITIONS AND LIMITATIONS

40. This Delegation does not constitute a permit that the Committee may, from time to time, require for development or use of the Asset, including, but not limited to, development approvals, building approvals, local laws permits and food registration.

41. This Delegation does not permit the Committee to undertake alterations, works or improvements that are not considered maintenance obligations without consultation and the written permission of Council prior to obtaining any building or planning permits.

42. The Community Asset Committee is not authorised by this Instrument to:

    42.1 delegate any of the powers herein delegated to it by the CEO.

    42.2 enter into a sub-lease or sub-license with any other group or individual.

    42.3 Sub-leases and sub-licenses will be established in accordance with Council's Property Leasing and Licensing policy.

Insurance

43. Members of Community Asset Committees are covered by the Council's voluntary workers and fidelity guarantee policy.

44. Any facilities managed by Community Asset Committees are covered by Council's public liability and building and contents insurance policies.

45. Council will indemnify and keep indemnified each member of a Community Asset Committee against all actions or claims whether arising during or after their term of office in respect of anything necessarily done or reasonably done or omitted to be done in good faith.

    45.1 In the performance of a duty or a function or the exercise of a power under the Act, the regulations or a local law or any other Act; or

    45.2 In the reasonable belief that the act or omission was in the performance of a duty or a function or the exercise of a power under the Act, the regulations or a local law or any other Act.

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APPENDIX 1- MAP OF LOCATION AND ASSETS

Location- 15 Ballarat Street, Talbot Built assets- H037 & H039



Appendix 2 – Maintenance Obligations

Committees are required to maintain the community asset in accordance with these Maintenance Obligations. Committees are responsible for keeping the land and/or buildings clean, in good condition and perform incidental maintenance not requiring a skilled tradesperson.

Committees must report maintenance concerns to Council in a timely manner to ensure appropriate action is taken. Please direct all non-urgent requests to the Building Maintenance Team on the relevant form titled 'Building Maintenance Request' and send by email mail@cgoldshire.vic.gov.au or by post;

Building Maintenance Request
Central Goldfields Shire Council
PO BOX 194
MARYBOROUGH VIC 3465

For any urgent maintenance concerns, please call 03 5461 0610.

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Obligation	Committee Responsibilities	Council Responsibilities
CLEANING		
Cleaning	If inspections or interactions indicate an issue with tenants maintaining cleanliness, inform Council.	No responsibility.
Garbage collection	Ensure Council is notified if bins are missing or damaged.	Council to provide bins for general waste, recycling and green waste as per garbage charge. Removal of rubbish from Council provided bins as per garbage collection schedule.
Graffiti	Report graffiti to Council.	Removal of graffiti.
Grease traps	The committee is responsible for obtaining and maintaining Trade Waste Agreements with Central Highlands Water/ Coliban Water and the costs associated. A copy of the agreement is to be provided to Council.	Repair defects.
Pest control	Take proper precautions to keep Premises free of rodents, pests and vermin. Employ pest exterminators providing service report to Council (if necessary). Report termite damage to Council.	Repair structural termite damage.
BUILDING MAINTENANCE		
Electrical wiring	Unless required by a statutory regulation, any new wiring required by the Committee is at the Committee's expense. Note: All works are to be carried out by Council approved licensed tradespersons.	Repair and replace existing wiring where required by a statutory regulation.

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Obligation	Committee Responsibilities	Council Responsibilities
Hazardous Materials	Council approval is required for any works planned to be undertaken at the Premises. Report defects to Council.	Conduct mandatory asbestos audits in accordance with the Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004 and provide information on the location of asbestos as required. Ensure maintenance works are carried out at the premises using methods which will ensure compliance with statutory requirements and public safety.
Hazardous Materials (Storage)	All chemicals, cleaning products and hazardous materials must be stored in a secure location and safety data sheets (SDS) must be accessible at all times.	Copies of SDS should be stored in the Council ESM cabinet.
Inspections/audits	The Committee is required to undertake an annual inspection checklist of the Premises and provide a copy of the report to Council.	Inspections will be conducted as determined by the relevant Asset management or Asset maintenance plans. Any inspections will be arranged with the committee
Other Hazards - Activities of a hazardous nature	Any planned works to the Premises must be approved by Council and comply with Council's requirements.	Council control and monitor building maintenance activities which are of a hazardous nature including hot work, working at heights, work, working at heights, disconnection or isolation of services, confined space and asbestos.

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Obligation	Committee Responsibilities	Council Responsibilities
Plumbing	Report defects to Council. Unless required by a statutory regulation or building regulation, any new plumbing will be at the Committee's expense. Purchase and installation of water tanks and water saving devices must be in consultation with Council. Note: All works are to be carried out by Council approved licensed trades persons.	Repair and replace existing installations, including toilets, sinks and taps as determined by Council.
Signage – statutory	Maintain in good condition.	Repair and replace as required and within Council's budget requirements.
Signage – other	Clean, maintain, replace and repair.	No Responsibility.
Structural	Report defects to Council.	As determined by Council's Asset management plan.
ESSENTIAL SAFETY MEASURES (*Undertaken on a quarterly basis)*		
Emergency exits	Keeping the exits clear at all times.	Maintain exit function and door furniture including signage and lighting.
Fire protection	Report defects to Council. Maintain kitchen range hood filters in a clean condition as required for food handling and fire prevention.	Refill or replace equipment if inappropriately damaged, discharged or stolen.

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Obligation	Committee Responsibilities	Council Responsibilities
Essential services	Immediately report to the Landlord any Essential Services equipment in obvious need of repair or replacement. Immediately report to the landlord any incidents involving fire or use of Essential Services equipment. Repair due to misuse by tenant (or sub-tenant) Ensure all exits and passageways are clear of obstacles Develop evacuation plan for the premises. Provide access as required for the contractors that Council organises to undertake the above inspections. Contractors will generally liaise directly with the Committee of Management on access arrangements.	All essential services maintenance checks, servicing and repairs are to be carried out every six months by Council at its expense, Essential Services being Fire extinguishers, fire blankets, hose reels, fire detection equipment and alarm systems. Provide Essential Safety Measures Logbook.
FIXTURES AND FITTINGS		
Air conditioning and/or heating	New and additional installations at Committee expense and only in consultation with the Council. Note: All works are to be carried out by an approved licensed trades persons. Gas heating to be inspected and tested for carbon monoxide annually.	Repair and replace existing installations as determined by Council and within budget requirements.

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Obligation	Committee Responsibilities	Council Responsibilities
Cupboards, benchtops, shelving, etc.	Ensure they are kept clean, repair and replace. Note: All works are to be carried out by Council approved licensed trades persons.	Repair and replacement of inbuilt cupboards, benchtops and shelving of existing installations as determined by Council and within budget requirements.
Curtains/ drapes/ blinds	Ensure they are kept cleanclean and in good condition.	Council will repair and replace as required, only as a result of fair wear and tear and within Council's budget requirements.
Doors	Ensure they are kept cleanand maintain in good condition.	Repair and replacement as required and within Council's budget requirements.
Electrical fittings and lights **(incl. external lighting except training lights)**	Replacement of light globes and tubes for standard ceiling heights. Report defects to Council.	Repair and replace existing installations, includes replacement of light globes and tubes in main hall or areas that exceed standard ceiling height.
Electrical appliances	Full responsibility including Testing and Tagging of appliances by Council approved licensed trades persons.	No Responsibility.
Floor surfaces and coverings	Ensure they are kept clean, maintain.	Repair, maintain and replace as determined by Council and within budget requirements.
Fly screens & security grills	Ensure they are kept clean and in good condition.	Repair and replacement as required.
Furniture	Clean, repair and replace.	No responsibility.
General equipment and Committees Property	Clean, maintain, inspect, service, repair and replace all fixtures, fittings, portable plant and equipment, including general and make good any damage as a result of installing or removing such property.	No responsibility.
Hot water system	Report defects to Council.	Repair and replace as required.

Talbot Town Hall Community Asset Committee

Obligation	Committee Responsibilities	Council Responsibilities
Keys and locks	Control of keys issued to Committee via a key register. Report any lost or damaged keys to Council immediately.	Repair and replace existing installations. Provision of keys to Committee. Maintain copies of keys in a secure location.
Painting – interior and exterior wall surfaces	Ensure they are kept clean and in good condition. The Committee may undertake painting, subject to Council approval.	Repainting as deemed required and within Council's budget requirements.
Security system and related fittings	Additional installations at Committee expense. Note: All works are to be carried out by Council approved licensed trades persons.	No responsibility.
Storage	Keep passageways clear and egress maintained at all times. Committee to pay cost of removal of inappropriately stored items. Maintain storage containers in good condition for aesthetics and public safety.	Removal of inappropriately stored items (at Committee's cost).
Telephones/interco m systems/ Internet	Install, repair, and replace.	No responsibility.
Whitegoods	Keep clean Council's Fixtures. Purchase, repair and replacement of new or replacement commercial whitegoods to standards as specified in the Food Health Act.	Approval of any new installations.
Windows and glazing (incl. plate glass)	Ensure they are kept clean and in good condition.	Repair and replacement as required.
OUTDOOR SPACES		
Car park and driveway	Keep clean and free of litter.	Repair and replace as required.

Talbot Town Hall Community Asset Committee

Obligation	Committee Responsibilities	Council Responsibilities
Fences and gates	Keep clean and report to Council if damage	Repair and replace existing installations as required and within Council's budget requirements.
Garden beds	Ensure garden beds are kept tidy and safe.	As determined by Council and within budget requirements.
Loose litter / leaves / softfall	Pathways to be cleared regularly.	No responsibility.
Paving and paths	Keep clean and in good condition. Report defects or damage to Council.	Repair and replace existing as required and within Council's budget requirements.
Retaining, walls, outdoor steps. etc	Keep clean and in good condition.	Repair and replace as required and within Council's budget requirements.
Shade sails	Installationsto be arranged in consultation with Council. Report defects or damage to Council.	Repair and replace as required and within Council's budget requirements.
Trees	New and additional plantings in consultation with Council.	As determined by Council's Tree management plan.
Water tanks	New installations to be arranged in consultation with Council. Committee to maintain and report defects or damage to Council.	Repair and replace as required and within Council's budget requirements.

7.6 CMRT Project Update - Finalisation of the project, final implementation, maintenance and renewal costs

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The Officer presenting this report, having made enquiries with relevant members of staff, reports that no disclosable interests have been raised in relation to this report.

SUMMARY/PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide an update to the Council on the status of the Castlemaine–Maryborough Rail Trail project.
The majority of technical investigations, reference design work and cost planning activities have now been completed. These investigations have established an indicative construction cost, identified substantial future operational and asset renewal obligations, and confirmed key environmental, cultural heritage and governance requirements associated with the project.

A key issue for Council is that these costs are not limited to construction. The project would also create a significant ongoing lifecycle cost exposure, including routine maintenance, lease and insurance costs, and a major programmed renewal intervention for the Central Goldfields Shire section.
The report is provided for information purposes only and does not seek any decision regarding project delivery, funding commitments or operational responsibility.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Notes the progress of the Castlemaine-Maryborough Rail Trail Pre-Construction Phase.
2. Notes the outcomes of the technical investigations completed to date.
3. Notes the significant indicative construction, maintenance and asset renewal costs associated with the project, including the potential long-term financial implications for Council.
4. Notes the statutory obligations, approval requirements and future governance considerations identified through the investigation process.

LEGISLATION AND POLICY CONTEXT

Central Goldfields Shire Council's Council Plan 2025-2029:

The Community's vision:

Economic Growth and Prosperity
1. Grow local jobs, skills and career opportunities.
1. Boost tourism and celebrate regional Identity.

Healthy, connected and safe Communities
2. Promote and support positive health outcomes for residents in all stages of life.
2. Foster social connections, inclusion and pride in community identity

Infrastructure that supports growth and liveability
4. Provide and maintain inclusive, accessible, culturally safe and sustainable community infrastructure that supports wellbeing at every life stage.
4. Strengthen liveability and transport across townships through sustainable infrastructure and improved connectivity.

Sound leadership and financial management

6. Embed good governance in all aspects of the organisation to create the fundamentals of fair, open and equitable decision making.
6. Ensure the organisation's long-term financial viability.

Initiative: Boost tourism and celebrate regional identity

While the project broadly aligns with objectives relating to tourism, walking and cycling, it is not currently identified as a priority project within Council's 2026 Advocacy Strategy, Integrated Transport Strategy, Walking and Cycling Strategy, or adopted Budget, Financial Plan or Asset Plan.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Castlemaine–Maryborough Rail Trail is a proposed 61 km shared-use trail along the disused rail corridor between Castlemaine and Maryborough, linking communities such as Campbells Creek, Guildford, Newstead, Moolort, and Carisbrook, and connecting regional attractions. The project has progressed primarily through Castlemaine Maryborough Rail Trail (Inc) (CMRT) – led advocacy and external grant funding, with Council's role to date focused on feasibility, governance participation and pre-construction support. The project can be recognised in three distinct stages as outlined below.

Stage	Purpose	Council role	Status
Feasibility	Determine feasibility of CMRT	Partner	Complete
Preconstruction	Develop further designs, undertake technical assessments, and assess possible operating models	Partner	Almost complete
Construction	Seek investment and construct	TBC	No Update (until construction funding is received)

Feasibility Study

Central Goldfields Shire Council (CGSC) and Mount Alexander Shire Council (MASC) supported a Feasibility Study proposed by the CMRT which was completed in July 2023.

The study received a contribution from each Council of $6,000, in addition to $18,000 raised by CMRT and a grant of $120,000 from Regional Development Victoria (RDV).

In addition, Central Goldfields Shire Council auspiced the RDV grant and provided significant officer support in relation to the procurement, grant acquittal, and its role on the Project Control Group.

A presentation on the findings of the Feasibility Study was made to Councillors at a Briefing in August 2023. The study confirmed the trail's potential to enhance regional connectivity, promote active transport, and stimulate economic development through increased visitation and local business engagement.

Enabling Tourism Fund

In March 2024, Council resolved to support CMRT in submitting a funding application to the Enabling Tourism Fund administered by the Department of Jobs, Skills, Industry and Regions (DJSIR). This decision reflected Council's commitment to advancing regional tourism infrastructure and improving active transport options. As part of the resolution, Council committed $40K in total over two financial years, plus project management resources and governance support.

The application sought funding for the Pre-Construction Phase of the Castlemaine–Maryborough Rail Trail, enabling detailed design, environmental and heritage assessments, and community engagement to pave the way for future investment for construction.

The funding application to the Enabling Tourism Fund was successful, securing $400,000 in grant funding. Combined with co-contributions from CMRT, CGSC, and MASC of $40,000 each, the total project budget for the Pre-Construction Phase is $520,000.

Present Status

The Preconstruction Phase of the Project is now almost complete and operating within an established governance structure. A Project Control Group (PCG) provides strategic oversight and includes representatives from CMRT, CGSC, MASC, and DJSIR. The PCG continues to guide high-level decision-making, ensure cross-agency alignment, and monitor project progress.

Day-to-day project delivery is being managed by the Project Management Team, with Fitzgerald Frisby Landscape Architecture (FFLA) appointed as the lead consultant. FFLA is supported by a multidisciplinary group of specialists, including engineering, ecology, heritage, cost planning, and engagement experts, ensuring a comprehensive and integrated approach to the development of the Rail Trail.

The Project Control Group has advised that all major consultant investigations have now been completed, with the exception of the Standard Cultural Heritage Management Plan (CHMP), which is expected to be finalised in October 2026.

The completion of these investigations provides greater understanding regarding:

- construction costs;
- operational and maintenance requirements;
- asset renewal obligations;
- environmental and heritage approvals;
- project staging; and
- future governance arrangements.

REPORT

The Pre-Construction Phase included a series of technical investigations, design activities and strategic assessments intended to progress the project from feasibility to an investment ready stage. A summary of the key deliverables completed to date is provided below.

Studies/ assessment Completed	Summary	Notes for Council

Final Reference Design and Final Cost Estimates	Advanced design and cost planning have now been completed for both the main trail and township link trail components. These investigations establish the project's current indicative capital cost and provide a basis for future funding discussions and investment attraction activities.	Cost for main trail as per final report prepared in June, $31,960,002.89 (GST included). Cost for link trails as per report prepared in July, $4,367,609.80 (GST included). It should be noted that the design at this stage carries a P50 cost assurance level.
Maintenance Costs Template	Maintenance and lifecycle cost modelling has been completed to assist both Councils in understanding the potential long-term financial commitments associated with ownership and operation of the trail.	Total Annual Maintenance cost for CGSC (projecting responsibility for 25 km of the trail) is $277,200 (GST excluded). Renewal is estimated at $75,000 per kilometre, equating to approximately $1,875,000 (GST excluded) for the 25 km trail. This would be a material future capital cost and would need to be funded in addition to annual maintenance and any lease, insurance or compliance obligations. With renewal at year 18, the asset would retain approximately 55% of its original value after 25 years.
VicTrack Lease Agreement with both councils	Engagement with VicTrack has been undertaken to clarify future leasing requirements and approvals pathways associated with the proposed trail corridor. While in-principle support has been provided, formal leasing arrangements remain subject to future funding and Council resolutions.	VicTrack advised that it will not issue lease instructions or progress a V/Line Lease Alteration Deed until Council provides its final resolution confirming the proposed leasing arrangements. In the interim, VicTrack will continue work to finalise the trail alignment, lease plan and Department of Transport and Planning (DTP) clearances required for future legal documentation. Minor alignment variations at the Maryborough end remain under review by V/Line. Once a lease agreement is signed CGSC will need to consider costing for lease and ongoing insurance for the lease. Preliminary advice indicates that lease and insurance costs may be in the order of $30,000 per annum; however, this would require confirmation through future lease negotiations.
Operating Model	Urban Enterprise completed an assessment of governance and operational models for the	Council has provided in-principle support for the proposed operating model for the Castlemaine–Maryborough Rail Trail, whereby Central Goldfields Shire Council and Mount Alexander Shire Council would act as the

	future management of the trail. The assessment identified a preferred model and informed previous Council resolutions regarding in-principle support.	operators with support from an independent Advisory Committee. Council made the decision, considering that any future decision for Council to assume responsibility for the operating model, including entering a lease with VicTrack, will be subject to: a. confirmed availability of external funding to fully construct the trail; b. detailed financial assessment in accordance with Council's adopted Financial Plan and Asset Plan; and c. future resolution of Council.
Approach and Staging Plan	FFLA has provided a report on the staging plan for this project when construction commences.	Recommendation of the report states, best approach is to deliver the Castlemaine-Maryborough Rail Trail as a single construction project where feasible to maximise benefits, minimise governance risks, and reduce overall project costs. Recognising likely funding constraints, a staged delivery approach may be required, with priority stages identified as • Campbells Creek-Guildford, • Guildford-Newstead, • Newstead-Moolort, • Moolort-Carisbrook, and • Carisbrook-Maryborough. Township link trail connections should be delivered concurrently with the corresponding trail stage to ensure communities receive immediate access and benefits as each section is completed.
Consultations Summary Report	Community and stakeholder engagement was undertaken throughout the reference design process to understand local issues, identify opportunities and refine the proposed trail alignment. Feedback received through consultation informed the final reference design and supporting technical investigations.	Community and stakeholder consultation was undertaken during October and November 2025 through an online survey (149 responses), six community drop-in sessions, written submissions, direct landowner engagement, and consultation with government agencies and key stakeholders. Participants included residents, adjoining landowners, agricultural landholders, community organisations, advocacy groups, local businesses, trail user groups, Castlemaine-Maryborough Rail Trail Inc. representatives, and Traditional Owner representatives. Government and agency consultation was undertaken with V/Line, Department of Transport and Planning (DTP), Department of Energy, Environment and

		Climate Action (DEECA), North Central Catchment Management Authority, Coliban Water, Goulburn-Murray Water, Central Highlands Water, Office of the National Rail Safety Regulator, Destination Central Victoria, VicTrack and Djaara. Feedback received covered trail alignment, township link trails, trail surface treatments, rest areas, maintenance, agricultural impacts, property access, privacy, emergency services access, heritage considerations, and future project delivery. The report also documents responses provided to key issues raised and records design refinements made following consultation, including amendments to the Guildford and Newstead link trail alignments.
Ecological Due Diligence Report	The Desktop Ecological Due Diligence Assessment prepared by EHP, identified areas of native vegetation and potential habitat for a range of threatened flora and fauna species along the proposed rail trail corridor, and recommends detailed field-based ecological investigations, impact avoidance measures, vegetation offsets (where required), and environmental approvals prior to construction.	The assessment identified areas of environmental sensitivity that may influence future project delivery and approvals requirements. The desktop ecological assessment identified the section east of Maryborough as containing extensive areas of native forest and woodland along the proposed trail, with modelled endangered and vulnerable vegetation communities and records of numerous threatened flora and fauna species in the surrounding area. The report recommends detailed field-based biodiversity investigations to confirm ecological values, determine permit requirements and minimise impacts prior to construction.
Cultural Heritage Management Plan – PARCHO	The Preliminary Advice Regarding Cultural Heritage Obligations (PARCHO) prepared by EHP, identified no registered Aboriginal Places within the project footprint but confirmed that sections of the rail trail occur within legislated areas of cultural heritage sensitivity and intersect numerous recognised historical heritage places associated with the former railway corridor. The assessment determined that a mandatory Cultural	Within the Central Goldfields Shire section of the project, the assessment identified areas of Aboriginal cultural heritage sensitivity associated with waterways, heritage-listed places including the Maryborough Railway Station, Maryborough Heritage Area and Carisbrook Heritage Area, and potential historical archaeological values associated with former railway infrastructure. The assessment determined that a mandatory CHMP is required and that Heritage Victoria approvals and local heritage permits will be necessary for works affecting registered heritage places. A site-specific CHMP will be required when the project moves to the construction phase.

	Heritage Management Plan (CHMP) is required and identified the need for Heritage Victoria approvals and heritage permitting processes for works affecting registered heritage places and archaeological sites. This standard CHMP is currently ongoing.	

CONSULTATION/COMMUNICATION

To support completion of the pre-construction phase, an extensive program of consultation and stakeholder engagement was undertaken to inform the development of the final reference design and associated project investigations.
Engagement occurred across both councils and included community consultation activities within Mount Alexander Shire and Central Goldfields Shire, direct engagement with affected landowners, and discussions with local interest groups and project stakeholders.

A series of workshops, meetings and technical reviews were also undertaken with key government agencies and infrastructure managers, including VicTrack, V/Line, the Department of Transport and Planning (DTP), Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (DEECA), North Central Catchment Management Authority (NCCMA), Coliban Water, Central Highlands Water, Goulburn-Murray Water and other utility providers. This engagement informed the assessment of land tenure, operational requirements, environmental constraints, heritage obligations, service crossings, approvals pathways and future management arrangements.

Regular project workshops and review meetings were held with representatives from Mount Alexander Shire Council, Central Goldfields Shire Council, the Castlemaine-Maryborough Rail Trail Association (CMRT) and project consultants to review design development, technical investigations and emerging project risks. Feedback received through these consultation processes was progressively incorporated into the project scope and design development process.

The consultation and communication program provided critical input into the preparation of the final reference design, environmental and cultural heritage investigations, operating model assessment, staging recommendations and future approvals pathway, resulting in a finalised design package for the proposed Castlemaine-Maryborough Rail Trail.

FINANCIAL & RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Construction Cost

Detailed cost planning has established an indicative construction cost of approximately $36.3 million (including GST), consisting of:

- Main Trail: $31.96 million
- Township Link Trails: $4.37 million

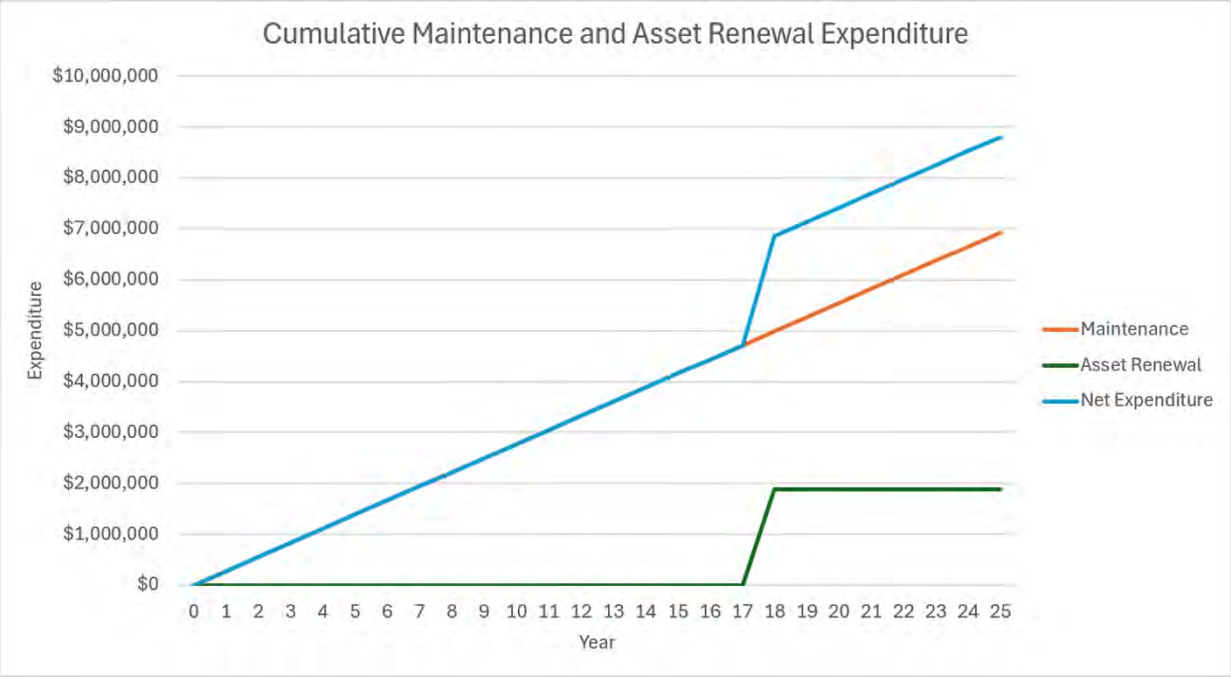
Officers consider that the quantity surveying estimate currently provides a P50 level of cost assurance, indicating a 50% probability that the final project cost will be delivered within the estimated amount, based on the information available at this stage.

At this stage there is no identified funding source for construction.

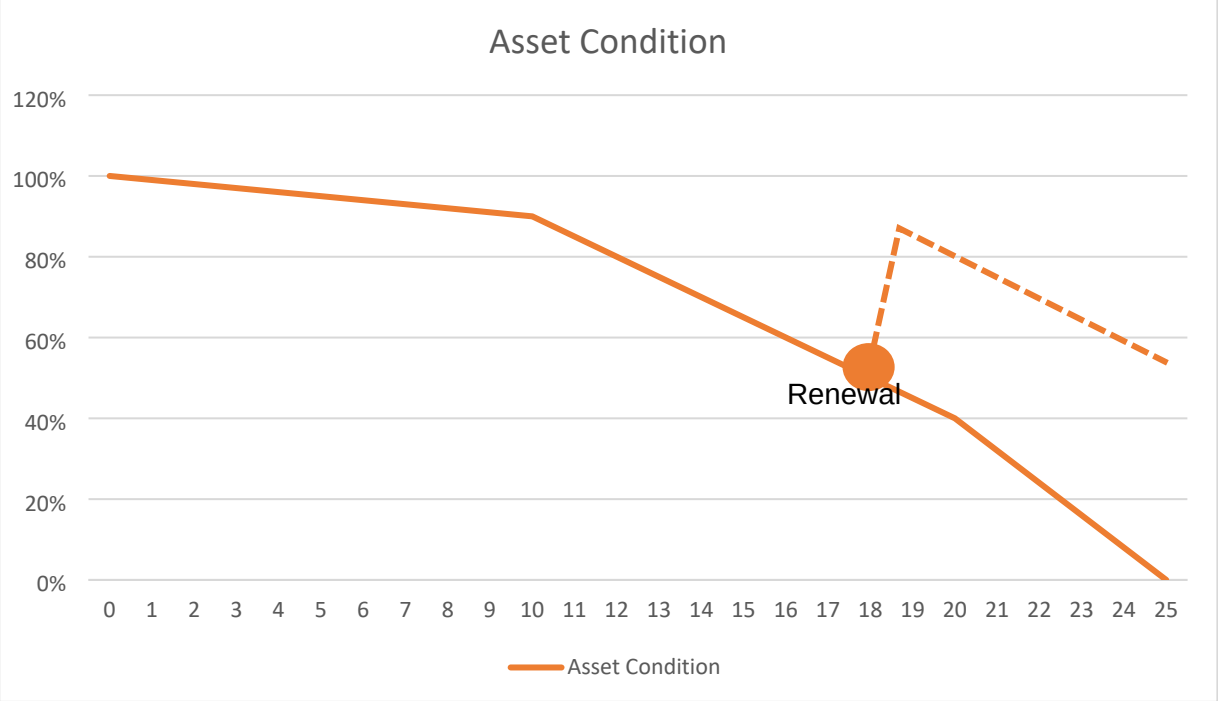
Operational and Maintenance Cost

Maintenance and lifecycle modelling undertaken during the Pre-Construction Phase indicates that, based on an assumed responsibility of approximately 25 km of trail, Central Goldfields Shire Council may incur:

Annual maintenance costs are estimated at approximately $277,200 (GST exclusive). Over the 25-year lifespan of the asset, this results in $6,930,000 in total maintenance expenditure for the Central Goldfields Shire section alone, before allowance is made for lease, insurance, governance, compliance, renewal or capital replacement costs.

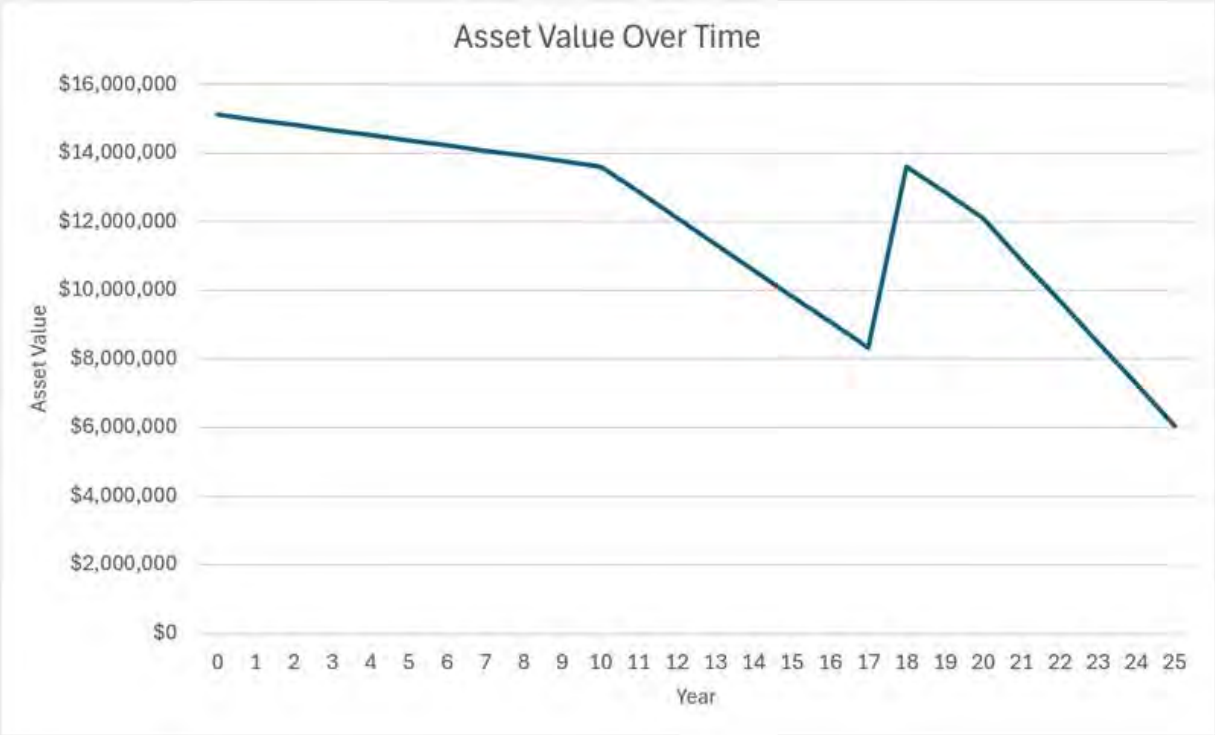


Renewal costs and Residual Value



Officers have adopted an assumed service life of 25 years for the asphalt trail asset. Consistent with typical asset deterioration profiles, depreciation is assumed to occur at approximately 1% per annum during the first 10 years of the asset's life, increasing to 5% per annum between years 10 and 20, and to 8% per annum over the final five years. This progressive deterioration profile is illustrated in the chart below.

Based on this modelling, a renewal intervention is recommended at approximately year 18, when the asset reaches around 50% of its remaining service potential. The cost of this renewal is estimated at $75,000 per kilometre, equating to approximately $1.875 million for the 25 km trail section located within the Central Goldfields Shire boundary. This represents a material future capital renewal obligation that would need to be planned, funded and integrated into Council's long-term asset and financial planning frameworks.



Implementing this renewal program is expected to maintain the asset in a serviceable condition, with an estimated remaining asset health of between 50% and 60% at the end of the initial 25-year period. This approach would preserve a substantial proportion of the asset's value and functionality, avoiding the outcome of a fully deteriorated and unusable asset. Based on the current estimated construction cost, the asset would retain approximately 55% of its value, rather than declining to a near-zero condition requiring full replacement. The capital depreciation expense is estimated at $7.5 million over the asset's lifecycle.

Current CGSC Commitment

Council's current commitment to the Castlemaine-Maryborough Rail Trail project is limited to the approved $40,000 contribution under the Enabling Tourism Fund agreement, distributed across the 2 financial years (24/25 and 25/26), together with in-kind officer support through project management and governance participation.

Council's financial contribution associated with the project has been fully expended, with the allocated budget for internal project management activities also fully utilised. Any additional Council involvement beyond the current project scope, including further project development, approvals processes, lease negotiations, funding applications or construction planning activities, would require separate consideration through future budget and resource planning processes.

Future Financial Obligations

Additional costs associated with future project delivery may include:

- lease and insurance obligations with VicTrack;
- governance and administration;
- marketing and activation activities;
- environmental and heritage compliance requirements;
- asset renewal and capital replacement.

Any future financial commitment by Council would require separate consideration through the budget and long-term financial planning processes. Importantly, the estimated maintenance and renewal costs are recurring and lifecycle-based rather than one-off costs, meaning any future decision to proceed would create an ongoing financial exposure that extends well beyond construction funding.

RISK MANAGEMENT

Climate change -adaptation - Failure to appropriately respond to or prepare for the impacts of climate change.
The Rail Trail will be a long linear asset exposed to climate-related risks such as flooding, heat impacts, erosion, fire risk and vegetation decline. Effective adaptation planning, hazard management and ongoing maintenance will be essential to ensure the trail remains safe, accessible and resilient. Without sustained investment and coordinated cross-municipality management, the trail may be vulnerable to climate impacts that increase operational costs, disrupt service levels and pose safety risks.

Financial sustainability - Failure to maintain our long-term financial sustainability.
Both the construction and ongoing operation of the Rail Trail present significant financial implications for Council. The estimated approx. $36.3 million construction cost currently has no confirmed funding pathway, creating uncertainty regarding Council's financial exposure and reliance on external grants.
Post-construction, operational, maintenance and asset renewal costs represent substantial long-term recurring commitments. Based on the current modelling, annual maintenance for the Central Goldfields Shire section alone is estimated at approximately $277,200 per annum, with renewal costs of approximately $1.875 million required around year 18. When combined with potential lease, insurance, governance, compliance and administration costs, the project may place sustained pressure on Council's financial sustainability unless fully accounted for in Council's adopted Financial Plan, Asset Plan and future budgets.

Property and Assets - Failure to maintain, renew and expand our assets in a timely and robust way, that considers service and delivery needs.
The Rail Trail would become a major shared asset requiring systematic maintenance, renewal and lifecycle planning. Failure to adequately resource these functions could result in accelerated asset deterioration, compromised safety, reduced accessibility and inability to meet community expectations. The scale and spread of the asset across 61 kilometres intensifies this risk, requiring consistent service levels and long-term asset management aligned with statutory obligations. Without dedicated funding for routine maintenance and programmed renewal, Council could assume responsibility for a high-value asset that deteriorates faster than it can be sustainably maintained.

Governance - Failure to transparently govern and embrace good governance practices.
Under the proposed model, Councils retain full executive authority and decision-making responsibility for the Rail Trail. While the Advisory Committee provides expertise, it has no delegated powers, meaning governance failures, unclear roles or inadequate oversight could expose Councils to significant risk.

As part of the Castlemaine Maryborough Rail Trail Committee's (CMRT) funding agreement with the State Government, CGSC has nominated a preferred operating model. As a project partner, Council must in future before undertaking further commitments consider all the obligations for taking on this project. This will include a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), Terms of Reference (ToR) and shared governance arrangements between CGSC and MASC. If these documents are not robust, this could lead to confusion, duplication, inconsistent approaches, or delays in decision-making — all of which increase corporate, financial and reputational risk.

CONCLUSION

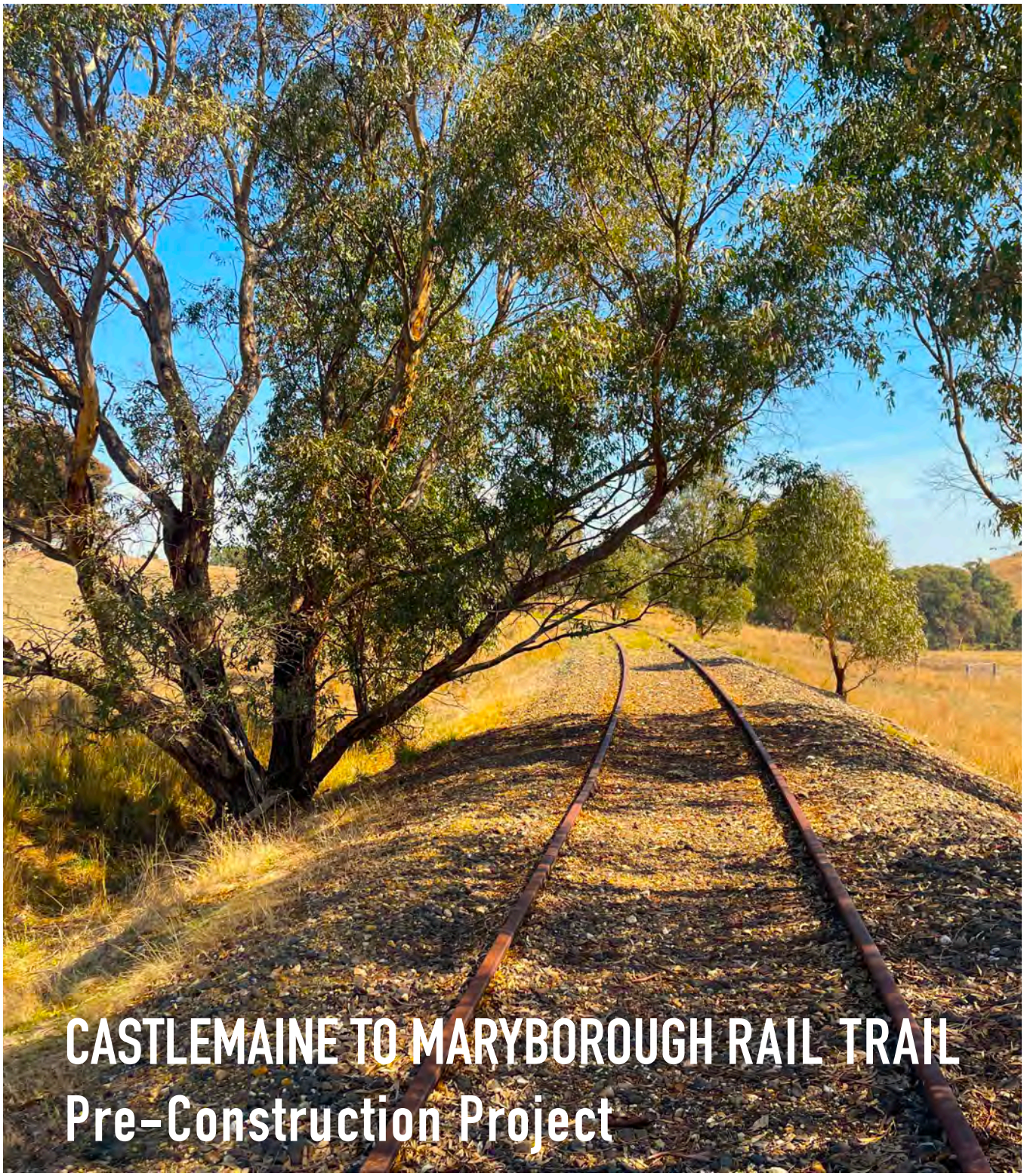
The Castlemaine-Maryborough Rail Trail Pre-Construction Phase is nearing completion and has substantially progressed the project from a feasibility-level concept to a detailed reference design supported by engineering, environmental, cultural heritage, cost planning and operational investigations.

The completed investigations provide a clearer understanding of the opportunities, costs, risks and statutory obligations associated with the project. While the studies confirm that a deliverable trail concept exists, they also identify significant future funding, governance, maintenance and approval requirements that would need to be addressed prior to construction. In particular, the projected recurring maintenance costs and major renewal obligation represent material long-term financial considerations for Council.

The report is provided to ensure Council is informed of project outcomes and the potential future implications associated with progression of the project. The financial implications are significant because the project would require not only construction funding, but also ongoing annual maintenance, lifecycle renewal funding and related operating costs over the life of the asset. No decision regarding construction, funding or operational responsibility is sought at this time.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Attachment 5 - 2185-002 Consultation Summary Report FINAL [**7.6.1**]
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Consultation Summary Report

June 2026



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1. ENGAGEMENT OVERVIEW

Community and stakeholder consultation was undertaken throughout October and November 2025 to understand community and stakeholder priorities and concerns, gauge the level of support for the Preliminary Reference Design for the Castlemaine to Maryborough Rail Trail, and identify any issues that may need to be addressed in the final reference design.

The consultation sought input from a broad range of participants, including residents, landowners, advocacy groups, local businesses, community organisations and land managers.

A range of methods and tools were used to engage with the community and key stakeholders, including:

- An online survey, which received 149 responses, offered the community an easy and convenient way to review the plans and share their feedback
- Six community drop-in information sessions were held in towns along the proposed rail trail, Castlemaine, Campbells Creek, Guildford, Newstead, Carisbrook, and Maryborough, offering the community the opportunity to meet with the project team, Council officers, and CMRT Inc. representatives, to ask questions, raise concerns, and discuss specific details and solutions.
- Posters and postcards displayed across the townships, including at Council offices and civic buildings, cafés, parks and customer service centres, to inform people of the upcoming engagement activities.
- Landowners with property adjoining the proposed trail and the disused rail corridor were also contacted directly through a mail-out coordinated by each Council to invite them to the upcoming drop-in sessions and consultation activities.
- We also welcomed written submissions from community members, providing an opportunity for respondents to provide a comprehensive response and raise questions and concerns.

The consultation activities were intentionally targeted, prioritising the quality and depth of responses over the volume of participants. Given that the proposal has already been deemed feasible through the Feasibility Study (2023), the focus of this phase was to seek detailed and specific feedback, including the identification of potential issues, concerns and opportunities for refinement. This approach enabled respondents to engage meaningfully with the proposal and provide actionable input to inform the final Reference Design. Based on the feedback received, the process proved effective in capturing the level of detail required to support ongoing refinement.

This report summarises feedback received through consultation activities and outlines responses and recommendations relating to key issues raised by the community and stakeholders. Following completion of the consultation phase, several actions have already been undertaken in response to this feedback, including revised link trail alignments at Guildford and Newstead. Any outstanding actions are identified at the end of this document and will be considered as part of the final reference design and future phases.



Community drop-in session held next to the Castlemaine Market Building

2. ONLINE SURVEY

The online survey was open to the community from 27 October until 16 November 2025. A total of 149 survey responses were received.

2.1 SURVEY RESULTS

Survey Results

Of the 149 survey responses, the majority of respondents (over 82%) reviewed the Draft Reference Design in full prior to completing the survey. A further 15% reviewed the design in part, while only three respondents (approximately 2%) did not review the design at all.

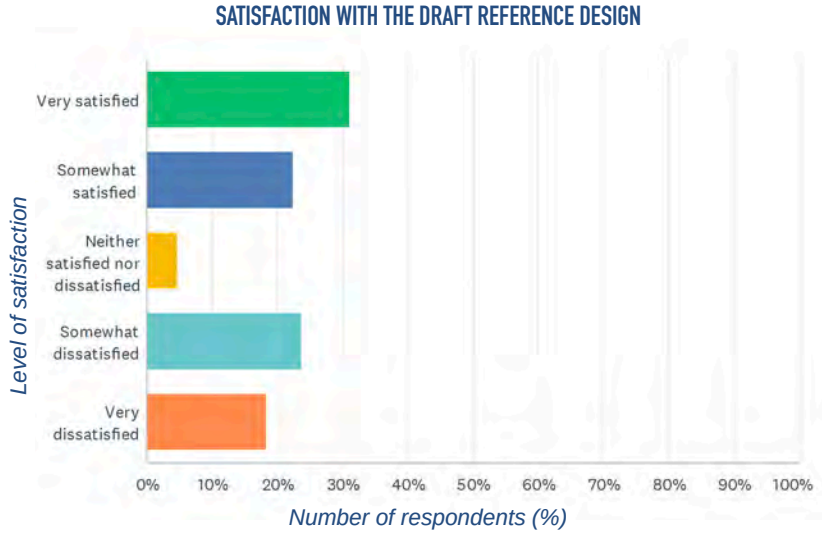
Survey Respondent Locations

The majority of responses to the online survey were from townships and locations along the rail corridor, with most originating within the Mount Alexander Shire, particularly Castlemaine and Campbells Creek. This means that whilst the findings strongly reflect local perspectives, this concentration of responses means that views from Castlemaine and Campbells Creek are more strongly represented, particularly regarding the proposed Castlemaine–Campbells Creek Trail connection, which was a key focus of feedback. A breakdown of respondent locations is provided below.

- Campbells Creek and surrounds (postcode 3451): 73 respondents
- Castlemaine (postcode 3450): 30 respondents
- Newstead (postcode 3462): 9 respondents
- Carisbrook (postcode 3464): 8 respondents
- Maryborough and surrounds (postcode 3465): 6 respondents
- A small number of responses were also received from residents outside the study area, including Ballarat and New South Wales.

Level of satisfaction

The survey asked respondents how satisfied they were overall with the Draft Reference Design of the rail trail. In total, 148 people answered this question. The results show a mix of opinions, with a slight majority (53%, 79 respondents) expressing satisfaction, either very or somewhat, but a significant portion also reported dissatisfaction (42%, 62 respondents) as shown in the table below.



Of the 62 respondents who reported being either very dissatisfied (27) or somewhat dissatisfied (35) with the Draft Reference Design, 48 attributed their dissatisfaction to the exclusion of the Campbells Creek to Castlemaine section or expressed concern about the Campbells Creek Trail becoming the primary connection.

Trail Surface Characteristics

The survey asked respondents whether the proposed 2.5-metre-wide asphalt path, with some sections suitable for equestrian use, met their expectations. Of the 149 respondents:

Positive feedback received from

76.5%

of respondents

114 indicated the trail's surface met their expectations. Additional comments included:

- They would also be satisfied with a gravel or dirt path, citing reasons such as its more natural appearance, suitability to the setting, and gentler surface for running (8 respondents).
- A 3-metre-wide trail would be preferable (1 respondent).

Neutral feedback received from

7.5%

of respondents

11 respondents did not indicate whether the trail surface would meet their expectations and either provided additional comments or chose not to respond to the question. Additional comments included:

- Preference for compacted gravel in some sections for cost, consistency with other trails, and better stormwater management (2 respondents).
- Concern regarding maintenance demands of asphalt (1 respondent).
- Potential conflicts between trail users, particularly dirt bikes, e-scooters, and horses (1 respondent).
- Concern regarding the Campbells Creek to Castlemaine link and use of the Campbells Creek Trail (1 respondent).

Negative feedback received from

16%

of respondents

24 respondents indicated that they were not satisfied with the proposed trail surface. The reasons cited included:

- Preference for alternative surfaces, such as gravel (6 respondents) or resin (1 respondent).
- Preference for the Campbells Creek–Castlemaine section to remain on the rail alignment (5 respondents).
- Opposition to the trail proceeding (5 respondents).
- Concern that the Campbells Creek Trail will be asphalted as part of the rail trail (2 respondents).
- Concern that asphalt is excessive (2 respondents).
- Desire for the rail line to remain (2 respondents).
- Consideration for equestrian use (1 respondent).

Link Trails

The survey asked respondents whether the proposed link trails to the nearby towns of Castlemaine, Campbells Creek, Guildford, Newstead, Carisbrook and Maryborough would meet community needs and expectations by providing access to townships, local facilities, and key points of interest such as toilets, rest areas, and food and beverage options. Of the 149 respondents:

Positive feedback received from

68.5%

of respondents

102 indicated that the link trails would meet their needs and expectations. Among these 102 respondents, additional suggestions included:

- Signage along link trails (1 respondent).
- Provision of drinking fountains and shade (1 respondent).
- Consideration of privacy impacts for a nearby landowner (1 respondent).

Neutral feedback received from

15.5%

of respondents

23 respondents either did not respond or indicate their level of support but raised concerns about the following:

- Graffiti and responsibility for ongoing maintenance (1 respondent).
- Maryborough currently lacks facilities and attractions for visitors (1 respondent).

Negative feedback received from

16%

of respondents

24 respondents indicated that the link trails would not meet their needs and expectations. Reasons cited included:

- The decision not to include the Campbells Creek to Castlemaine connection along the rail line, see comments below (15 respondents).
- Desire to see the rail line retained (1 respondent).

Several respondents offered feedback on specific link trails, detailed as follows:

Castlemaine to Campbells Creek section:

- 49 respondents requested that the connection between Castlemaine and Campbells Creek follow the rail line rather than the existing Campbells Creek Trail. One respondent noted this could be considered in the future if the existing trail becomes inadequate.
- One respondent requested an additional link at Blanket Gully Road to support safe school access.
- One respondent suggested additional links to nearby residential areas, such as Chewton.

Guildford link trail:

- One respondent suggested the Guildford link should be reconsidered (note this was discussed by multiple attendees at the community drop in sessions and several written submissions were also received in relation to this topic).
- One respondent recommended directing the Guildford link down Franzi Street to the big tree, then turning left into town.
- One respondent proposed that the Guildford link start from the old station or provide an exit closer to the river.

Newstead link trail:

- Four respondents requested reconsideration of the Newstead link, noting:
  - Preference for an access point at the Arts Hub and recommendation for a cantilevered river crossing path rather than dismounting.
  - Request for a pedestrian crossing over Campbell Street in Newstead.
  - Suggestion for the trail to pass through the railway station and across the park, then cross Campbells Street further from the Pyrenees Highway.

Carisbrook to Maryborough section:

- Two respondents noted that an existing path along the Pyreness Highway between Carisbrook and Maryborough could be used as an alternative.

Rest Areas

The survey asked respondents whether the two proposed rest areas at Joyces Creek Bridge and the one at Moolort Plains would meet community needs and expectations. Of the 149 respondents:

Positive feedback received from
74%
of respondents

110 indicated that the rest stops would meet their needs. Additional feedback from these respondents included:

- Signage along trails pointing to toilets in towns and along the route (2 respondents).
- Bike repair stations (2 respondents).
- Drinking water (2 respondents).
- Additional seating along the trail (2 respondents).
- Concern about whether the Moolort rest stop would be used (1 respondent).
- Maintenance of facilities (1 respondent).
- Interpretive signage about pre- and post-colonial history (1 respondent).
- Design that allows for future light commercial opportunities, such as a coffee or food van (1 respondent).
- Use of local designers (1 respondent).
- A toilet at the Moolort stop (1 respondent).

Neutral feedback received from
21.5%
of respondents

32 respondents either did not respond or did not indicate whether their expectations were met. Several of these respondents offered the following suggestions:

- Drinking water (3 respondents).
- Additional rest areas (3 respondents).
- Bike repair stations (2 respondents).
- Concerns about cost and maintenance (2 respondents)
- Utilising the stations at Newstead and Carisbrook as rest areas (1 respondent).
- An additional toilet at the Castlemaine end (1 respondent).
- No car parking along the trail (1 respondent).

Negative feedback received from
4.5%
of respondents

7 respondents indicated that the rest stops would not meet their needs and expectations. Reasons cited included:

- Concerns about cost and maintenance (1 respondent).
- Objection to any trail between Maryborough and Moolort (1 respondent).
- Desire to see rest stops along the most used sections of the trail, such as Carisbrook–Maryborough, Newstead, and Guildford–Castlemaine (1 respondent).

Most Liked Aspects of the Proposed Rail Trail

The survey asked respondents what they like most about the proposed design. The majority of respondents expressed positive sentiments. Below is a summary of the key themes and consistent comments that were raised by the 132 respondents that commented on this question.

Theme	No. of mentions	Summary of feedback
Connectivity between towns and train stations	41	Many respondents appreciated that the trail links townships and provides a continuous, direct route between rail lines, supporting both local trips and longer recreational journeys. Several highlighted the potential for improved commuting, particularly on routes such as Carisbrook to Maryborough and Guildford to Castlemaine. Respondents also valued that the trail connects two rail corridors, enabling riders to combine cycling with train travel for loop trips and easier access for visitors.
Safety	23	Respondents noted that they like that the trail would provide a safe off-road route that removes interactions with traffic, supports safer family and child riding, and would reduce the risk around current on-road connections, particularly the Castlemaine to Guildford section and across the Moolort Plains.
Accessibility	15	Respondents valued the trail's accessible design, particularly the smooth asphalt surface suitable for prams, mobility aids, scooters, and skating. They also appreciated that the trail would be usable year-round, less affected by flooding, and suitable for all ages and abilities.
Tourism and economic benefits	12	The trail's potential to attract visitors, support local cafés and accommodation, strengthen the economy of the townships, and celebrate the region was considered a major positive theme among respondents.
Trail design	8	Respondents acknowledged the high quality of the proposed design, including the asphalt surface, well-considered town connections, and inclusion of facilities such as seating, shade and toilets.
Health, recreation and wellbeing	7	Respondents highlighted the trail's role in supporting recreation activities including walking, jogging, running and family-friendly activities, as well as its potential to strengthen community connection and host events such as park runs and fundraising activities.
Use of existing rail corridor	6	Respondents liked that the project repurposes the disused rail alignment, reuses existing bridges and heritage elements, and makes use of the original rail corridor as possible. A number of respondents also noted that they would like to see the whole corridor, including the connection between Campbells Creek and Castlemaine, used.
Length of trail & long-distance riding	4	Respondents expressed enthusiasm for the long, continuous route, noting that it allows for genuine long-distance cycling, multi-day trips, and loop rides connected to rail services.
Environmental benefits	3	Respondents appreciated the trail's contribution to eco-tourism and lower-carbon travel, with reduced car reliance and alignment with broader environmental and sustainability goals.
General support	10	A portion of respondents simply expressed strong enthusiasm for the project overall, often noting that they "like everything about it" and consider it a great initiative for the region.
Criticisms or negative responses	25	A number of respondents noted that they would like to see the Castlemaine to Campbells Creek section built along the rail corridor (13 mentions). Additional issues included potential privacy impacts, uncertainty about future use at the Maryborough end, a preference for retaining the existing rail corridor, and dissatisfaction with the level of design detail provided to date. A few respondents questioned the project's overall cost or scale, suggesting it may be overly ambitious and expensive.

Requests for change

Respondents were asked if they would like to see any changes to the proposed design. The following summarises the main themes and common comments from the 131 respondents who provided feedback.

Theme	No. of mentions	Summary of feedback
Trail alignment	65	Respondents expressed a strong preference for the trail to follow the rail corridor between Castlemaine and Campbells Creek, noting that this alignment would significantly improve safety, reduce conflicts with families accessing the school, and provide a more accessible, all-abilities, all-weather route.
General support	29	29 respondents indicated that they were satisfied with the current design.
Campbells Creek Trail	25	Respondents raised concerns about using the Campbells Creek Trail alignment, noting that it is not suitable for increased traffic, includes several blind corners, is prone to flooding, and should be retained as a smaller, local natural trail.
Facilities	5	Respondents suggested a variety of amenities, including emergency telephones, first aid stations with defibrillators, additional seating, signage to toilets, drinking fountains, and bike repair stations. One respondent also suggested a car park and picnic area for horse floats along the section between Campbells Creek and Guildford.
General opposition	5	Some respondents indicated that they would prefer the project not proceed, while others suggested that Council instead prioritise upgrades to existing facilities.
Implementation	4	Several respondents noted that they would like the section between Campbells Creek and Guildford to be prioritised for construction
Surface	4	Some respondents expressed a preference for a gravel surface. One noted that asphalt would be unsuitable for the trail's length, while another suggested that the surface should accommodate horses.
Link trail	3	Respondents made the following comments regarding the link trails: • Maryborough Link Trail: Improve the safety of the pedestrian overpass at Sutton Road to accommodate increased traffic and shared use. • Guildford Link Trail: Concerns were raised about flood risk. • Carisbrook Link Trail: Continue the trail under the Pyrenees Highway to connect to the primary school.
Vegetation	3	Respondents suggested providing vegetation and trees to offer shade along the trail.
Management	2	Respondents raised a need for greater detail on how the project would be constructed, the expected timelines for delivery, how maintenance responsibilities would be allocated once complete, and how landowners would be engaged and involved throughout subsequent phases.
Other	4	Respondents made the following suggestions regarding the trail and rail corridor: • Separate paths for cyclists and pedestrians at conflict points, such as areas where oncoming users cannot be easily seen. • Retain the corridor for rail use. • Use part of the trail for bikerail (a small bicycle-style, human-powered vehicle designed to travel on railway tracks). • Acknowledge the former railway and Victorian Railways along the trail.

Additional comments

Respondents were invited to share any further thoughts. The following captures the key points and common themes raised by the 114 respondents who chose to provide further feedback.

- **Support for the Project**
  - 44 respondents expressed general support for the project, including 2 specifically noting benefits for Carisbrook.
  - 9 respondents highlighted tourism benefits.
  - 8 respondents noted recreational, health, and wellbeing benefits.
  - 1 respondent emphasised improving regional bike accessibility, which is currently limited.
  - 1 respondent stressed the importance of catering to local trips, not just visitors.
- **Trail alignment**
  - 17 respondents preferred the Castlemaine to Campbells Creek link to follow the former rail line rather than the existing Campbells Creek Trail.
  - 4 respondents raised concerns about using the Campbells Creek Trail as the connection.
  - 2 respondents suggested prioritising construction of the Guildford–Campbells Creek section, with one recommending monitoring usage before extending to Newstead and beyond, and advising against continuing along the rail line to Castlemaine.
  - 1 respondent proposed an alternative Castlemaine alignment, terminating at the Maclise Street bridge, with a car park on William Street and a fenced trail parallel to the Maldon line.
  - 1 respondent expressed concern about the Guildford link and suggested the trail link trail begin from road overpass.
- **Trail design, and facilities**
  - 2 respondents requested drinking fountains, with one also suggesting bins.
  - 1 respondent suggested acknowledging the former railway and Victorian Railways heritage.
  - 1 respondent proposed enhancing Joyce's Creek bridge as an art feature, such as painting or after-dark lighting, and recommended additional plantings along the trail.
  - 1 respondent recommended installing bike repair stations along the trail and supporting bike-related businesses.
  - 1 respondent preferred bitumen trails and requested standard toilet facilities rather than long-drop toilets.
  - 1 respondent asked about the design of bridge upgrades.
  - 1 respondent asked whether the trail would include hiking or camping opportunities.
  - 1 respondent stressed that community feedback should be reflected in the final design.
- **Opposition and concerns**
  - 5 respondents opposed the project, citing cost and maintenance concerns; one suggested funds be directed to the Castlemaine–Maldon trail instead.
  - 3 respondents, whose properties border the trail, raised concerns regarding design, drainage, construction impacts, safety, security, maintenance, and opportunities for ongoing feedback.
  - 1 respondent argued that concerns about a nearby chicken farm are unfounded, noting it is further from the rail line than an existing farm and referencing a previous VCAT decision.
  - 1 respondent suggested that the volume of material to review was excessive and recommended an executive summary.

2.2 ANALYSIS OF SURVEY RESULTS

- **Local respondents:** The survey was predominantly completed by local respondents, with nearly 90% of participants living in towns and locations along the rail corridor. This indicates that the consultation strongly reflects local perspectives, ensuring that feedback is relevant to those most directly affected by the project. However, almost 70% of respondents reported living in Castlemaine or Campbells Creek. As a result, the survey findings may be slightly skewed toward perspectives from these locations, particularly in relation to the proposed connection between the Castlemaine and Campbells Creek Trail, which was a key focus in the responses.
- **Satisfaction with the Draft Reference Design:** A slight majority of respondents (53%, 79 respondents) expressed satisfaction, either very or somewhat, with the Draft Reference Design, but a significant portion also reported dissatisfaction (42%, 62 respondents). Of these 62 respondents, 48 attributed their dissatisfaction to the exclusion of the Campbells Creek to Castlemaine section or expressed concern about the Campbells Creek Trail becoming the primary connection.
- **Trail surface:** The proposed 2.5-metre-wide asphalt surface, with some sections suitable for equestrian use, received strong support from respondents. Over 76% (114 out of 149) indicated the design met their expectations, with only a small number preferring alternative surfaces such as gravel or concrete, or expressing concerns.
- **Link Trails:** Most respondents supported the proposed link trails, with 99 out of 149 indicating they would meet community needs. However, 47 respondents expressed a preference for the Castlemaine to Campbells Creek connection to follow the disused rail line rather than the existing trail. Several respondents also suggested that alternative alignments be explored for the link trails at Guildford and Newstead. These were also discussed in more detail at the community drop-in sessions.
- **Satisfaction with the proposed rest stops:** Most respondents (110 out of 149) agreed that the proposed rest areas at Joyces Creek Bridge and Moolort Plains would meet community needs, with suggestions for added amenities such as signage, drinking water, bike repair stations, and more seating.
- **Most liked elements:** When asked what they most liked about the trails, respondents' feedback was broadly positive, with strong appreciation for the trail's connectivity between towns and rail stations, its safe off-road design, and its accessibility for users of all ages and abilities. Respondents highlighted the potential tourism, economic and health benefits, as well as support for recreation and long-distance riding. Many valued the quality of the proposed design and the use of the disused rail corridor where possible. While general support for the project was evident, concerns were raised about the proposed alignment between Campbells Creek and Castlemaine, as well as issues relating to privacy, future use at Maryborough, project cost and the level of detail available at this stage.
- **Requests for change:** When asked what they'd like to see changed, feedback focused on the alignment between Castlemaine and Campbells Creek where respondents noted their preference for the trail to follow the rail corridor for improved safety, accessibility and year-round usability. Concerns were raised about the suitability of the existing Campbells Creek Trail for higher volumes of users, noting issues such as floods and blind corners. Other feedback focused on implementation and management questions, desired facilities and surface preferences, along with some submissions expressing opposition to the project. Additional suggestions included enhancements to safety, increased shade planting, and opportunities to acknowledge or retain elements of the former rail corridor.

3. COMMUNITY & STAKEHOLDER DROP-IN SESSIONS

During the consultation period, six community drop-in information sessions were held in towns along the proposed rail trail, including Castlemaine, Campbells Creek, Guildford, Newstead, Carisbrook, and Maryborough. These events were well attended, and a summary of feedback from each session is provided in the table below.

Maryborough session Maryborough Station, 10am–12pm, Saturday 1 November 2025		
Topic	**Who**	**Comment**
General support	Local resident	Resident wished the project well, stating, “Good luck, hope you get it done.”
	Local residents (x2)	The attendees expressed enthusiasm for cycling and related activities taking place in Maryborough.
	Local resident	One attendee noted “great idea”.
	Local resident	View expressed that it’s fantastic that consultation is happening and that people get to have their say.
	Local resident	The attendee noted that not everyone can afford to live in Castlemaine, making Maryborough a more affordable option. They emphasised that residents still want access to attractions and positive developments, such as the rail trail.
Route	Local resident	One attendee commented that the rail trail would provide a safe link between Joyces Creek and Maryborough.
	Local resident	View expressed that the rail trail has the opportunity to create loops with other existing trails and destinations such as Maldon, and the Tullaroop Reservoir.
Facilities	Local resident	Attendee expressed the view that toilets should be located on the appropriate side of the Joyce Creek bridge to ensure they are accessible to all users, including horse riders who cannot cross the bridge.
	Local resident	View expressed that they would like to see signage directing people to amenities and facilities.
Emergency services	Local resident	View expressed that it’s important that emergency markers are included along the length of the trail.
Safety	Local resident	One attendee suggested the rail trail could improve security for Carisbrook residents by providing an alternative entry and exit, particularly during floods, and noted the importance of designing the trail to accommodate vehicle use.
Horse riding	Local resident	View expressed that it would be great to cater for horse riding over the Joyces Creek bridge (i.e. like bridge at Bonnie Doon on the Great Victorian Rail Trail).
Tourism and economic development	Local resident	View expressed that the trail is great for tourism suggesting that users might ride the trail, go for lunch in one of the towns and ride back.
	Local resident	The attendee noted that Maryborough currently has no bike shop, but suggested that the rail trail could encourage one to open or make it economically viable.
Events	Local resident	The attendee noted the potential opportunities the rail trail could bring for existing and future cycling-related events.
Other	Local resident	One attendee commented that it would be great if the rail trail reactivated use of the old swimming hole in the creek at Carisbrook.

Carisbrook session Carisbrook Market Reserve, 4–6pm, Thursday 30 October 2025		
Topic	**Who**	**Comment**
Agriculture	Local agricultural landholder	Concern raised about biosecurity of agricultural uses adjoining the trail (eg. a trail user climbing the fence to pat a lamb) and potentially causing diseases such as footrot. It was noted that a mesh-type of fence would create a better barrier to unauthorised access than post and wire fences (where people can slip through the wires).
	Local agricultural landholder	Question raised about whether any fencing upgrades required would be funded by the project.
	Local agricultural landholder	Concern raised regarding ownership of the fences and if their fence can be replaced with something more suited to the change in use of the rail corridor.
	Local agricultural landholder	Question raised about whether the rail corridor can be grazed by livestock, particularly in times of drought.
	Local agricultural landholder	Concern raised regarding the potential increase in noxious weeds and rabbits due to change in activity.
Financial	Local resident	Objection raised regarding use of public money to fund this project when other projects are deemed more important (eg. the Maryborough swimming pool).
	Local resident	Objection raised regarding use of public money to fund this project when the 'state government is broke'.
	Local resident	Concern raised about funding timelines.
	Local resident	Concern raised about rates will go up as a result of the trail.
	Local resident	One attendee expressed the view that they hope funding is successful.
	Local resident	Concern raised regarding the rationale for Council's allocation of $40,000 for design support for the project.
Insurance	Local agricultural landholder	Query raised about insurance of trail users. It was noted that users would fall under the relevant Council public liability insurance scheme.
Use	Local agricultural landholder	View expressed that the trail would not be well-used because the area that it travels through is not attractive. Reference to the Moolort Plains as 'Pleurisy Plains'.
	Local agricultural landholder	View expressed that the trail would not be well-used because the Moolort Plains is inhospitable (ie. hot in summer, cold in winter) and there is little shelter.
	Local agricultural landholder	Concern raised about increased human activity along the trail.
Emergency services	Local agricultural landholder	Concern raised about accessibility of the trail corridor for emergency services, including related to fire fighting and ambulance access for injured/ill trail users. It was discussed that proposed bridges along the trail will not be designed for vehicle use, so access routes will need to be provided between all bridges.
Access	Local agricultural landholder	A question was raised about whether access to a property off Shiels Lane, Joyces Creek, could continue via the rail corridor, including the ability to cross the rail line. The attendee also asked whether the rail lines would be available for reuse by residents.
Tourism and economic development	Local resident	The attendee expressed a desire for Maryborough to become more active and attract more tourism, and suggested that the pool be reopened.
	Local resident	Concern that, although the rail trail is a collaborative project, some Maryborough community members felt Castlemaine was being positioned as the more prominent location.

Council assets	Local resident	The attendee expressed concern that Council is unable to maintain existing assets or upgrade current facilities, and suggested that addressing these issues could help promote Maryborough. They noted that the trail could contribute to achieving this.
	Local resident	Attendee suggested that the pool should be the priority as there are plenty of walking trails in the region.
Newstead session **Newstead Community Centre, 10am–12 noon, Saturday 8 November 2025**		
Topic	**Who**	**Comment**
Agricultural	Local resident (on behalf of a friend)	Concern raised about the impact of the trail upon the ability of farmers to spray crops with boom sprays (not aerial spraying) on land adjacent the trail (ie. fears of spraying trail users). Discussion about ways this could be managed (eg. avoid spraying on weekends when trail is most heavily used. Temporary closure of trail using signs during the short period the spraying was underway).
Route	Local resident	Request that a dedicated pedestrian/cycling bridge be constructed over the Loddon River to better connect the link trail proposed to central Newstead (current plans show the link trail sharing vehicle bridge on a relatively narrow shoulder). *Note: these concerns were reflected in more detail in a written submission, as outlined in the next section.*
	Local resident	Request that a better and clearer access path be created from the new trail to the Newstead Arts Hub (located in the former station building, and therefore elevated from the trail due to the station platform).
Drainage	Local resident	Request the the trail works address a drainage issue in the vicinity of McNabb Road & Dundas Street in Newstead. The rail embankment has dammed water to the north, inundating land and starting to wash out some sections of the rail embankment. This didn't used to be an issue, but seems to have been created by the installation of the new road bridge further downstream (around 2010). Potential to install culvert as a part of these works?
Assistance	Local resident	Local resident who is involved in the Newstead Men's Shed indicated their willingness to be involved.
Financial	Local resident	Objection raised regarding use of public money to fund this project when there are higher priorities.



Community drop-in session held in Maryborough at the station.

Guildford session Guildford Public Hall, 1-3pm, Saturday 8 November 2025		
Topic	**Who**	**Comment**
Route	Local resident	Concern about the link route proposed being flood prone, including to a depth greater than a metre.
	Local resident	Query about what form Little Fryers Street would take under the proposal. The area used to exclude vehicles and had a park-like character with benches and a winding path. As a part of post-flood works it became a road, and lost most of the former 'park' use. Can the park-like character be reinstated as a part of this project?
	Local agricultural holders (x2)	Several attendees were generally supportive of the trail but raised concerns about the proposed link trail passing through their active paddocks, citing risks to livestock, safety, fencing maintenance, groundcover, environmental impacts, fire and biosecurity requirements. They also viewed the alignment as unsuitable due to steep terrain and regular flooding, and noted potential impacts on River Red Gums and possible Aboriginal cultural heritage. They requested that this section be removed from the proposal and an alternative, safer route be investigated. *Note: these concerns were reflected in more detail in written submissions, as outlined in the next section.*
Agriculture	Local agricultural holder	Discussion about perceived negative impacts of the proposed trail upon agricultural uses, biosecurity, land value, privacy and security. Their location adjoining Cairn Curran Reservoir means that they already regularly deal with trespassers, and fear these issues will be exacerbated by installation of the trail. They also have livestock paddocks either side of the trail alignment, and need to be able to continue to access the existing rail corridor crossing points.
Campbells Creek session **Campbells Creek Community Centre, 4-6pm, Thursday 6 November 2025**		
Topic	**Who**	**Comment**
Route	Local residents	There was a large contingent of attendees (estimated to be around 50) sharing a disappointment that the section of trail between Campbells Creek and Castlemaine along the rail alignment is not included in the project plans (instead relying upon the existing Campbells Creek Trail). Reasons given for wanting the rail alignment to proceed include: • Negative impacts that use of the existing trail as a rail trail would have upon the existing 'nature trail' character and use. • The rail corridor alignment creates a more useful active transport link for local residents, because it is more easily accessed and closer to key destinations such as schools and shops. (The existing trail is located on the less-populated side of the creek, and there are relatively few crossings and access points). • The rail corridor alignment is more direct and is therefore more likely to be used by people who currently ride on the Midland Highway between Campbells Creek and Castlemaine, a route which is perceived as being unsafe. • Creating a path that is not prone to regular flooding, which the creekside trail is. • Ensure an all-weather, all-abilities trail surface, as the existing Campbells Creek Trail does not provide this. *Note: these concerns were also reflected in a number of written submissions, as outlined in the next section.*
	Local resident	One local resident present supported the idea that the Campbells Creek Trail would become a part of the rail trail, noting the amount of money and effort recently spent on this trail, and the perceived waste of spending more money on another trail between the same locations.

Emergency Services	Local CFA member	A query was raised about accessibility along the trail for fire fighting access. It was noted that there are some existing locations near the railway corridor in the vicinity of Campbells Creek that are difficult to access. There is concern that providing public access into these areas increases the risk of fire. It was noted that the proposed bridge crossings along the trail will not be suitable for vehicles including fire trucks (as is the case with the existing rail bridges).
	Local resident	Question raised asked if the bridge over Hutchinsons Lane can be raised as it is very low and large vehicles (i.e. CFA trucks) cannot get under it.
Access link	Local resident	It was pointed out that the extensive areas of new development on the southern edge of Campbells Creek are not well connected to the town for pedestrians and cyclists. The developments themselves have included footpaths, but the roads linking to the town (such as Blanket Gully Road) are narrow, busy and unsafe for pedestrians and cyclists. School children currently use this route. It was noted that the proposed rail trail passes nearby, and a short linking path between the trail and Blanket Gully Road (less than 100m long) would establish a safe off-road route.
Other	Local resident	Query raised regarding the status of the crown land near the corner of Godfrey Lane and Midland Highway (intended for the Yapeen Railway Station). Resident interested in buying it.

Castlemaine session
Next to the Market Hall, 10am-12 noon, Saturday 15 November 2025

Topic	Who	Comment
Route	Local residents	There was a large contingent of attendees (estimated to be around 20) sharing a disappointment that the section of trail between Campbells Creek and Castlemaine along the rail alignment is not included in the project plans (instead relying upon the existing Campbells Creek Trail). Reasons given for wanting the rail alignment to proceed include: • Negative impacts that use of the existing trail as a rail trail would have upon the existing 'nature trail' character and use. • The rail corridor alignment creates a more useful active transport link for local residents, because it is more easily accessed and closer to key destinations such as schools and shops. (The existing trail is located on the less-populated side of the creek, and there are relatively few crossings and access points). • The rail corridor alignment is more direct and is therefore more likely to be used by people who currently ride on the Midland Highway between Campbells Creek and Castlemaine, a route which is perceived as being unsafe. • Creating a path that is not prone to regular flooding, which the creekside trail is. • Ensure an all-weather, all-abilities trail surface, as the existing Campbells Creek Trail does not provide this. • Concerns were raised about creating an unsafe highway crossing between the rail trail and the Campbells Creek Trail, as well as the potential impacts on traffic from the change in use. • Concern that the Campbells Creek Trail would be upgraded (i.e. widened) to accommodate change in use which could negatively impact the trail character, and ecological values. *Note: these concerns were reflected in more detail in written submissions, as outlined in the next section.*
	Local residents (x2)	View expressed that the section between Castlemaine and Campbells Creek should not be built along the rail line but continue as per the current design.
	Local resident	View expressed that connections into the townships are great.
	Guildford residents	There were a number of attendees who also attended the Guildford session - notes regarding issues raised by them are included in the Guildford section.
	Local resident (Carisbrook)	View expressed that the link trail at Carisbrook continue under the bridge and ramp back up to the primary school to create a more direct link to the school with less road crossings. Attendee also noted that they would like to see an additional connection to the Carisbrook Recreation Reserve via Hare Street or similar.
Bridges	Local resident	Positive view expressed regarding the retention and repairs of the existing bridges.

Surface	Local resident	Request that use of asphalt be reconsidered to something more cost effective that will also clash less with the environment.
Tourism and economic development	Local resident	View expressed that coffee stops planned along the trail.
	Local resident	View expressed that the project should include bike hire facilities as this has been positive for engagement on other rail trails.
Privacy	Local agricultural landholder	View expressed that they would like to see planting (preferably trees) between the trail and neighbouring properties around Godfrey Lane to reduce privacy and security concerns.
	Local resident	Concern raised about privacy for their property abutting the rail line and how many people are expected to pass by. They also questioned if privacy fencing was going to be installed.
Support	Local resident (Newstead)	View of support for the rail trail expressed.
Financial	Local resident	Objection raised regarding use of public money to fund this project when there are higher priorities, and a perception that the rail trail will be used by a very small percentage of the population.
Maintenance	Local agricultural landholder	Query raised that weed and litter removal is required along the rail line and that this should continue with when the trail is implemented.
Project staging	Local resident	View expressed that construction of the trail be staged and that the priority should be the trail construction in the first instance followed by facilities (such as toilets) at a later date as they don't get used as much as people think.
Construction	Local agricultural landholder	Concern raised about excavation and the change to current overland flows. Attendee noted that they would like to ensure that no changes to overland flows occur during or post construction that would negatively impact their properties (adjoining the rail line near Godfrey Lane).
Consultation	Local agricultural landholder	Query raised regarding timing of decisions and when the last time for input would be.



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Residents voice views on rail trail plans

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Members of the Castlemaine Marybrough Rail Trail (CMRT) committee met with Carisbrook residents to discuss the design of the rail trail project on Thursday, October 30 at Market Reserve.

There were 11 members of the public who attended the consultation, which gave an opportunity to ask questions or put forward concerns or opinions on the project.

CMRT president Janice Simpson said there was quite a good attendance at the Carisbrook meeting and some of the landholders had raised relevant concerns.

Farmers were concerned with who would pay for the fencing and spraying of weeds along the line, maintenance and also stock crossings.

There was also concern from landholders about trespassing on properties and biosecurity.

"There was concern that people would jump over fences and pat lambs, but I haven't heard of that issue before from other trails", Mrs Simpson said.

A question about who pays for the fences will be answered shortly.

Mrs Simpson said that stock crossings could be managed simply: there could be gates that open across the railway line and access to the trail would stop while stock were crossing.

"Somebody said if there's signage don't put it where it will be washed away."

Richard Blight, from Baringhup, said that it would take years to complete the project.

Bryan Perry, from Maryborough, said that he had no problem with the idea but he was concerned about its cost.

Carisbrook resident John Bennett thought that it was a waste of a lot of money, a lot more could be done with it, such as fixing up the station.

Mrs Simpson said that she was very pleased with the two days of consultation in the Central Goldfields Shire.

She said that there were a lot of questions and the overall opinion was that the concept of the trail was great, and people can't wait for it to happen.

The consultations will continue with a session on Thursday, November 6 from 4pm to 6pm at Campbells Creek Community Centre; Saturday, November 8 from 10am to 12pm at Newstead Community Centre and then from 1pm to 3pm at Guildford Community Hall; and on Saturday, November 15 from 10am to 12pm at the Castlemaine Market Building.

Anna O'Sullivan from Fitzgerald Frisby Landscape Architecture, CMRT president Janice Simpson and CMRT treasurer Des Boucher were available to speak to residents on Thursday.

Right: Carisbrook residents Matthew and John Bennett came to the meeting to discuss their concerns.

Damon and Sana Rao and Jordan Whitehead, from Bowenvale, have friends who rode from Castlemaine to visit them.

Richard Blight, from Baringhup West, James Coutts, from Moolort, Jeff Wright, from Carisbrook and Bryan Perry, from Maryborough, came to the Castlemaine Marybrough Rail Trail consultation session at Carisbrook Market Reserve on Thursday.

The Carisbrook consultation session in the local paper, The Carisbrook Mercury

4. WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS

In addition to the online survey responses and community drop-in sessions, 27 written submissions were received. A small number of respondents submitted multiple submissions; where this has been identified, their responses have been consolidated into a single entry in the table below. A summary of the submissions is presented in the table below.

	Location	Summary of response
	Campbells Creek to Castlemaine alignment	
4	Campbells Creek	The respondent strongly supports the Castlemaine–Maryborough Rail Trail and proposes extending the trail along the former railway corridor into Castlemaine, rather than diverting it onto the Campbells Creek Trail. They argue this would: • Establish Castlemaine as the natural and symbolic starting point. • Improve safety and accessibility for Campbells Creek residents, particularly those east of Main Road. • Provide safe cycling routes for children and families to schools and community facilities. • Preserve the quiet, nature-focused character of the existing Campbells Creek Trail. • Support the growing local cycling community and encourage active transport. • Deliver long-term social, economic, and health benefits that outweigh construction and maintenance costs.
5	Campbells Creek	The respondent recommends using the unused VicTrack rail corridor into Castlemaine for the rail trail rather than the existing nature trail that is the Campbells Creek. They cite concerns that the Campbells Creek Trail trail is prone to flood damage and requires crossing Main Road, making it less safe. They also note that reinstating the VicTrack line for freight is unlikely, so using it for the trail would be feasible and more cost-effective long term.
6	Campbells Creek	The respondent, a local business owner, expresses support for the Castlemaine–Maryborough rail trail, citing benefits for local residents and eco-tourism, however is concerned that merging the trail with the existing Campbells Creek Trail is shortsighted and could reduce the project's appeal. The respondent advocates for the trail to continue directly into Castlemaine with a clearly signed connection to surrounding areas. Additionally, the respondent asks for further consultation if the proposed detour affects traffic near the business.
8	Campbells Creek	The respondents support the Castlemaine–Maryborough rail trail but raise concerns about diverting the trail onto the existing Campbells Creek Trail. They argue that the creek trail is unsuitable for a rail trail because it is narrow, winding, prone to flooding, and inaccessible for people with mobility aids. Additionally, this trail does not support commuting or alternative transport options into Castlemaine. The respondents also note that upgrading the creek trail to meet rail trail standards would destroy its valued natural character, which has been painstakingly restored by local groups. The rest of the rail trail to Maryborough follows the rail corridor with no such compromises. They consider the current design shortsighted and epmhasise that the trail should follow the rail corridor to maximise benefits for all communities along its route.
9	-	The respondent supports the Castlemaine–Maryborough rail trail but is concerned about using the Campbells Creek track due to safety issues for cyclists and walkers. They suggest the track would need widening and improvements, and argue that the using the existing rail corridor is a safer, more viable option. Additionally, they suggest that leaving the rail line unused risks neglect, while duplicating the trail along it would encourage cycling and provide a safer alternative to the Midland Highway.

16	Castlemaine & Campbells Creek	Calm It Castlemaine, an active transport advocacy group, strongly supports the rail trail for its potential to improve safety, health, sustainability, and transport outcomes in the region. However, the group objects to the decision to not use the disused railway corridor between Campbells Creek and Castlemaine noting that this alignment is supported by the feasibility study, previous community consultation, and Calm It's own analysis. They argue that diverting the trail onto the Campbells Creek Trail is a poor strategic choice because it is winding, flood-prone, poorly connected to residential areas, and unsuitable for everyday walking and cycling. In contrast, the rail corridor would offer a direct, safer, flood-resilient, and faster route with greater transport, health, and climate benefits. Calm It notes that the change in design direction appears inconsistent with earlier planning work, raises concerns about transparency and consultation, and undermines the project's value. They also responds to Council's stated reasons for removing the rail corridor option (such as maintenance costs, the presence of the existing Campbells Creek Trail, and potential future housing development) arguing that these factors are insufficient justification and could be addressed through better planning, partnerships, and governance. They emphasise that active transport infrastructure should be treated as essential, not recreational, and that competing Council priorities should not compromise the CMRT's effectiveness. The respondents request that Council: • Reconsider the rail corridor alignment, • Consult its Active Transport Strategy External Working Group, • Include the corridor in strategic transport mappings, and • Provide assurances that other Council projects will not block its future use.
	Link trails	
10	Guildford	The respondent notes that while they broadly support the rail trail, they oppose the proposed link trail at Guildford. The area forms part of an active farming paddock, making public access incompatible with existing operations and creating risks related to trespass, fencing, biosecurity, fire, stock management, environmental impacts, and public safety. They also note that the terrain is steep, unsafe, and unsuitable for trail construction, and that the area floods approximately every five years, raising concerns about responsibility for repairs and ongoing maintenance. They request that this segment be removed from the design and that an alternative alignment be identified that does not compromise farm operations, environmental values, or the long-term safety and viability of the trail.
11	Guildford	The respondent supports the rail trail in principle but objects to the link trail proposed at Guildford, as it would traverse part of an active paddock where public access is incompatible with current land use. They note that it would pose risks to people and livestock due to challenges with maintaining fencing and groundcover, potential trespass and environmental harm, fire protection requirements, and biosecurity obligations. They also argue that the proposed alignment is unsuitable because of the very steep terrain and the fact that the area experiences major flooding approximately every five years. Additional environmental and heritage concerns include potential impacts on 200-year-old River Red Gums and the possibility of Aboriginal cultural heritage. They request that this link trail be removed from the proposal and that a safer, more appropriate alternative route be identified.
19	Newstead	The respondent supports the rail trail, thanks the project team for their work and proposes an alternative route into Newstead. They suggest a new lightweight foot/bike bridge across the Loddon River from Tivey Street, connecting to Recreation Avenue via Dundas Street, rather than using the existing highway bridge. They highlight that this route could be cheaper, better suited to the river's topology, provide a more direct connection across town, and offer a more pleasant experience for trail users.

21	-	The respondent congratulates the project team and offers feedback on two sections. For Campbells Creek to Castlemaine section, they suggest extending the trail along the rail corridor all the way into Castlemaine to improve commuting options from new suburbs. For Guildford, they suggest a second trail east of the highway, connecting to the former rail bridge near the lookout, to provide a more direct loop into and out of town.
	Support	
13	Newstead	The respondent, on behalf of Newstead Walks and Wheels, fully supports the Castlemaine–Maryborough Rail Trail, noting its potential to provide safe walking, cycling, and wheeling routes, link towns, and promote Newstead as a trail activity hub. They highlight opportunities for local tourism, artistic installations, and economic, social, recreational, and health benefits. They emphasise the need for safety improvements on the Campbell's Creek Trail due to increased use, recommend recharging stations for electric bikes and wheelchairs, and support controlled equestrian use with proper guidance. The submission also notes the trail's value for tourism growth, potential social housing residents, and regional active transport, benefiting multiple towns beyond Castlemaine.
15	Carisbrook	The respondent, a landholder adjacent to the proposed Carisbrook link supports the Castlemaine to Maryborough Rail Trail, citing benefits for physical activity, mental health, family connections, and community resilience. They highlight tourism potential, which could boost local businesses and increase real estate visibility and value. The respondent emphasises that the trail will strengthen connected townships, particularly Carisbrook and Maryborough, and support the local community and economy.
17	Castlemaine	The respondent, a Rail Trails Australia member, strongly supports the Castlemaine–Maryborough Rail Trail, the staging plan, and infrastructure recommendations such as shelters, rest stops, shading, and water. They highlight the proven recreational, economic, and social benefits of rail trails. They suggest further consideration of trail surface and vegetation for shading and biodiversity, and support the proposed post-construction partnership governance model to enhance community participation and social benefits.
18	Central Victoria	Rail Trails Australia (RTA) commends the work completed to date on the rail trail. They fully support the project, noting it will provide economic benefits during construction and long-term through increased visitation, as well as health benefits for local residents. RTA highlights the trail's design as efficient, with a higher initial capital outlay resulting in minimal ongoing maintenance, and they appreciate the inclusion and repair of existing bridges. However, they recommend that the section between Campbells Creek and Castlemaine be developed as an extension of the rail trail rather than using the narrower gravel path, to enhance visitor experience and potentially create a loop with the existing creek-side trail.
	Concerns and opposition	
3	Mount Alexander Shire	The respondent strongly opposes the proposed rail trail, describing it as a waste of taxpayers' money and that there should be no next stage. They argue that the area between Castlemaine and Maryborough lacks scenic value and they believe the trail would see minimal use, attract little tourism, provide little benefit to local businesses, and would not enhance the region's appeal.
12	Campbells Creek	The respondent, living near the recently completed section of Campbells Creek Trail is frustrated with a lack of communication and consultation. They raise multiple issues, including insufficient risk management, property damage, dust, tree protection, and conflicts between pedestrians, cyclists, and animals. They highlight safety concerns from speeding cyclists, motorcyclists, and e-bikes, as well as environmental impacts and congestion.

14	Guidlford	The respondents support the rail trail generally but formally object due to major concerns about unclear project details, inadequate consultation, and potential impacts on local residents and ratepayers. They raise questions about the trail's ongoing operational budget, including who will fund maintenance, insurance, risk management, and supporting infrastructure, and whether the costs will affect Council rates or services. They also question the suitability of the asphalt surface and seek transparency around the removal and reuse of rail materials. They outline significant personal impacts as VicTrack licence holders who rely on the corridor for property access. Their concerns include potential changes to license conditions and access rights, increased fencing and maintenance costs, stormwater impacts, security risks, liability if heavy farm machinery damages the trail, and safety issues when farm vehicles need to cross the trail. They emphasise that the corridor is not "unused," as it is regularly used by landowners, children, walkers, and horse riders, all of whom would be negatively affected.
7	Castlemaine	The respondent, whose home adjoins the old rail easement, is a long-time rail trail advocate who supports the concept of rail trails but views the proposed full-scale Castlemaine–Maryborough trail as unnecessary, costly, and potentially disruptive to residents and local infrastructure. They strongly support starting the trail at Campbells Creek and building it only as far as Guildford initially, with a gravel trail seen as sufficient, and suggest any future extensions be considered only after demonstrated usage. Key points include concerns about privacy, steep embankments, weeds, high construction costs (especially for bridges and flood-prone areas), and lack of consultation with nearby residents. They emphasise that extending the trail beyond Newstead toward Maryborough is not practical, citing minimal likely use, the importance of preserving the railway corridor for future freight, agriculture, and industrial purposes, and the potential for revegetation, industrial or heritage developments. The respondent also recommends local parking, picnic, and horse facilities at Campbells Creek reserve to prevent on-road parking and support local recreational use.
	Project details	
1	Near proposed trail	A respondent with property adjoining the proposed trail contacted the project team, prior to the community consultation period, to ask when project details would be available and when community consultation would take place.
2	-	A respondent wrote, prior to the consultation period asking for further information on the proposed rail trail and the feasibility study.
20	Carisbrook	The respondent, a landowner along the Carisbrook section of the rail trail, notes that they would like to contribute knowledge regarding the management of the rail corridor.

5. AUTHORITY AND STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

The project team has also engaged with a range of land managers, government agencies and other stakeholders, including the Department of Transport and Planning, V/Line, Office of the National Rail Safety Regulator, North Central Catchment Management Authority, DEECA, Coliban Water, Goulburn-Murray Water, Central Highlands Water and Destination Central Victoria. Below is a summary of the feedback received from each of these stakeholders.

Authority/ stakeholder	Summary of comments received
V/Line	During initial correspondence, V/Line noted the following considerations: • Fencing will be required to separate the trail from rail operations, including access gates for maintenance • Potential risks associated with increased visitation, such as fire, weeds and rubbish, will need to be managed; and emergency services should be consulted to ensure access requirements are incorporated into the final design. • It was also noted that once the trail area is transferred from the rail corridor, responsibility for ongoing vegetation management, particularly where it relates to safety, fire risk or impacts on rail infrastructure, will transfer accordingly. • Environmental assessments and approvals will be required prior to any vegetation removal or path construction, including offset requirements where necessary, with care needed to minimise impacts such as weed spread and disturbance to fragmented habitats. V/Line also raised concerns regarding a number of crossings, including Bald Hill Road, Baringhup Road, Bucknall Street, Annesley Street North and Pleasant Street. In response, detailed engineering drawings demonstrating the safety considerations incorporated into the design were provided to V/Line. In-principle support for the project was subsequently granted.
Office of the National Rail Safety Regulator (ONRSR)	The ONRSR noted that they have no feedback to provide, as its regulatory role relates to rail operations and compliance under the Rail Safety National Law, and the rail trail project does not involve rail operations.
Department of Transport and Planning (DTP)	DTP noted a number of concerns in relation to some of the link trails. Some of these link trails have been removed from scope or since realigned which DTP has been informed of. Below is a summary of their feedback and the responses provided: • The Midland Highway being a key route into Castlemaine with likely high traffic volumes during peak periods, and the need to ensure trail user safety at the Silver St crossing point. Whilst a formal controlled crossing is not proposed, the link trail crossing is located within a 60 km/h zone and is anticipated to experience lower traffic volumes compared to the main trail. A pram crossing is proposed on both sides, with trail users required to give way to vehicular traffic. Signage will be installed to advise cyclists to dismount prior to crossing, along with advance warning signage for road users. • Concerns were raised regarding vertical changes in elevation on the Guildford Link Trail at Neill St. In response, it was suggested the alignment be revised with the shared path located on top of the embankment with a roll-top fence to provide separation from the adjacent highway environment.

	• Concerns were raised regarding the proposed Newstead link trail alignment. In response, it was noted that only one link trail is proposed and the preferred alignment is currently being refined through the working group. • Concerns were raised that the existing footpath over the Loddon River bridge for the Newstead Link Trail is only 1.6m wide and would require cyclists to dismount prior to use. In response, the design confirms that cyclists will be required to dismount prior to crossing the bridge, with appropriate signage included in the reference design. • Concerns were raised regarding sightlines at the Hepburn-Newstead Road crossing (at Aitkens Road, Strangways). A formal sight distance assessment has been undertaken. While the crossing is in a 80km/h zone, road geometry is expected to reduce speeds. Visibility is generally adequate due to the elevated rail embankment, although roadside vegetation will require ongoing monitoring to maintain sightlines. Cyclists will be required to dismount prior to crossing, supported by chicanes, signage, and advance warning signs. Following this correspondence, DTP requested that the final drawings be shared with them, along with a formal sight distance assessment for Hepburn–Newstead Road. They subsequently advised that they had no further comments and provided in principle support for the project.
Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (DEECA)	DEECA noted that any Crown land currently managed by DEECA would require an alternative land manager, and that discussions would be required with any relevant licensees where licensed land may be affected. In response, it was confirmed that the trail is proposed within the existing rail corridor managed by VicTrack and V/Line, both of which have provided support for the project. An operating model for ongoing trail management has been prepared and supported by both Councils. DEECA also identified potential heritage considerations, including the need for a CHMP and assessment of possible colonial heritage values associated with structures such as the Cairn Curran bridge. In response, it was noted that Ecology and Heritage Partners have been engaged to undertake the relevant assessments and progress towards an approved CHMP. Further comments were provided by DEECA's Bushfire and Forest Services in relation to the link trail through the State Forest at the Maryborough end of the trail including: • Why the trail is proposed through State Forest. In response, it was noted that this provides loop opportunities and a unique user experience, adding value to the overall trail. • What is the scope of works proposed and whether maintenance access would be maintained. In response, it was advised that the majority of the proposed link trail will utilise existing tracks. Where suitable tracks are not available, works will include construction of a sub-base, base course and wearing course. The route will remain open and accessible to vehicles, and there is no intention to impact current use of the access track. It was further noted that, as the alignment primarily follows existing tracks, vegetation removal is unlikely to be required. • Who would be responsible for ongoing maintenance. It was advised that lease arrangements are currently being progressed. Following this correspondence, DEECA provided in-principle support and noted that, when/if the project receives funding, any additional endorsing documentation and required permissions should be facilitated through DEECA's Forest and Fire Planning team.

North Central Catchment Management Authority (North Central CMA)	North Central CMA advised that its primary interest relates to waterway protection and floodplain management. It noted that any works within the bed and banks or over a designated waterway would require a separate Works on Waterway Permit, with multiple designated waterways present along the alignment. North Central CMA also highlighted the need to ensure flood flows are not impeded by the works, and that opportunities to improve floodwater passage are considered.
Coliban Water	Coliban Water advised that it does not need to actively participate in the process, other than being kept informed of planning and project progress. It noted the presence of reticulated services in Campbells Creek, Guildford and Newstead, and highlighted the need to ensure these assets are identified, considered in project planning, and avoided during construction.
Goulburn-Murray Water (GMW)	GMW raised no objection to the project, provided that waterways, drainage lines, water quality and catchment dam harvesting are not adversely impacted. GMW also noted that any water required during construction must be sourced from an authorised supply and recommended consultation with the relevant Catchment Management Authority to determine whether Works on Waterway permits are required.
Central Highlands Water (CHW)	CHW noted that they did not envisage any issues regarding CHW assets or land interests.
Destination Central Victoria	Destination Central Victoria noted that this project was advocated for during a meeting with the Minister where they identified the trail as one of the region's top five priorities.

A key component of the project is ongoing engagement with Djaara regarding cultural heritage management, and with VicTrack regarding future leasing arrangements.

Work with Djaara is progressing on the Cultural Heritage Management Plan (CHMP), being developed alongside the Reference Design, as well as the Land Use Activity Agreement (LUAA), which is currently in progress through CMRT Inc.

Members of the Castlemaine to Maryborough Rail Trail Inc., supported by the Department of Jobs, Skills, Industry and Regions, are also in discussion with VicTrack regarding lease requirements to enable a lease to be negotiated by the two Councils.

6. RESPONSE SUMMARY

Across the different consultation activities, there were a number of consistent questions, concerns and topics raised by the community. Below is a summary of the responses to those queries and recommendations for the next steps of the Castlemaine to Maryborough Rail Trail: Pre Construction project.

Query	Response/ recommendation
Campbells Creek to Castlemaine connection: Across all consultation activities, the use of the Campbells Creek Trail as the connection between Campbells Creek and Castlemaine, was the most prominent issue raised. Feedback strongly noted a preference to extend the rail trail along the rail corridor into Castlemaine. Reasons cited by the community include: • Using the existing trail as a rail trail may lead to negative impacts, particularly through the loss of its current 'nature trail' character. Increased use and the upgrades required to meet rail trail standards could significantly alter the experience and potentially harm ecological values. • The rail corridor alignment would offer a more practical active transport link for local residents, with easier access and proximity to key destinations such as schools and shops. In contrast, the existing trail is located on the less-populated side of the creek, with limited access points and crossings. • The rail corridor provides a more direct route and is therefore more likely to attract riders who currently travel along the Midland Highway, a route widely regarded as unsafe. • A rail corridor alignment would avoid the regular flooding issues that affect the creekside trail. • An all-weather, all-abilities surface could be achieved more reliably through this alignment, addressing limitations present in the current Campbells Creek Trail surface. • Continuation of the rail corridor alignment would avoid the need for a highway crossing between the rail corridor and the existing Campbells Creek Trail, which could pose safety risks and traffic impacts.	It is recommended that Mount Alexander Shire Council review and advise whether the approach remains appropriate.
Trail surface: The majority of survey respondents stated they were satisfied with the proposed asphalt surface; however, several respondents expressed a preference for gravel. Reasons for this preference included lower upfront costs, the material's natural appearance and ability to blend with the surrounding environment, and the softer surface for some users, such as runners and horse riders.	The Castlemaine to Maryborough Rail Trail Feasibility Study (2023) recommended an asphalt surface for the following reasons: • Ongoing costs: whilst the upfront costs of asphalt are higher than that of gravel, the maintenance costs are lower. • Experience: rail trails featuring a sealed surface are considered to offer a premium experience. • Accessibility: a sealed surface provides a suitable surface for people of all abilities. However, a final decision regarding the surface treatment has not yet been made, and further work is underway to assess the relative merits of bitumen versus compacted gravel.

Consultation: Several respondents, particularly land owners and local agricultural holders, emphasised the need for further consultation, to ensure they are fully informed about the project's next steps, potential impacts, and anticipated construction timelines.	It is recommended that at the conclusion of this project and subsequent steps, targeted consultation be undertaken with landowners adjoining the trail. This will ensure they are clearly informed of the likely timing, location and nature of works, as well as any potential implications for their properties.
Privacy and security impacts on private property: Several respondents expressed concerns about trail users having both physical and visual access to private properties along the alignment. Issues raised included biosecurity and security and privacy impacts associated with increased activity near property boundaries.	Consideration could be given to measures such as boundary planting, vegetation screening, or fencing in some locations, where appropriate, to assist with managing potential risks however, any response would be guided by site conditions and assessed risk, and applied only where required.
Agricultural spraying: One respondent expressed concern about the impact of the trail on the ability of farmers to use boom sprays on crops adjacent to the trail, citing potential risks to trail users.	It is recommended that, following this project and subsequent planning steps, targeted consultation be undertaken with landowners adjoining the trail. This could include discussions on potential management measures such as avoiding spraying during weekends when trail use is highest, providing signage to inform trail users, or implementing temporary trail closures during spraying operations. In addition, during the Design and Construction phase managers of existing trails will be consulted to understand how they manage spraying.
Maintenance and weed management: Several respondents highlighted that ongoing maintenance of the trail and rail corridor will be essential to manage litter and ensure overall trail safety and usability. Concerns were also raised regarding weed management, its potential impact on neighbouring properties, and the allocation of responsibility for ongoing maintenance.	Maintenance will be a critical part of the success of the trail proposal, and has been considered as a part of this Pre-construction Project, this is also identified in the Feasibility Study (2023). As part of this project, the project team is developing an operating model to define the roles and responsibilities for the ongoing management and maintenance of the trail and rail corridor. Maintenance activities are likely to include weed management, litter removal, surface upkeep, and pruning, among other tasks. Maintenance standards are expected to exceed those currently in place.
Existing VicTrack lease holders: One respondent, whose property adjoins the trail and who holds an existing VicTrack lease to access their land, expressed concerns regarding the potential implications of the trail and associated lease arrangements for their use of the property.	Whilst the current design maintains all existing access points along the trail alignment, current access leasing arrangements will be considered as part of lease negotiations that will be undertaken between VicTrack, MASC and CGSC. These arrangements will be incorporated within any future lease.
Property access: One respondent asked whether access to a property off Shiels Lane, Joyces Creek, could be maintained via the rail corridor, including the ability to continue crossing the rail line.	The current design maintains all existing access points along the trail alignment, however it is recommended that the design team confirm that appropriate measures are in place to ensure a safe crossing at this location for both the property owner and trail users.
Guildford link trail: Several respondents raised concerns and proposed alternative alignments for the Guildford link trail. Issues included the fact that the land is actively farmed, the steep terrain, and the flood risk associated with the proposed route. One respondent suggested avoiding the highway, recommending instead that the trail follow Franzi Street to the Big Tree before turning into town, while another proposed that the trail link commence from the road overpass. Another suggested a second trail east of the highway, connecting to the former rail bridge near the lookout, to provide a more direct loop into and out of town.	It is recommended that Mount Alexander Shire Council review and advise on the position of the Guildford link trail. Following the consultation period, discussions with residents who raised concerns with the link trail alignment have taken place and it has since been resolved that the link trail along the Midland Highway, is the more appropriate alignment.

Newstead link trail: Several respondents suggested alternative alignments for the Newstead link trail. One proposed including an connection at the Arts Hub rather than at the Tivey Street intersection. Others suggested a cantilevered walking and cycling path for the river crossing to provide a higher-quality connection into town. A pedestrian crossing over Campbells Street was also requested. Additionally, one respondent recommended a pedestrian bridge across the Loddon River from Tivey Street, connecting to Recreation Avenue via Dundas Street, instead of using the existing highway bridge.	It is recommended that Mount Alexander Shire Council review and advise on the position of the Newstead link trail. Following the consultation period, discussions with Mount Alexander Shire Council confirmed that the link trail will be realigned to run along Tivey Street and connect to the Pyrenees Highway.
Carisbrook link trail: Some respondents suggested additional link trails and connections at Carisbrook, including extending the trail under the Pyrenees Highway to connect with the primary school, and a connection to the Carisbrook Recreation Reserve via Hare Street or a similar route.	This project is primarily focused on providing connections between the trail and townships for both local and tourist use, rather than establishing trails throughout the townships. It is suggested that broader trail development within townships be considered as part of Council's wider walking and cycling strategy. CGSC has since passed on this feedback to the walking and cycling strategy project team.
Maryborough link trail: One respondent expressed desire to improve the safety of the pedestrian overpass at Sutton Road to accommodate increased traffic and shared use.	The current design requires cyclists to dismount along this section of the link trail, which has been considered acceptable for the purposes of this scope of works. This arrangement could be reviewed at the construction stage if required.
Maryborough to Carisbrook trail alignment: Two respondents noted that an existing trail connection between Carisbrook and Maryborough could serve as an alternative route to constructing the rail trail.	The existing path between Maryborough and Castlemaine is approximately 1.5 metres wide and is not consistently well maintained. Separation from traffic is limited, with frequent driveway crossings and ongoing interaction with the adjacent road environment. As a result, the path requires a high level of user awareness and is not generally suitable as a shared-use trail. In its current condition and configuration, the path would not be considered an appropriate alternative to the proposed trail.
Maryborough to Moolort trail alignment: Several respondents suggested that a trail between Maryborough and Moolort may not be necessary, noting that this section of the rail corridor is less attractive, relatively inhospitable, and unlikely to attract significant use.	It is recommended that the current proposal be retained. While the Moolort Plains may not appeal to everyone, several respondents highlighted their beauty and distinctive character. The area is also recognised as significant to Traditional Owners. The rail trail presents an opportunity to celebrate this unique landscape and rich cultural heritage, with the Moolort Plains potentially serving as an attraction in their own right, enhancing the overall user experience. Furthermore, the benefits of the rail trail identified in the Feasibility Study (2023) are based on a continuous trail along the entire rail corridor between Castlemaine and Maryborough.

Additional facilities: A number of respondents suggested additional facilities be included along the trail such as additional seats, more toilets, signage, water fountains, bike repair stations. One respondent also noted their desire for the formal railway history be acknowledged as part of the trail development.	Trail facilities will be focused at the two key rest stops, Moolort and Joyces Creek, with link trails providing access to existing amenities within nearby townships, consistent with the feasibility study. Both rest stops are proposed to include shelter, car parking, and bicycle repair stations supplemented by additional facilities available within the townships along the route. However, it is recommended that the design be reviewed to confirm the feasibility of installing drinking fountains at both rest stops (subject to water connection availability). Seating could also be incorporated at suitable locations. The feasibility study identifies European and railway heritage, Indigenous culture and nature, and produce and production of the region as the key themes for the trail, providing a strong basis for future interpretation, visitor experiences and attractions. In support of this, the proposed rest stops could provide information and interpretive signage, offering opportunities to showcase the history of the area.
Staging: Several respondents suggested prioritising the construction of the Guildford–Campbells Creek section. One respondent recommended monitoring trail usage before extending to Newstead and beyond, and advised against continuing along the rail line to Castlemaine.	Staging recommendations will be developed as part of this project, with the project team considering community feedback during their preparation. It is also important to note that final construction staging will depend on a range of unresolved factors, including funding, lease negotiations, and operational matters.
Financial concerns: Several respondents suggested that the trail may not be a worthwhile investment, and that funds could be better allocated to existing Council assets or other priorities.	While it is understood that construction funding is expected to be sourced externally, there may also be both cash and in-kind contributions required from the Councils, which collectively could represent a significant commitment for rural municipalities. It is recommended that each Council consider this feedback when formally assessing the project for inclusion in future capital works programs.
Emergency services: Several respondents highlighted the importance of ensuring the trail accommodates emergency service access and recommended the installation of emergency markers along the route.	The Draft Reference Design includes the installation of emergency markers at the recommended intervals. The trail has also been designed to allow vehicle access, subject to vehicle weight limits. For example, new boardwalks can accommodate light vehicles up to 2 tonnes, such as maintenance vehicles, while refurbished rail bridges are proposed to support vehicles up to 5 tonnes, including ambulances.
CFA truck access: Question raised if the bridge over Hutchinsons Lane, outside of Campbells Creek can be raised as it is very low and large vehicles (i.e. CFA trucks) cannot get under it.	This is outside the scope of this project however Mount Alexander Council have been informed of this request and have noted that they will follow up.
Commercial operations: Several respondents expressed interest in additional commercial facilities alongside the trail, such as coffee shops, bike shops, and bike hire facilities.	It is recommended that consideration of additional commercial facilities be included as part of the future detailed planning of the project.
Drainage issue: One respondent requested that the trail works address a drainage issue in the vicinity of McNabb Road in Newstead where the rail embankment has dammed water to the north, inundating land and is washing out some sections of the rail embankment.	An area of washout has been identified along the former rail embankment by the project team. The cause is uncertain, but this section of embankment will be repaired through the rail-trail works, and all drains and culverts along the route will be inspected and cleared where needed.

Land management: Consultation with DEECA confirmed that they do not manage infrastructure. As such, any Crown land along the rail corridor or link trails currently managed by DEECA will require the appointment of an alternative land manager.	As part of the project scope of works, the project team is working with the two Councils and CMRT Inc. to develop the operating model for the potential trail. This work will include defining land management roles and responsibilities.
Licensed areas: DEECA noted that any licensed land is proposed to be used, the licensee will need to be consulted. A suitable approach to managing stock or protecting crops will need to be agreed and formalised.	CMRT Inc., supported by the Department of Jobs, Skills, Industry and Regions, is in discussions with VicTrack regarding lease arrangements. Community consultation has identified that some areas may be subject to private licenses held by land or agricultural holders, and it is recommended that these arrangements be included in ongoing discussions and planning with VicTrack.
Heritage considerations: DEECA raised concerns that heritage values may apply to some sections of the alignment and must be assessed. This may include a Cultural Heritage Management Plan for ground-disturbing works within areas of Aboriginal cultural heritage sensitivity, and the assessment and management of any historical infrastructure.	As part of the project scope, the project team is preparing an ecological assessment and a desktop Cultural Heritage Management Plan for the proposed trail alignment. The team will also provide advice on next steps, including the permits and approvals required prior to construction, should funding be secured.
State forest land: DEECA noted that some connecting tracks, particularly toward the Maryborough end, may intersect with areas of State forest and that discussions with the relevant land manager (DEECA's Bushfire and Forest Services) will be required.	The consultant team are currently in discussions with DEECA's Bushfire and Forest Services to identify any concerns or required changes to the Reference Design.
Horse riding: One respondent requested that the bridges be designed to accommodate horse riding.	In line with the feasibility study, parts of the rail corridor will likely be able to accommodate horse riding, but equestrian use cannot be supported along the entire route.

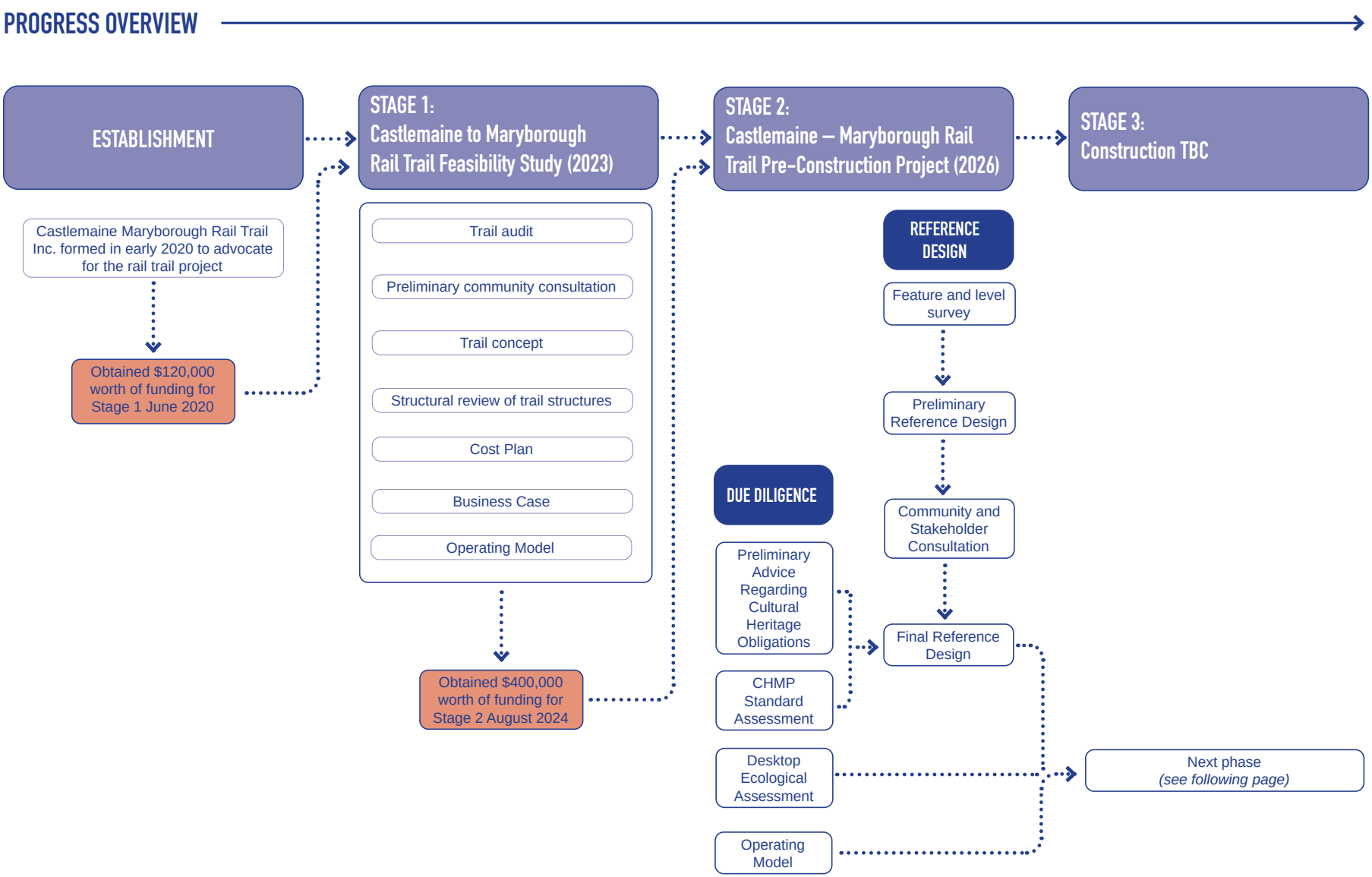


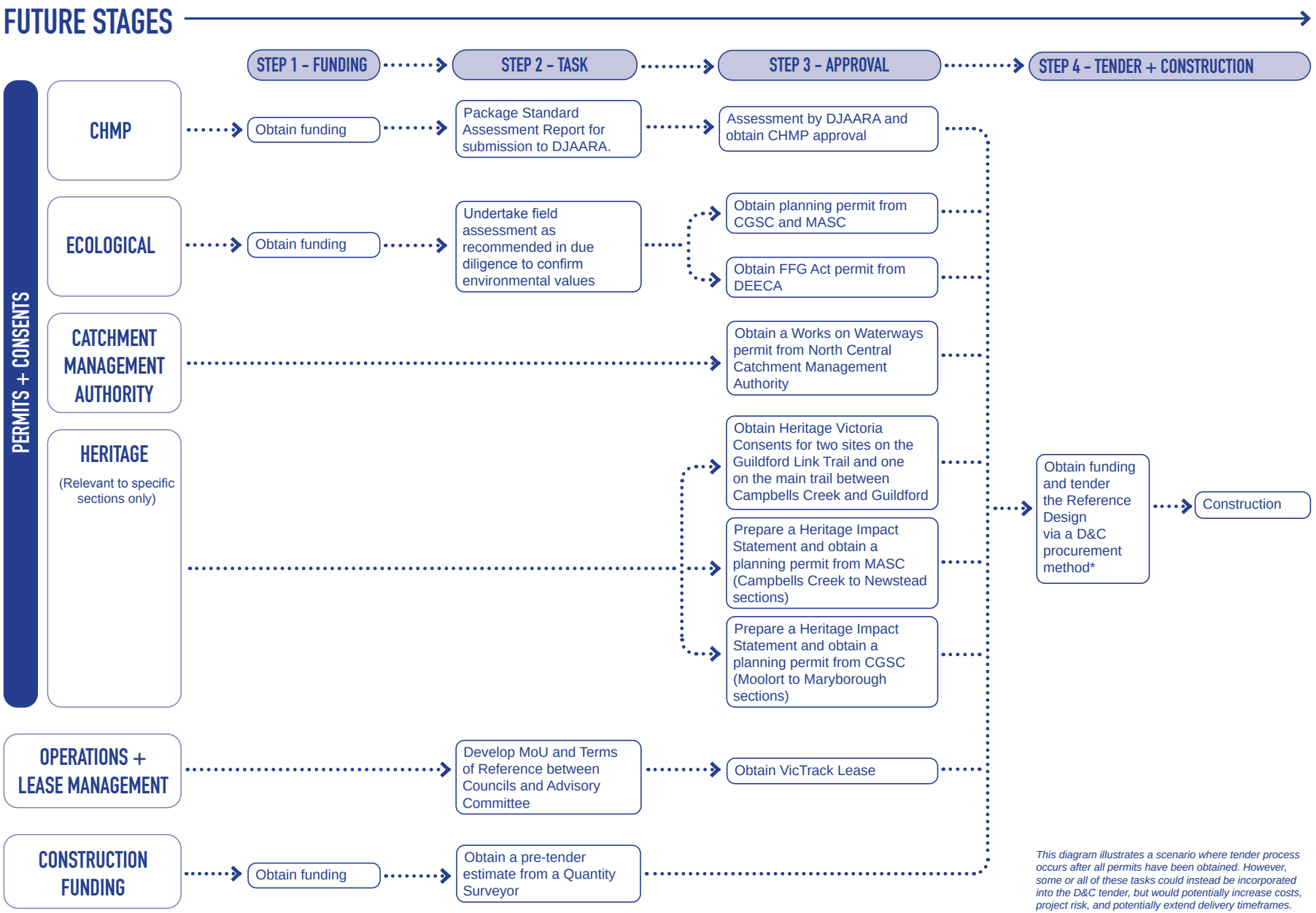
Castlemaine to Maryborough Rail Trail Pre-Construction Project

Approach + Staging Plan

May 2026

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PROGRESS OVERVIEW
ESTABLISHMENT
Castlemaine Maryborough Rail Trail Inc. formed in early 2020 to advocate for the rail trail project
Obtained $120,000 worth of funding for Stage 1 June 2020
STAGE 1:
Castlemaine to Maryborough Rail Trail Feasibility Study (2023)
Trail audit
Preliminary community consultation
Trail concept
Structural review of trail structures
Cost Plan
Business Case
Operating Model
Obtained $400,000 worth of funding for Stage 2 August 2024
STAGE 2:
Castlemaine – Maryborough Rail Trail Pre-Construction Project (2026)
REFERENCE DESIGN
Feature and level survey
Preliminary Reference Design
Community and Stakeholder Consultation
Final Reference Design
DUE DILIGENCE
Preliminary Advice Regarding Cultural Heritage Obligations
CHMP Standard Assessment
Desktop Ecological Assessment
Operating Model
STAGE 3:
Construction TBC
Next phase
(see following page)


FUTURE STAGES
STEP 1 – FUNDING
STEP 2 – TASK
STEP 3 – APPROVAL
STEP 4 – TENDER + CONSTRUCTION
PERMITS + CONSENTS
CHMP
Obtain funding
Package Standard Assessment Report for submission to DJAARA.
Assessment by DJAARA and obtain CHMP approval
ECOLOGICAL
Obtain funding
Undertake field assessment as recommended in due diligence to confirm environmental values
Obtain planning permit from CGSC and MASC
Obtain FFG Act permit from DEECA
CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY
Obtain a Works on Waterways permit from North Central Catchment Management Authority
HERITAGE
(Relevant to specific sections only)
Obtain Heritage Victoria Consents for two sites on the Guildford Link Trail and one on the main trail between Campbells Creek and Guildford
Prepare a Heritage Impact Statement and obtain a planning permit from MASC (Campbells Creek to Newstead sections)
Prepare a Heritage Impact Statement and obtain a planning permit from CGSC (Moolort to Maryborough sections)
OPERATIONS + LEASE MANAGEMENT
Develop MoU and Terms of Reference between Councils and Advisory Committee
Obtain VicTrack Lease
CONSTRUCTION FUNDING
Obtain funding
Obtain a pre-tender estimate from a Quantity Surveyor
Obtain funding and tender the Reference Design via a D&C procurement method*
Construction
This diagram illustrates a scenario where tender process occurs after all permits have been obtained. However, some or all of these tasks could instead be incorporated into the D&C tender, but would potentially increase costs, project risk, and potentially extend delivery timeframes.

STAGING

Trail construction sequencing can be approached in various ways, with the main consideration being whether it needs to be staged or not. When determining the construction staging and its sequence, several important factors must be taken into account:

- **Funding** - Construction of a trail, is highly dependent on funding, and finalising the staging may be contingent on what grants and funding opportunities are available.
- **Trail user demand** - To maximise use of the trail in the early stages, it would ideally be anchored to a town, or towns, with an established tourism market, and existing visitor amenities and infrastructure to support trail users.
- **Permits and approvals** - Before construction can commence and number permits and approvals have to be sought. As outlined on the previous page, this is likely to include planning permits from both Central Goldfields and Mt Alexander Shire Councils, a FFG permit from DEECA, a Works on Waterways permit from North Central Catchment Management Authority, and consents from Heritage Victoria.
- **Lease agreements** - Prior to trail implementation, a lease agreement with VicTrack will need to be established. If trail construction is undertaken in stages, consideration should be given to the implications for lessee responsibilities, particularly whether the two Councils would retain responsibility for the entire rail corridor, including sections where the trail has not yet been constructed. One option may be to implement a staged lease arrangement, whereby only sections of the rail corridor that are funded and constructed are leased initially, with the lease progressively extended as additional funding is secured for future trail segment
- **Project governance** - Following approval of the recommended Operating Model, it will be critical to establish a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) and Terms of Reference between the two Councils and the Advisory Group to support ongoing collaboration and governance. Commencing the trail within a single shire may place pressure on the collaborative relationship within the governing group, as resources from both municipalities would likely be utilised while the benefits would initially be concentrated within one shire. While the establishment of an advisory committee may assist in reducing this risk, all opportunities to mitigate potential impacts should be explored.

Taking into account these factors, the adjacent table examines the potential benefits and disadvantages of four staging scenarios. The demand impacts (and subsequent economic and financial impacts) of a staged rollout are discussed in the Feasibility Study.

In order to realise the full benefits of the trail as soon as possible, reduce potential risks to project governance, and to reduce overall costs, delivering the trail in a single staged is preferred. However, it is expected that the construction will requiring staging to reflect funding realities. If staging is required, the identified stages are:

- Campbells Creek to Guildford
- Guildford to Newstead
- Newstead to Moolort
- Moolort to Carisbrook
- Carisbook to Maryborough

It is recommended that the connections to the townships along the trail occur alongside implementation of the relevant stages.

Staging scenario	Positives	Negatives
1. Non-staged construction	• Benefits of trail implementation fully realised immediately • Reduced risk to trail governance (more equitable between partner LGAs) • Reduced costs due to economies of scale • Less resource intensive due to single contract and funding application	• Likely difficulty in securing funding for entire trail length
2. Staged construction starting at Campbells Creek	• Capital funds more likely to be provided in stages • Takes advantage of higher visitor numbers coming through Campbells Creek from Castlemaine resulting in higher use of partially constructed trail (when compared to option 3)	• Potential risk to trail governance (due to inequity between partner LGAs) • Benefits of trail implementation only partially realised • Potential for project to lose momentum if trail is delivered over a lengthy period • Resource intensive for managing stakeholders due to multiple funding applications • Higher capital costs due to multiple contracts and cost escalation over time • Need to obtain consents from Heritage Victoria and MASC in relation to heritage considerations • Political implications would need to be understood and managed throughout project delivery should the trail construction commence at one end • Potential ongoing VicTrack lease implications and responsibilities if trail construction is staged, including whether Councils retain responsibility for sections of the rail corridor where the trail has not yet been constructed
3. Staged construction starting at Maryborough	• Capital funds more likely to be provided in stages • Greater potential for visitor uplift to developing tourism market in Maryborough	• Potential time risk around potentially complex lease arrangements from Carisbrook to Maryborough • Potential risk to trail governance (due to inequity between partner LGAs) • Benefits of trail implementation only partially realised • Potential for project to lose momentum if trail is delivered over a lengthy period • Resource intensive for managing stakeholders due to multiple funding applications • Lower visitor demand (when compared to option 2) • Higher capital costs due to multiple contracts and cost escalation over time • Need to obtain consents from CGSC in relation to heritage considerations • Political implications would need to be understood and managed throughout project delivery should the trail construction commence at one end • Potential ongoing VicTrack lease implications and responsibilities if trail construction is staged, including whether Councils retain responsibility for sections of the rail corridor where the trail has not yet been constructed
4. Staged commencement taking place at both ends simultaneously (i.e. lease negotiations and rail removal in Maryborough, trail construction in Campbells Creek)	• Reduced risk to trail governance (more equitable between partner LGAs). • Capital funds more likely to be provided in stages • Greater potential for visitor uplift to developing tourism market in Maryborough. • Takes advantage of higher visitor numbers coming through Campbells Creek from Castlemaine resulting in higher use of partially constructed trail	• Potential difficulty in securing funding for two stages of works. • Construction inefficiencies related to having two work sites some distance apart. • Potential time risk around complex lease arrangements from Carisbrook to Maryborough. • Benefits of trail implementation partially realised. • If project loses momentum (due to lengthy delivery), partial trails exist at both ends without meeting. • Resource intensive for managing stakeholders due to multiple funding applications. • Higher capital costs due to multiple contracts and cost escalation over time. • Need to obtain consents from Heritage Victoria and both Councils in relation to heritage considerations

Annual trail maintenance costs						
Maintenance item	**Typical Tasks**	**Frequency**	**Items to cost**	**CGSC Annual Cost**	**MASC Annual Cost**	**Notes**
Inspections and trail management						
Asset Management & Administration	Contractor management, reporting, scheduling	Ongoing	5% of annual maintenance budget	$92,400	$60,825	
Routine inspection	Inspection of overall trail condition (approx	Annual	Per audit and associated report: 1x Council		$1,200	CGSC costs covered in figure above
	Structural inspection of bridges	Annual	CGSC: 1x Council engineer for 2 days per annum	$1,200		
			MASC: 1x Council engineer for 2 days per annum		$1,200	
	Structural and operational inspection of culverts	Annual	CGSC: 1x Council engineer for 2 days per annum	$1,200		
			MASC: 1x Council engineer for 4 days per annum		$2,400	
	Inspect road crossings including condition of railings, fencing and signage and to ensure sightlines are maintained	Annual	CGSC: 1x maintenance officer for 2 days per annum for 8 road crossings	$1,200		
			MASC: 1x maintenance officer for 2 days per		$1,200	
	Inspect toilets at rest stop	Bi-annual	MASC: 1x maintenance officer for 1 day per		$1,200	
Asset and infrastructure maintenance						
Trail surface maintenance	Minor routine surface repairs including annual	Bi-annual	Allowance per 25km per year	$125,000	$30,000	MASC: $1,200 per km
	Drainage maintenance including clearing drains	Annual	Allowance per year for 25km length	$5,000	$5,000	
Bridge maintenance	Ongoing repairs to bridges if required, as identified through the annual inspection	Annual	CGSC: Allowance per annum for all 13 bridges	$2,500		
			MASC: Allowance per annum for all 12 bridges		$10,000	Assumed that bridge structures, signs,
Culvert maintenance	Clearing of culverts and minor repairs as required	Annual	CGSC: Allowance per annum for 22 culverts	$2,000		
			MASC: Allowance per annum for 48 culverts		$10,000	
Furniture	Maintenance of trail signage including graffiti	Reactive	Allow for 1 maintenance officer for 2 days per	$2,000	$2,000	
	Replacement of trail signage (incl. directional	Annual	Allow for two sign replacements per year	$500	$1,500	
	Maintenance of furniture including graffiti	Reactive	Allow for 1 maintenance officer for 2 days per	$2,000	$2,000	
	Replacement of trail funiture (incl. directional	Annual	Allow for 1 replacement furniture pieces per year	$6,000	$6,000	
Fencing	Maintenance of fencing and railings including	Reactive	Allow for 1 maintenance officer for 2 days per	$2,000	$2,000	
	Replacement of fencing and railings	Annual	Allowance for 100m of replacement fencing per	$5,000	$5,000	
Rest stop	Maintain rest stop including removal of graffiti,	Bi-annual	1x maintenance officer for 2 days per annum	$2,000	$2,000	
	Inspect toilets	Bi-annual	1 council officer for two half a day per annum		$1,000	Toilets (if proceeding) are proposed at
	Clean toilets	Weekly	Annual cleaning costs for one toilet unit		$5,750	Joyces Creek rest stop only
	Empty bins	Weekly	Annual cost of bin emptying for 1 bin	$3,000	$3,000	
Vegetation Management						
Landscaping and maintenance	Weed control including spraying, hand weeding,	Annual	1x maintenance officer for 5 days per annum	$6,000	$6,000	
	Mowing and slashing including verge mowing,	Bi-annual	1x maintenance officer for 5 days per annum	$6,000	$6,000	
	Tree management including pruning, branch	Annual	1x maintenance officer for 5 days per annum	$6,000	$6,000	
	Maintain road crossing vegetation to retain	Annual	1x maintenance officer for 1 day per annum for 8	$1,200	$1,200	
Storm/ climate event response	Including fallen tree removal, washout repairs,	Reactive	Annual allowance	$5,000	$10,000	
Friends of Group tasks						
Inspections and indentification of defects	Inspection of trail surface and report areas of	Ongoing / reactive		$0	$0	
	Indentify and report instances of damaged or	Ongoing / reactive		$0	$0	
	Indentify and report instances of damaged	Ongoing / reactive		$0	$0	
	Indentify and report instances of damaged	Ongoing / reactive		$0	$0	
			Total annual maintenance cost	**$277,200**	**$182,475**	
			Total annual maintenance cost per km	$11,088	$7,299	
			Average annual maintenance cost per km		$9,194	
Asset renewal						
Asphalt surface renewal of trail length		25 years assumption	Allowance	$752,000	$752,000	Renewal cost every 25 years is
			Total annual renewal cost	**$752,000**	**$752,000**	

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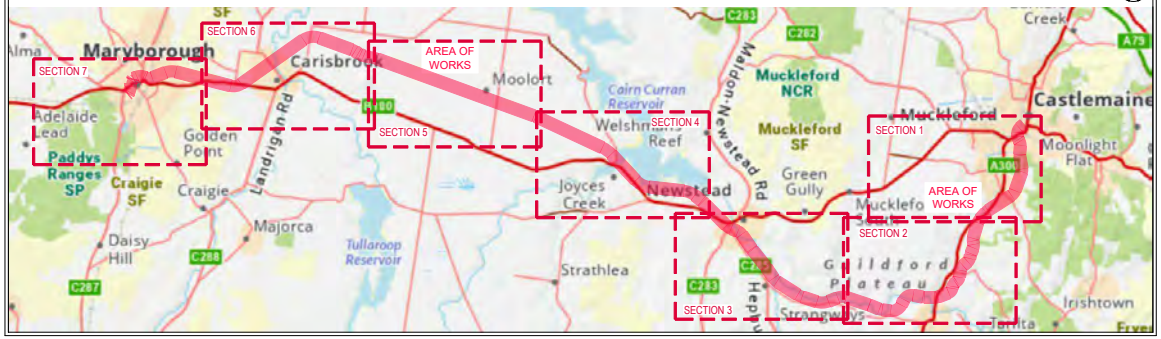
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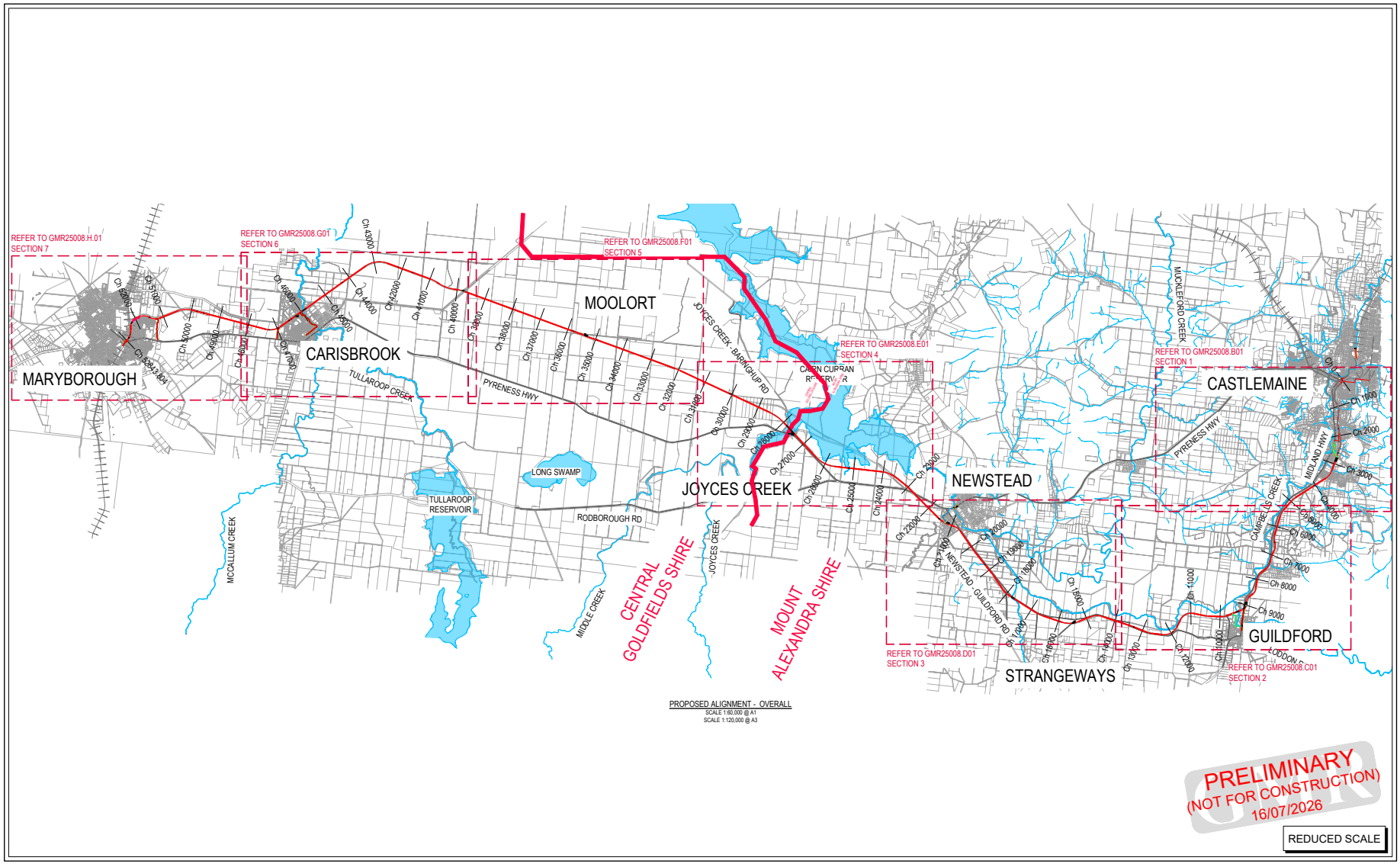


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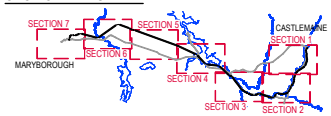
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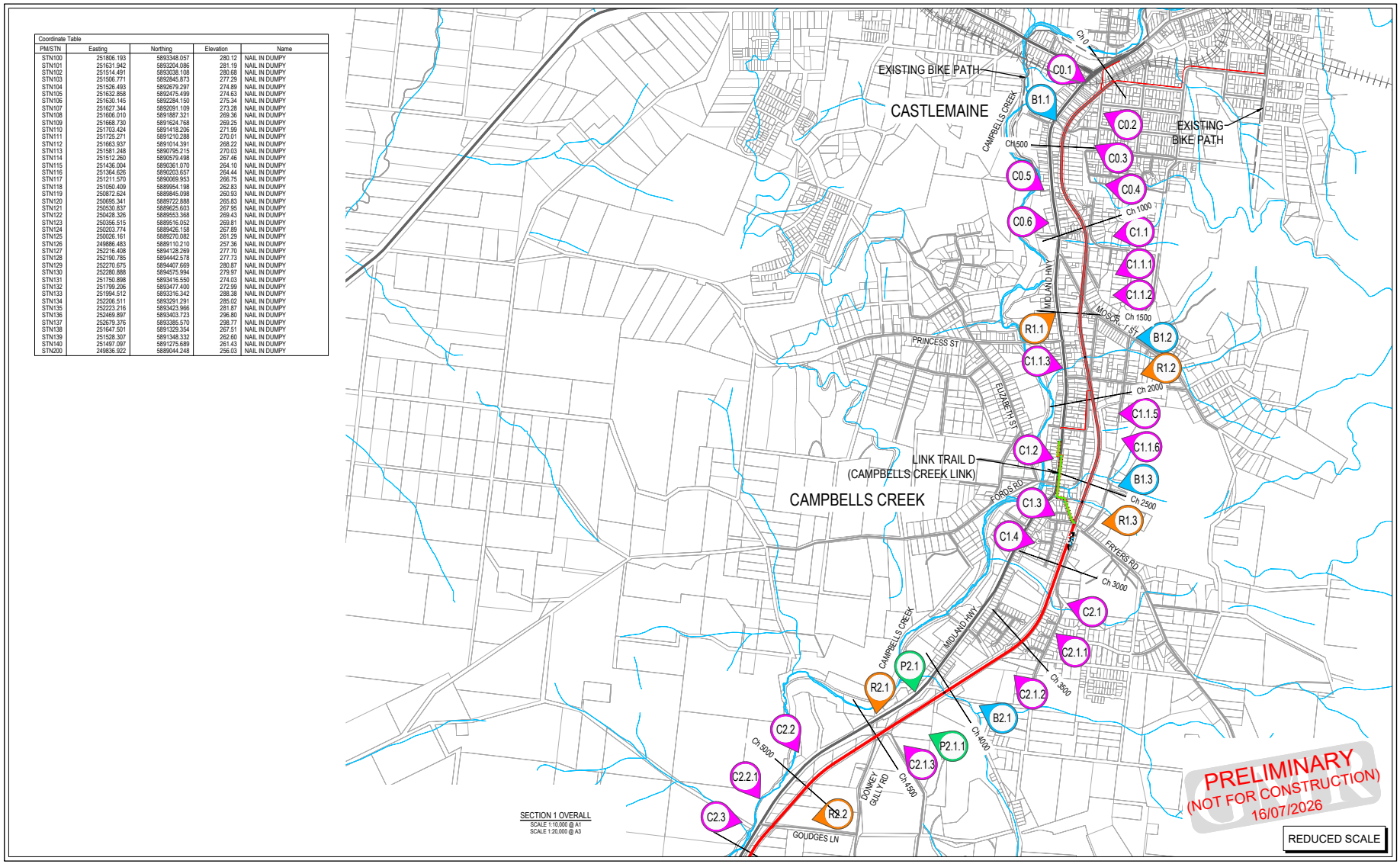
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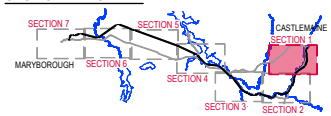
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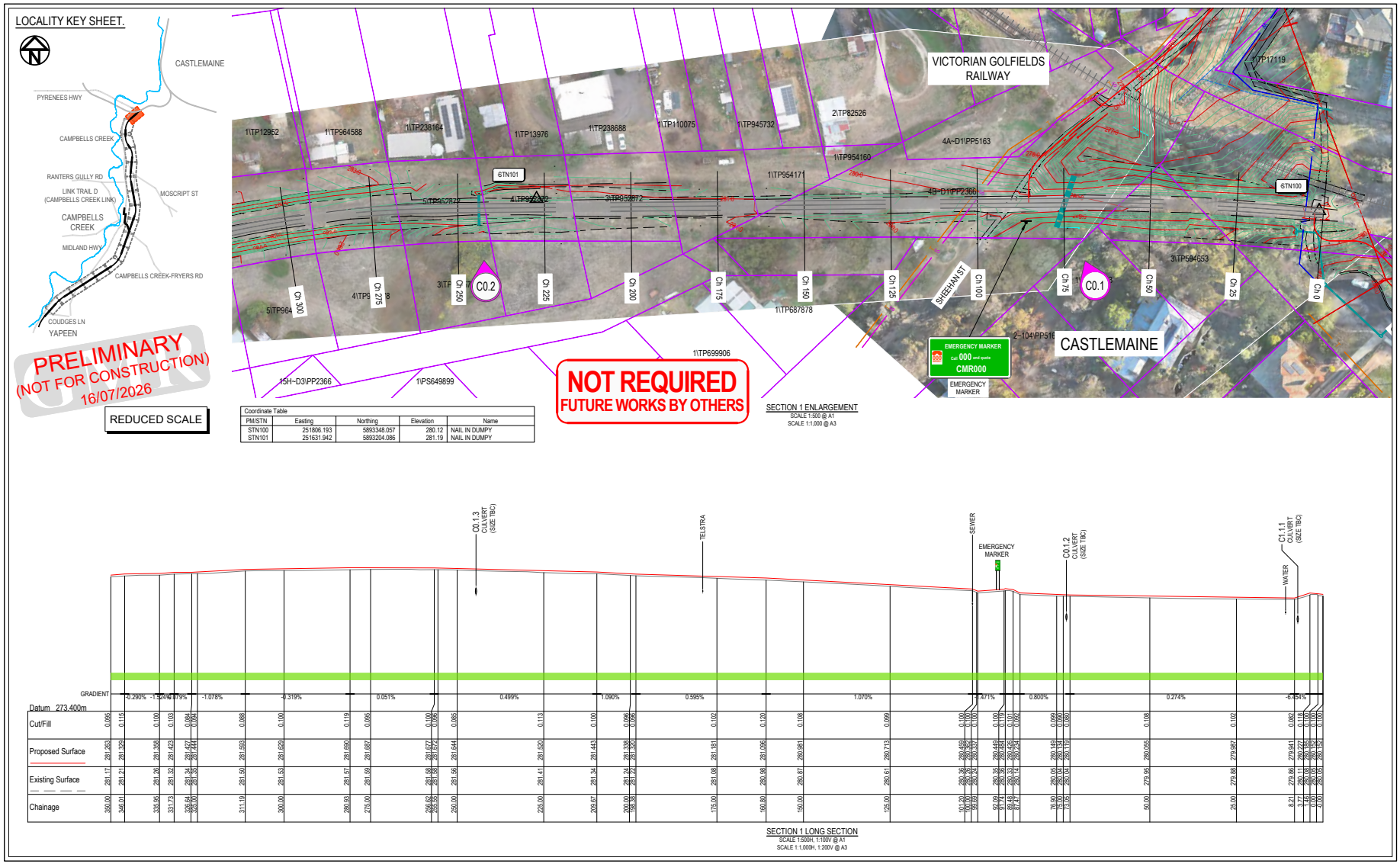
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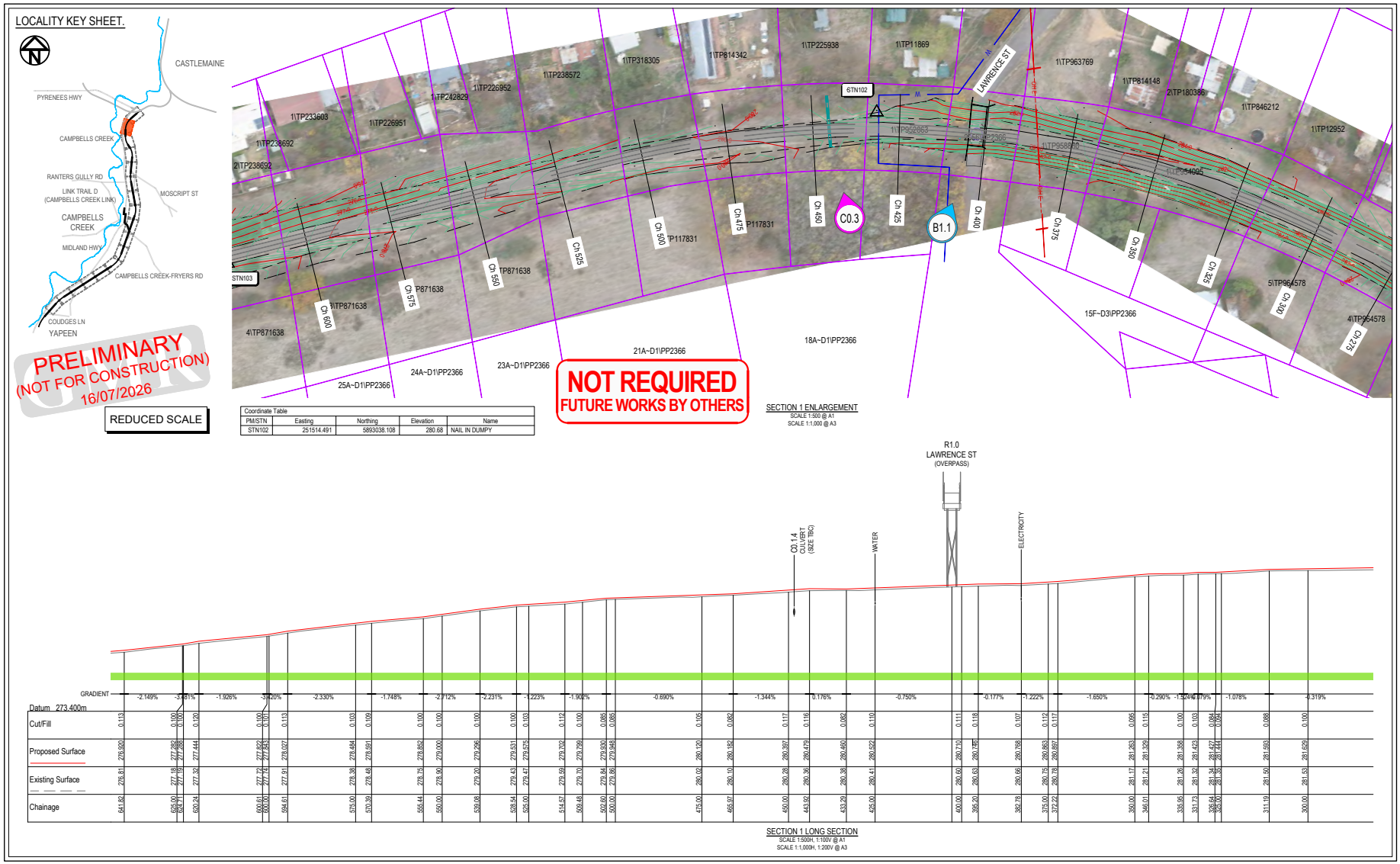
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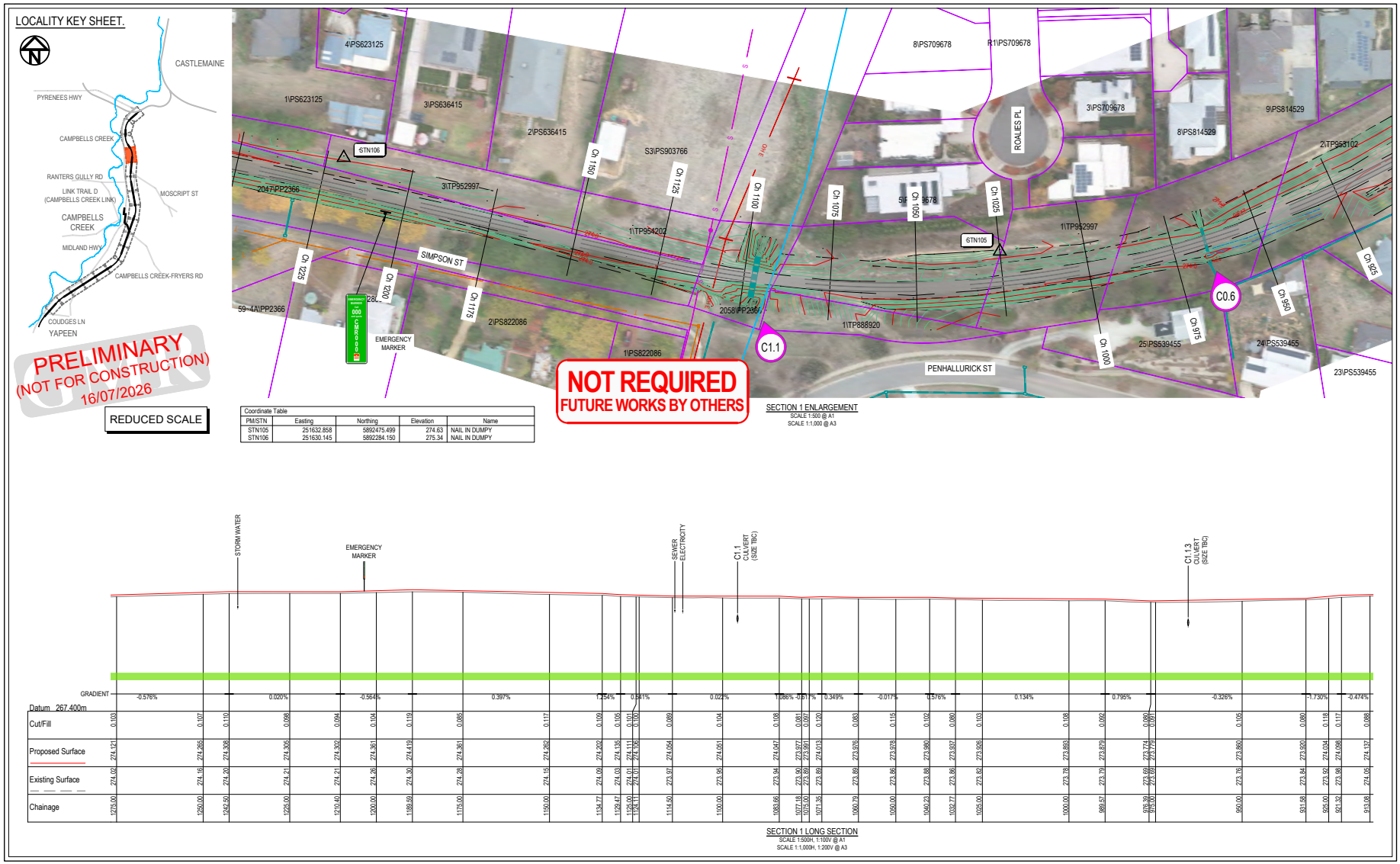
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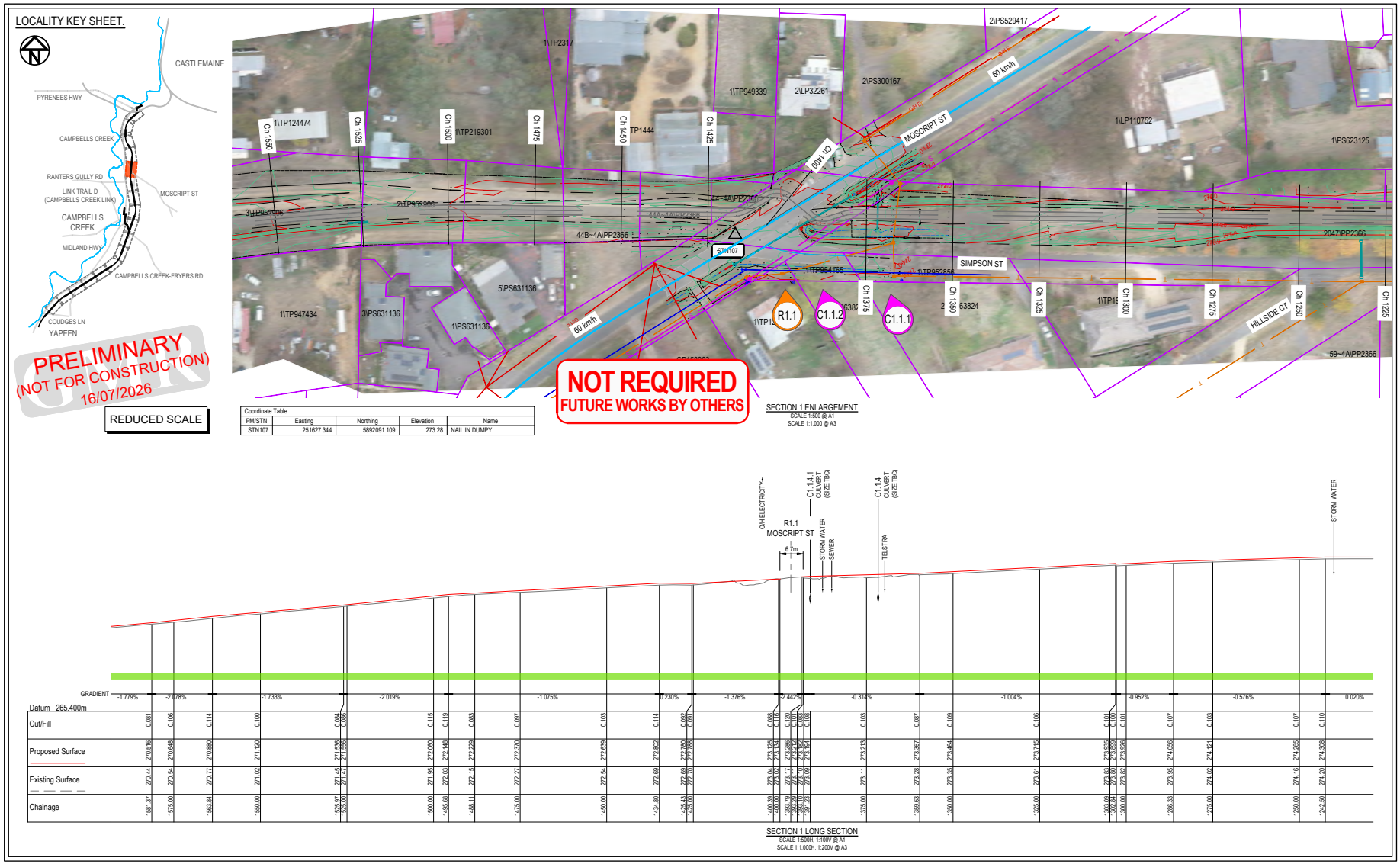
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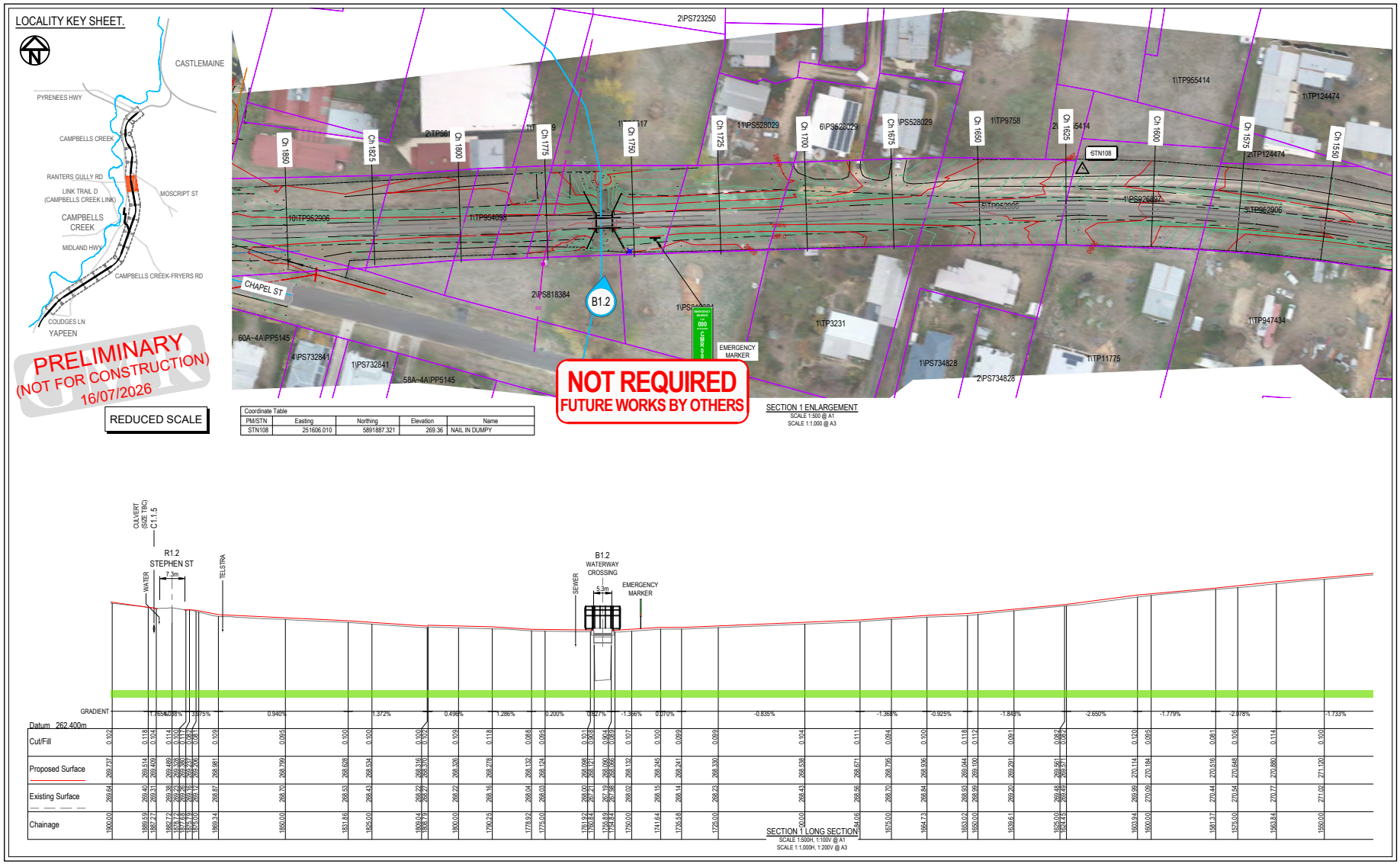
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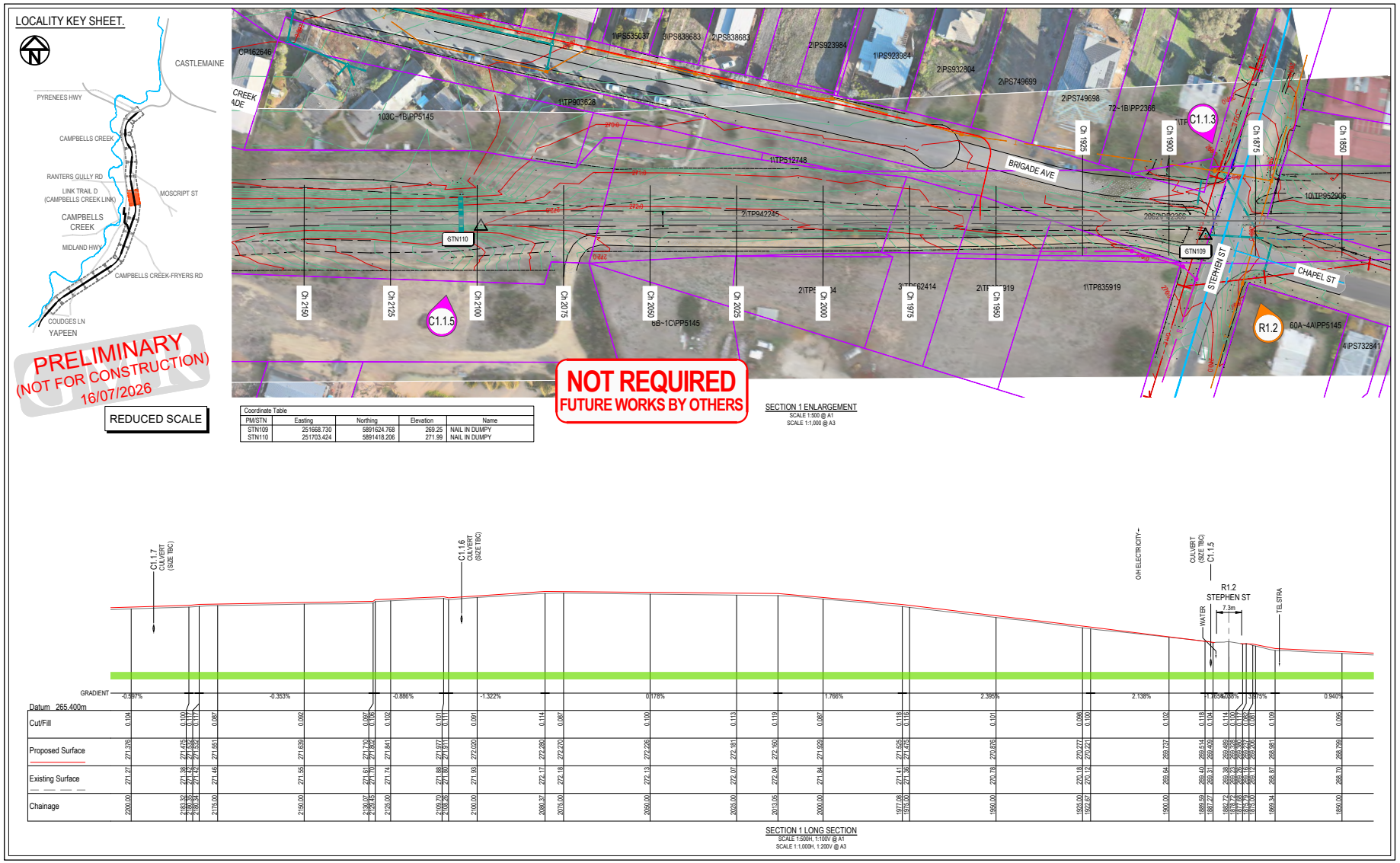
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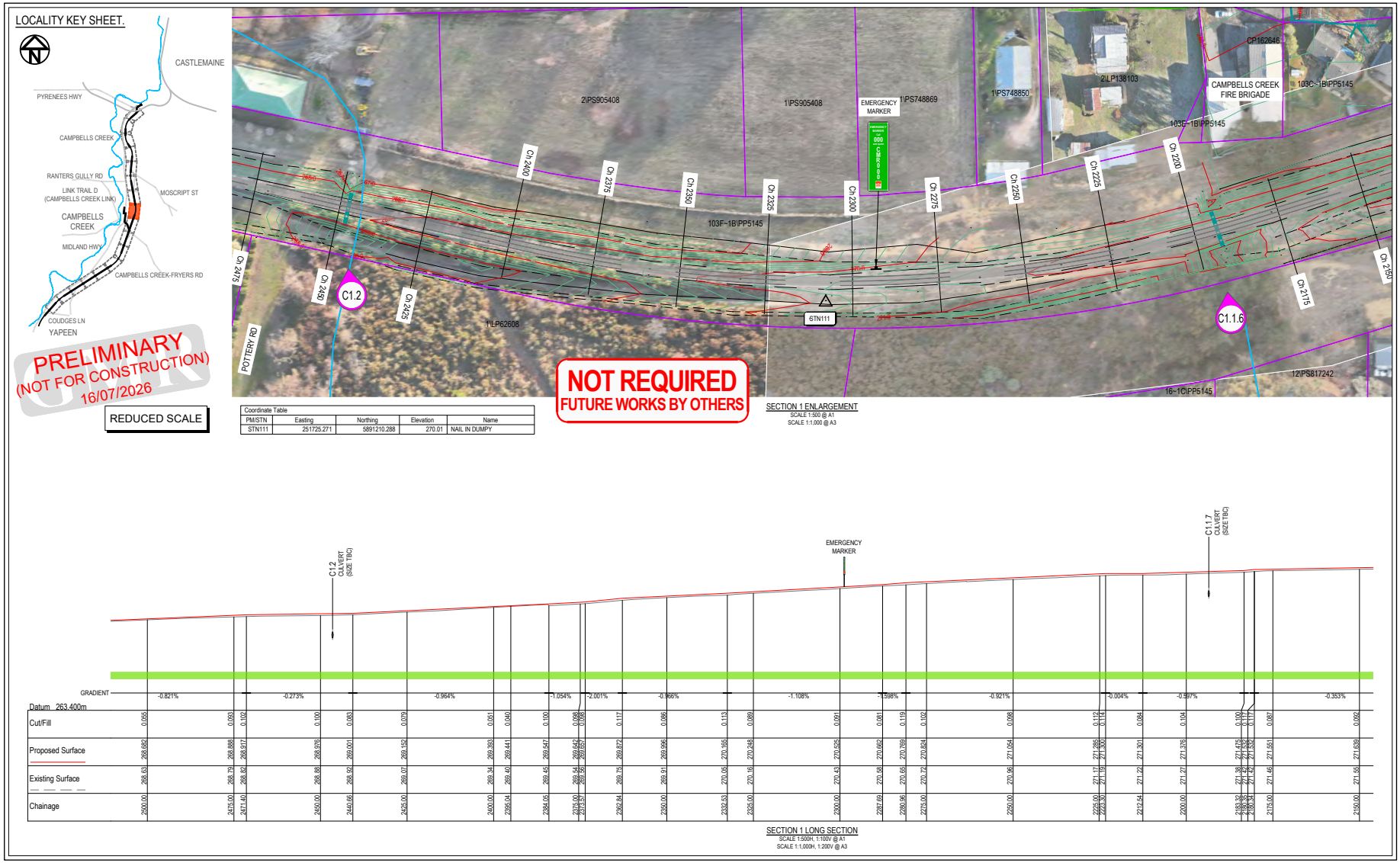
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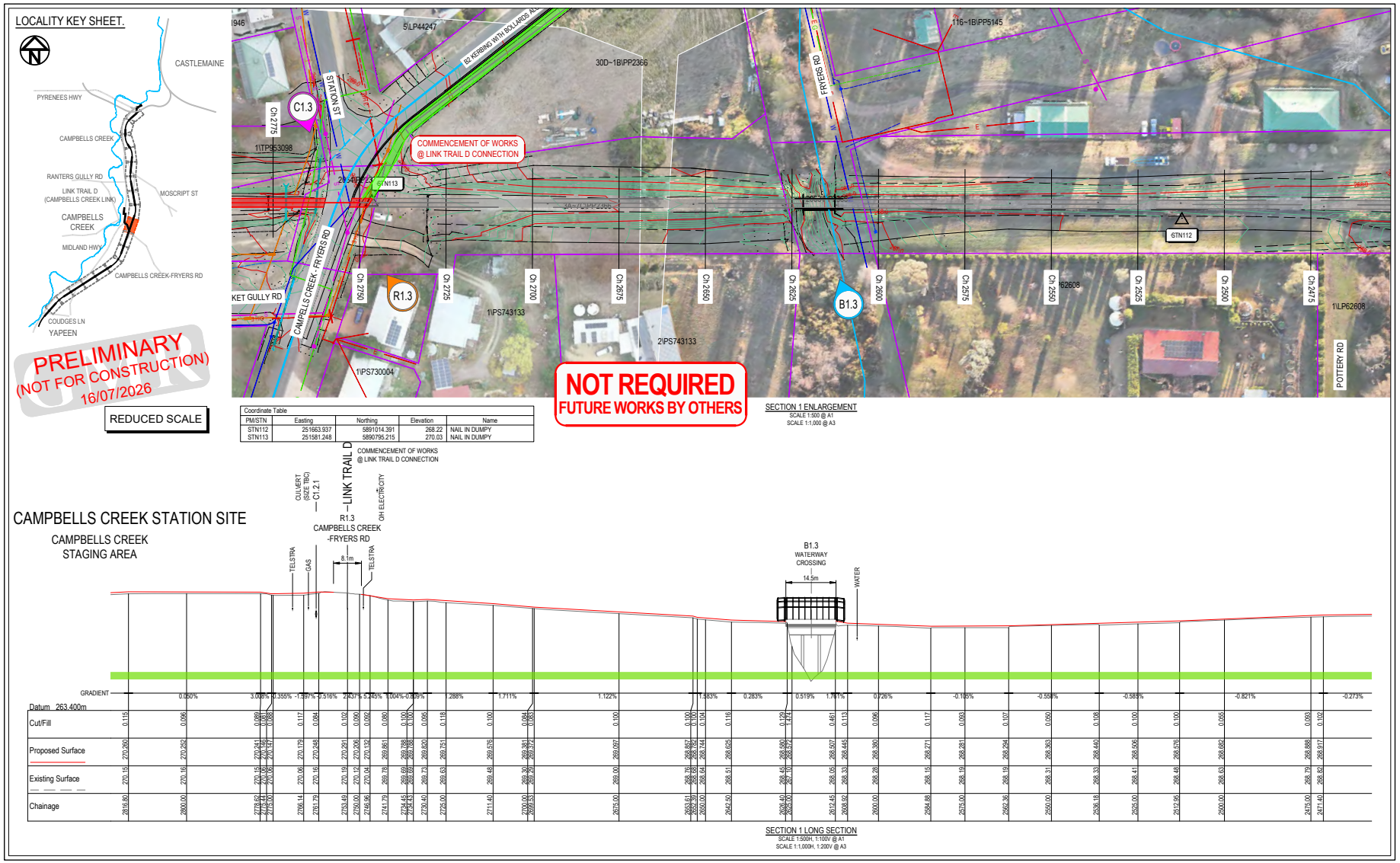
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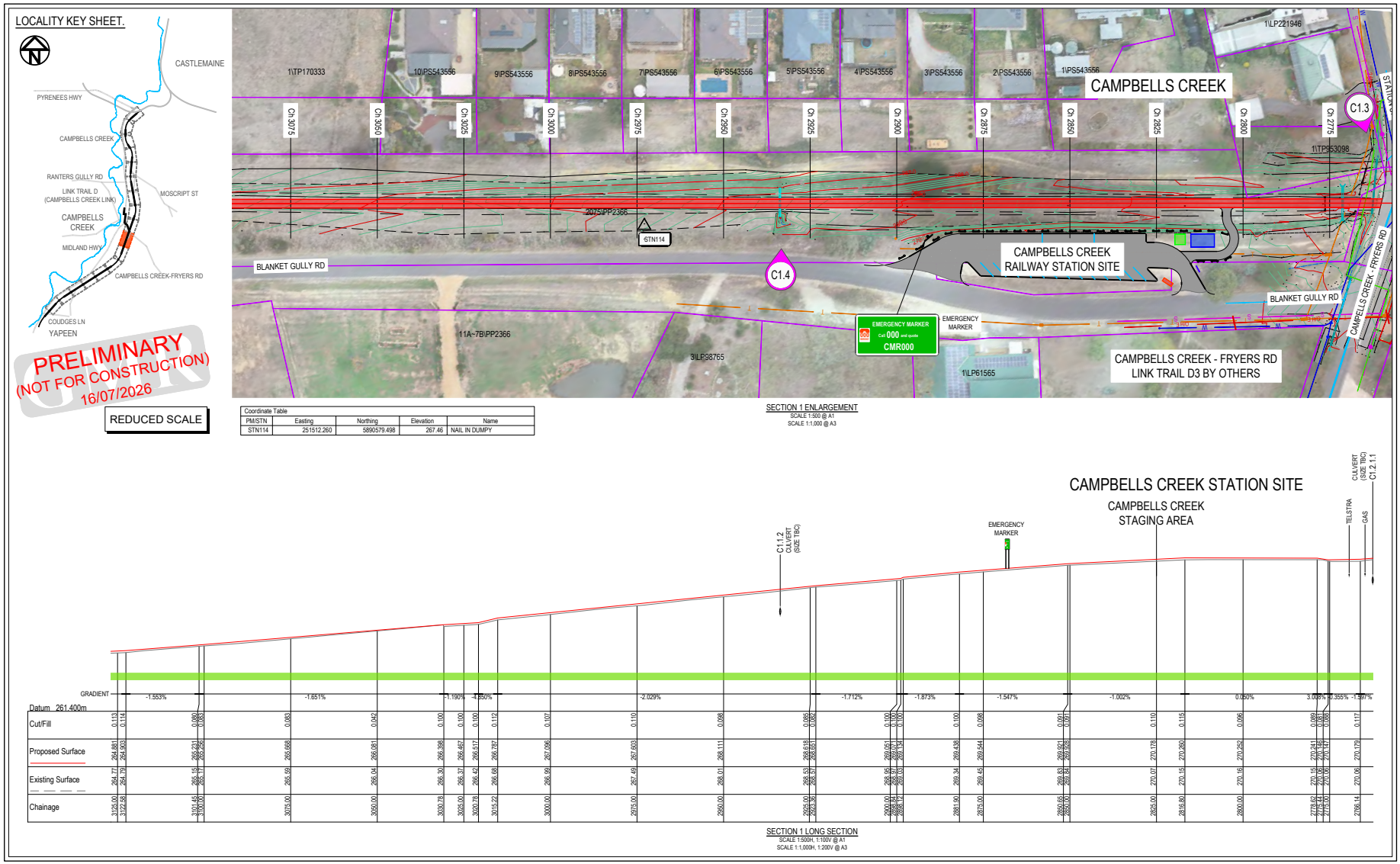
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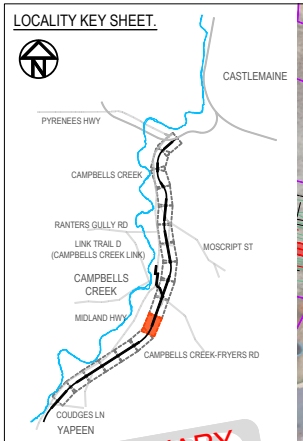
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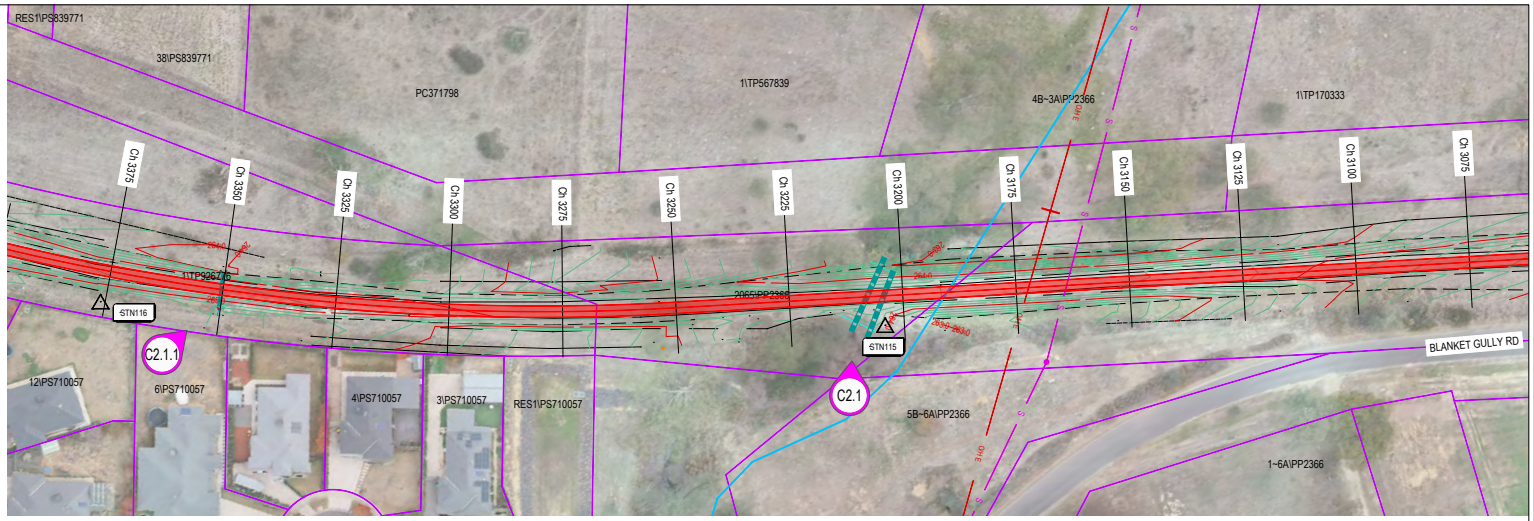

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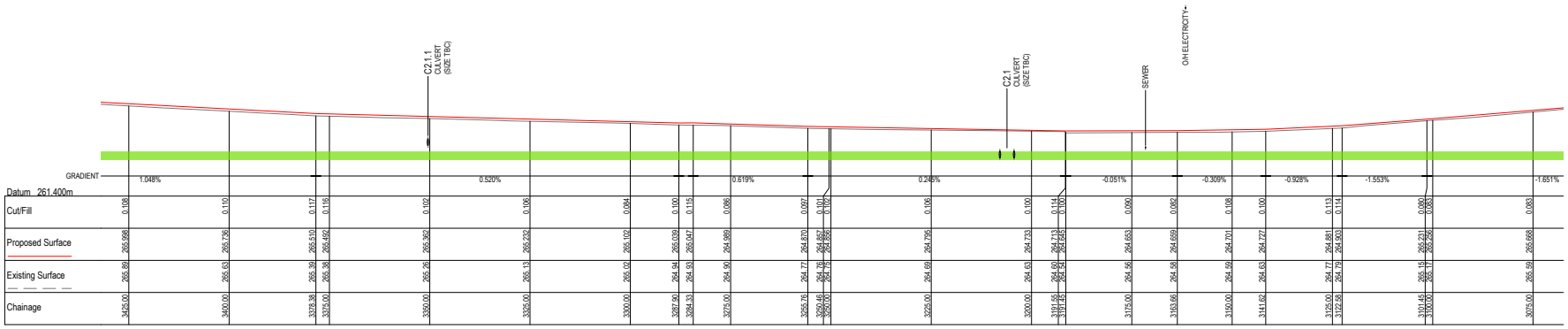
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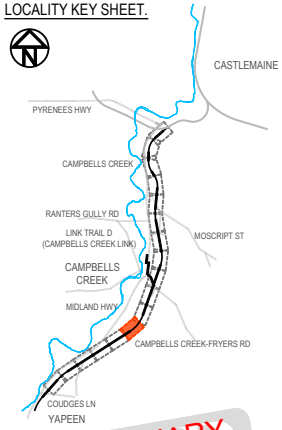
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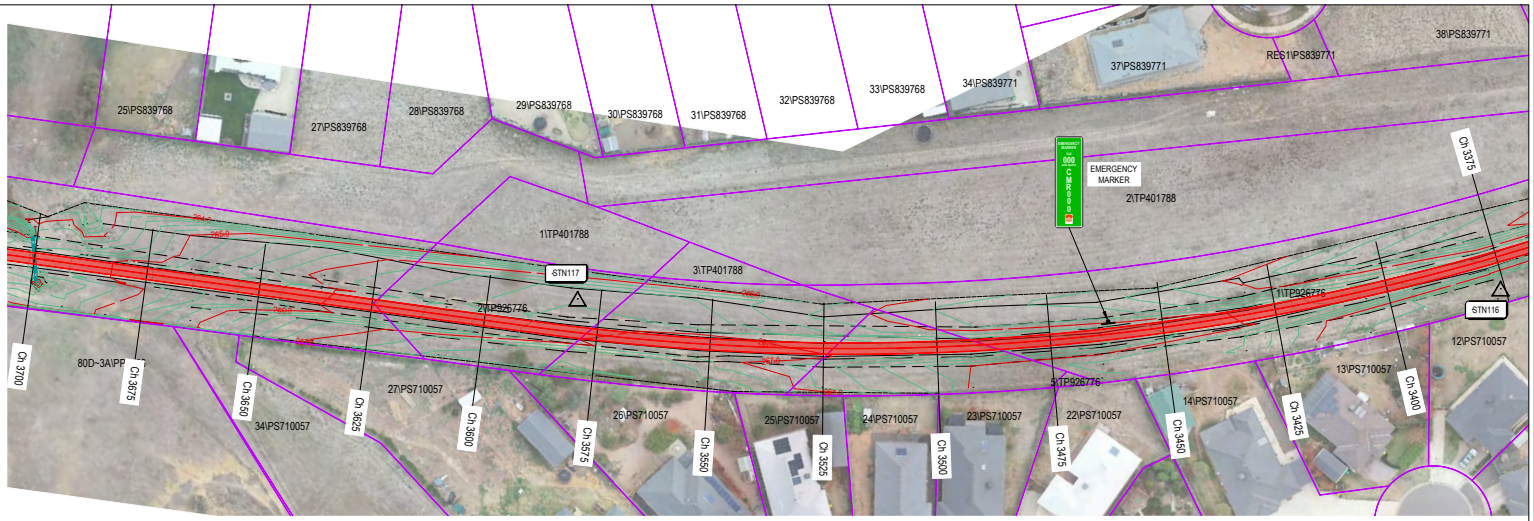
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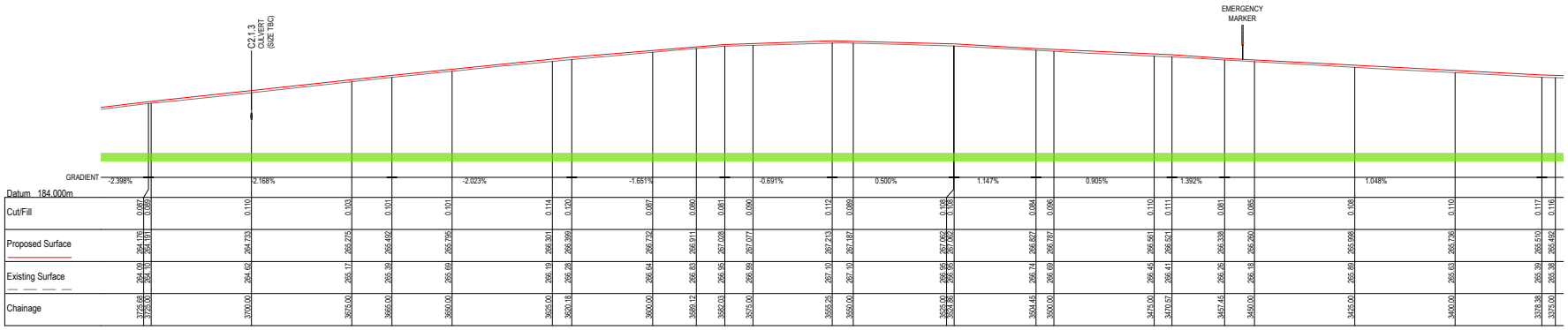
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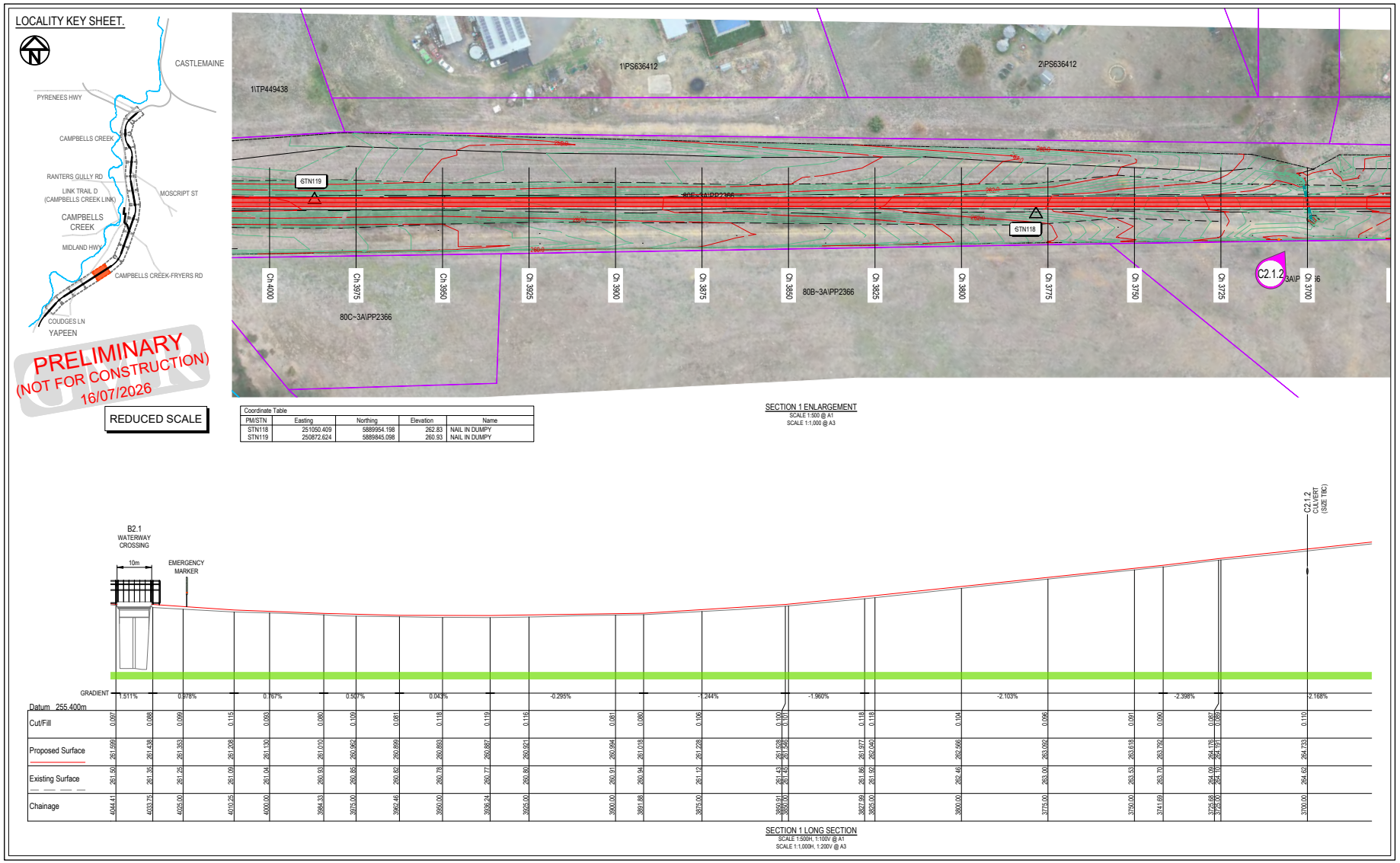
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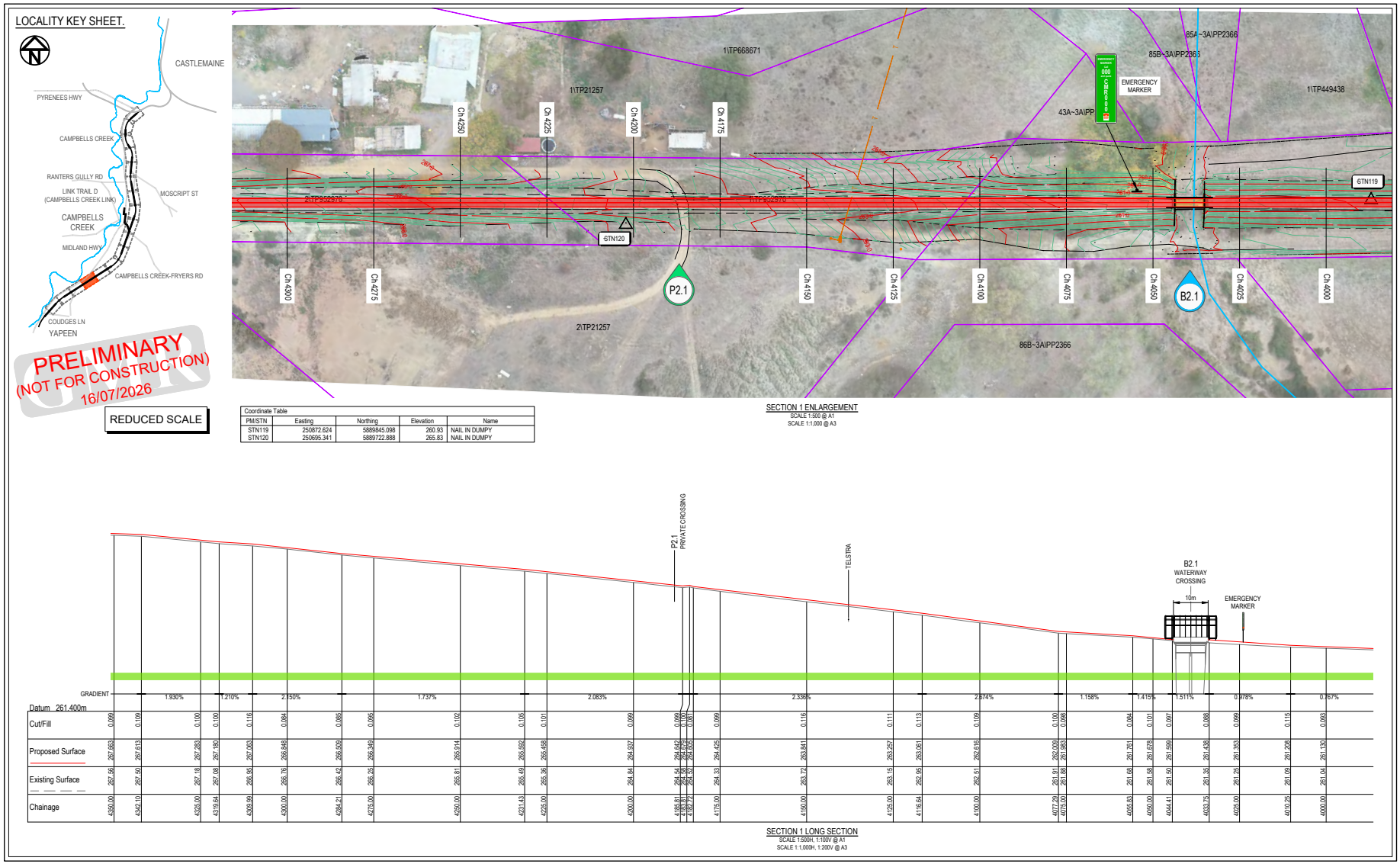
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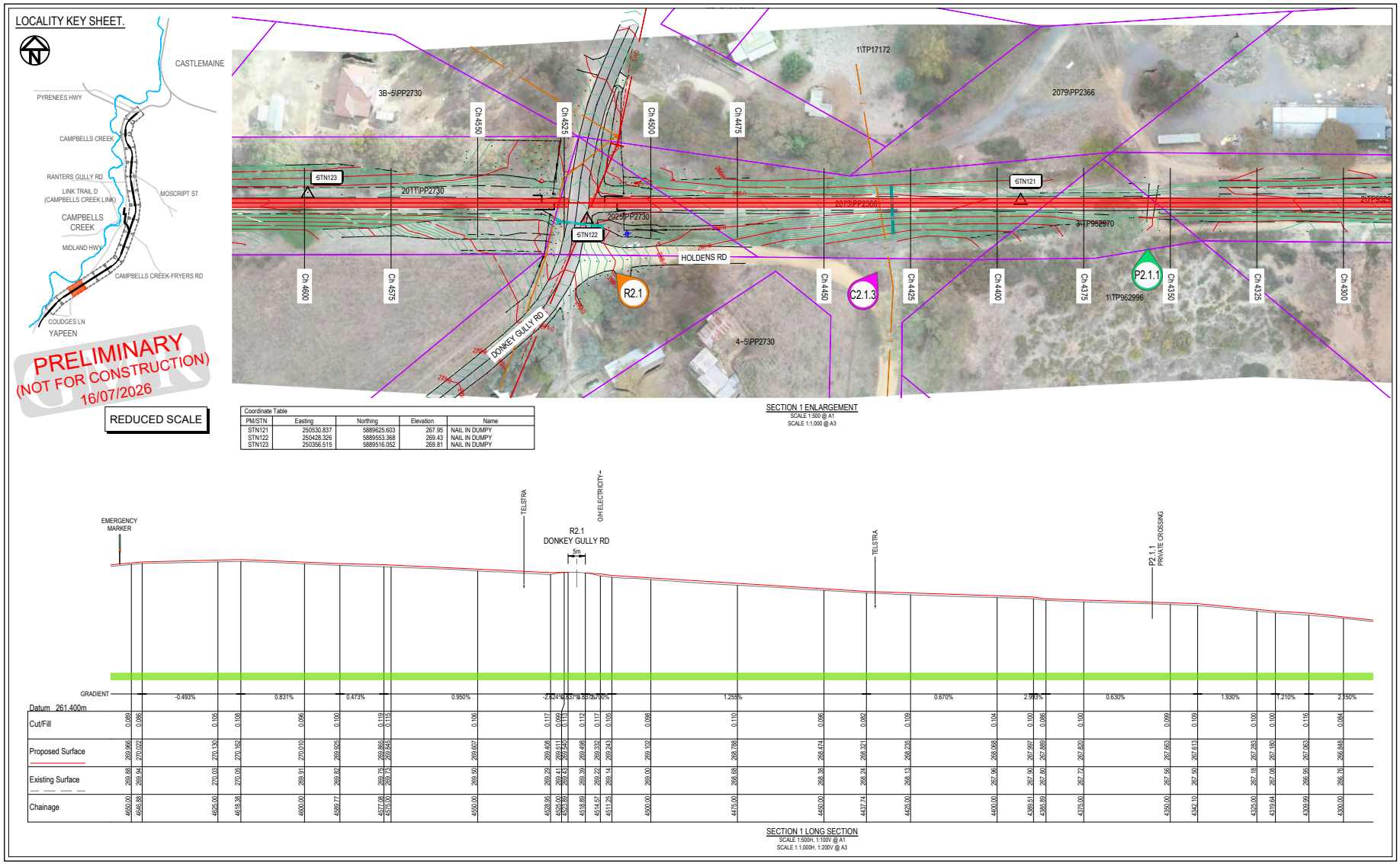
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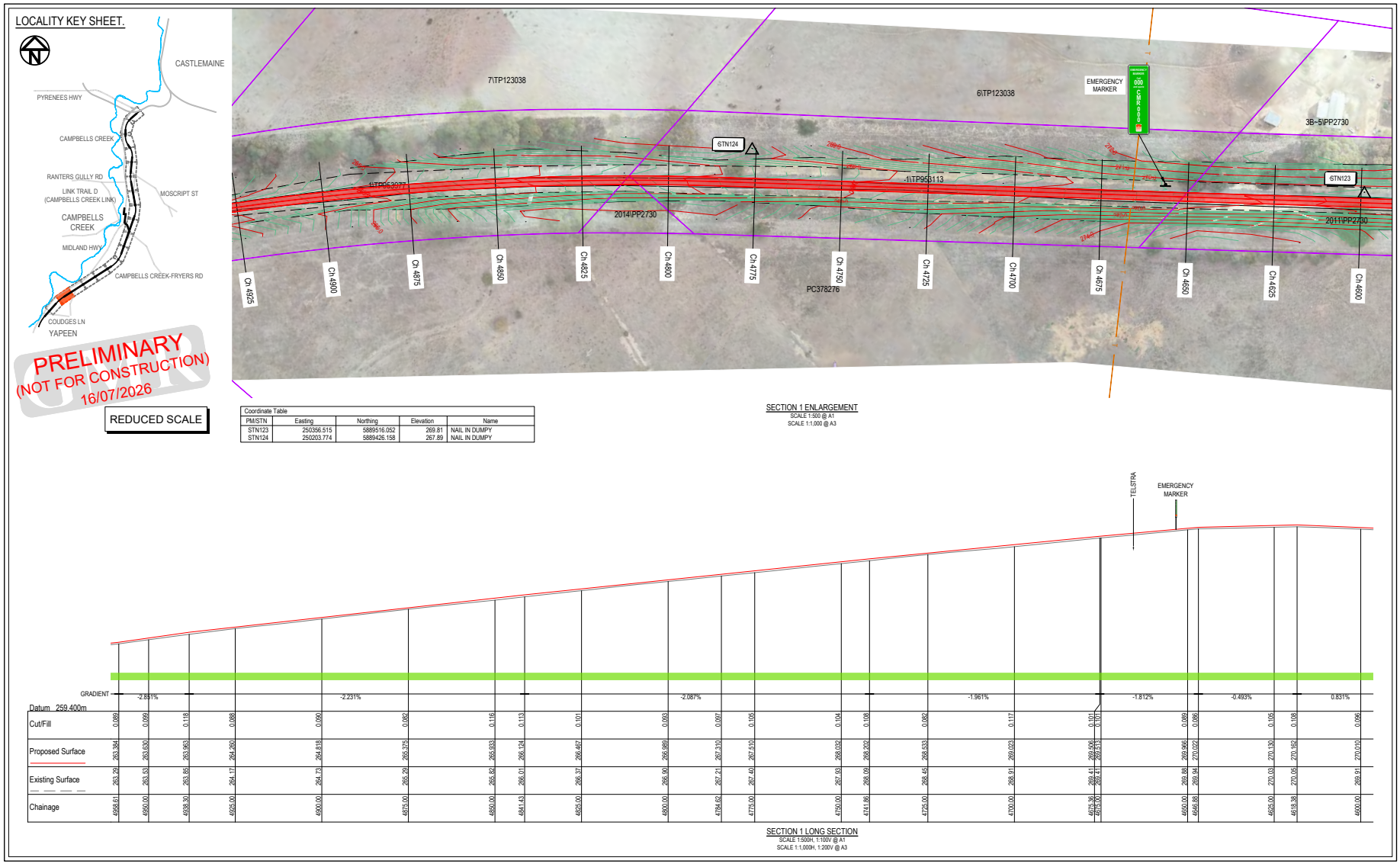
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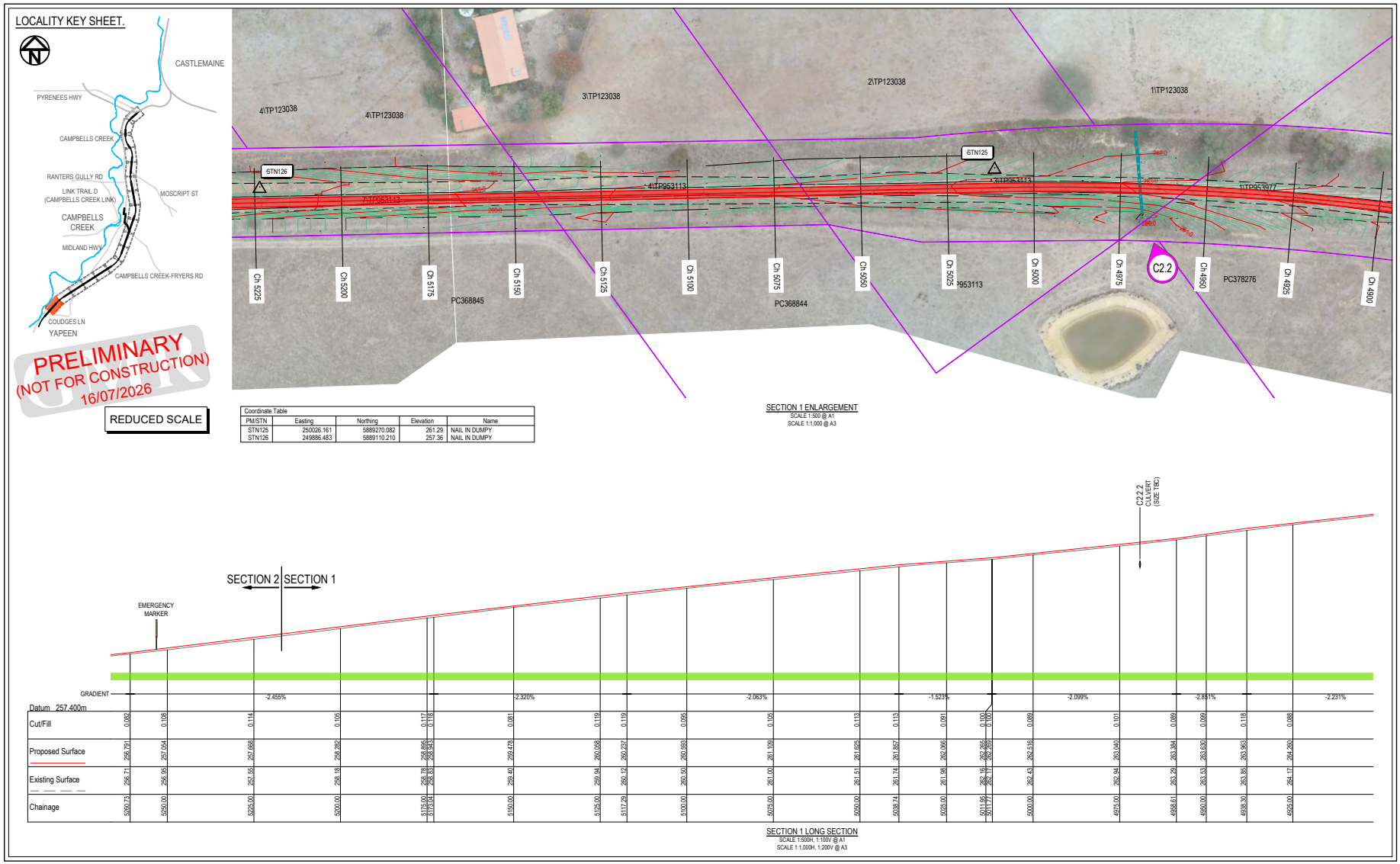
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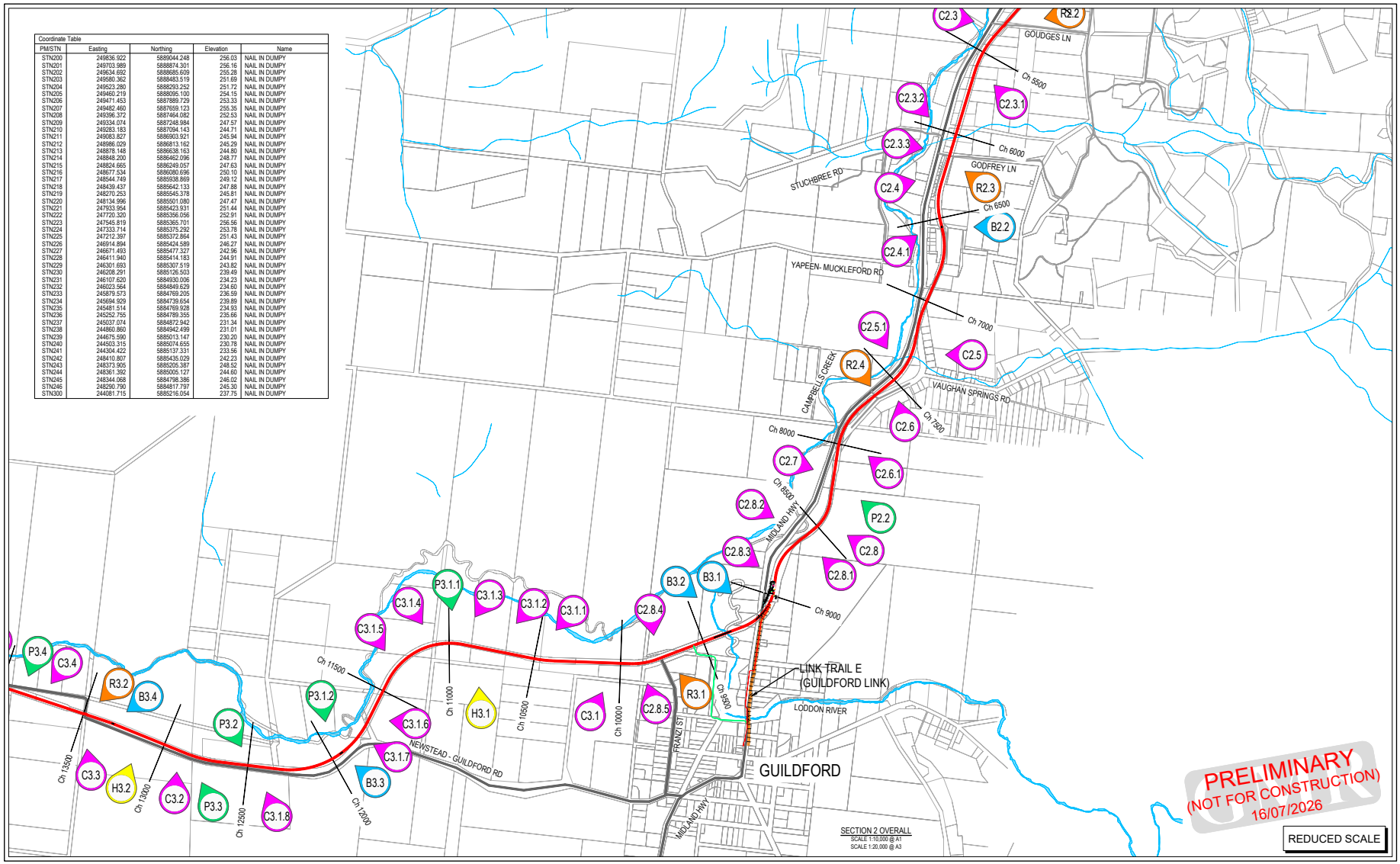


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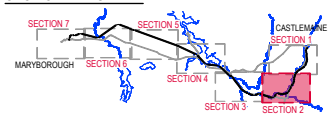


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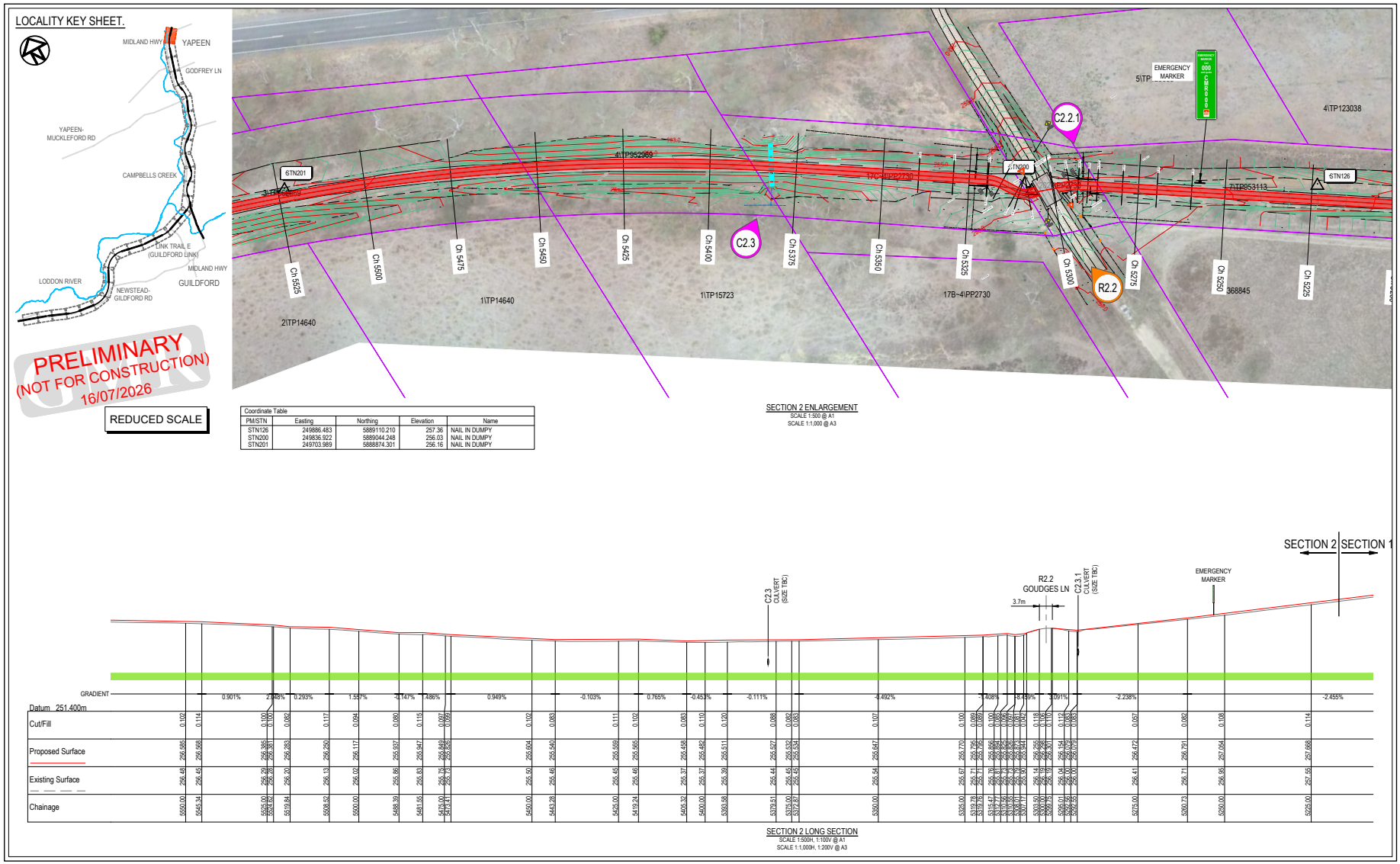
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STN201	249703.989	5888874.301	256.16	NAIL IN DUMPY

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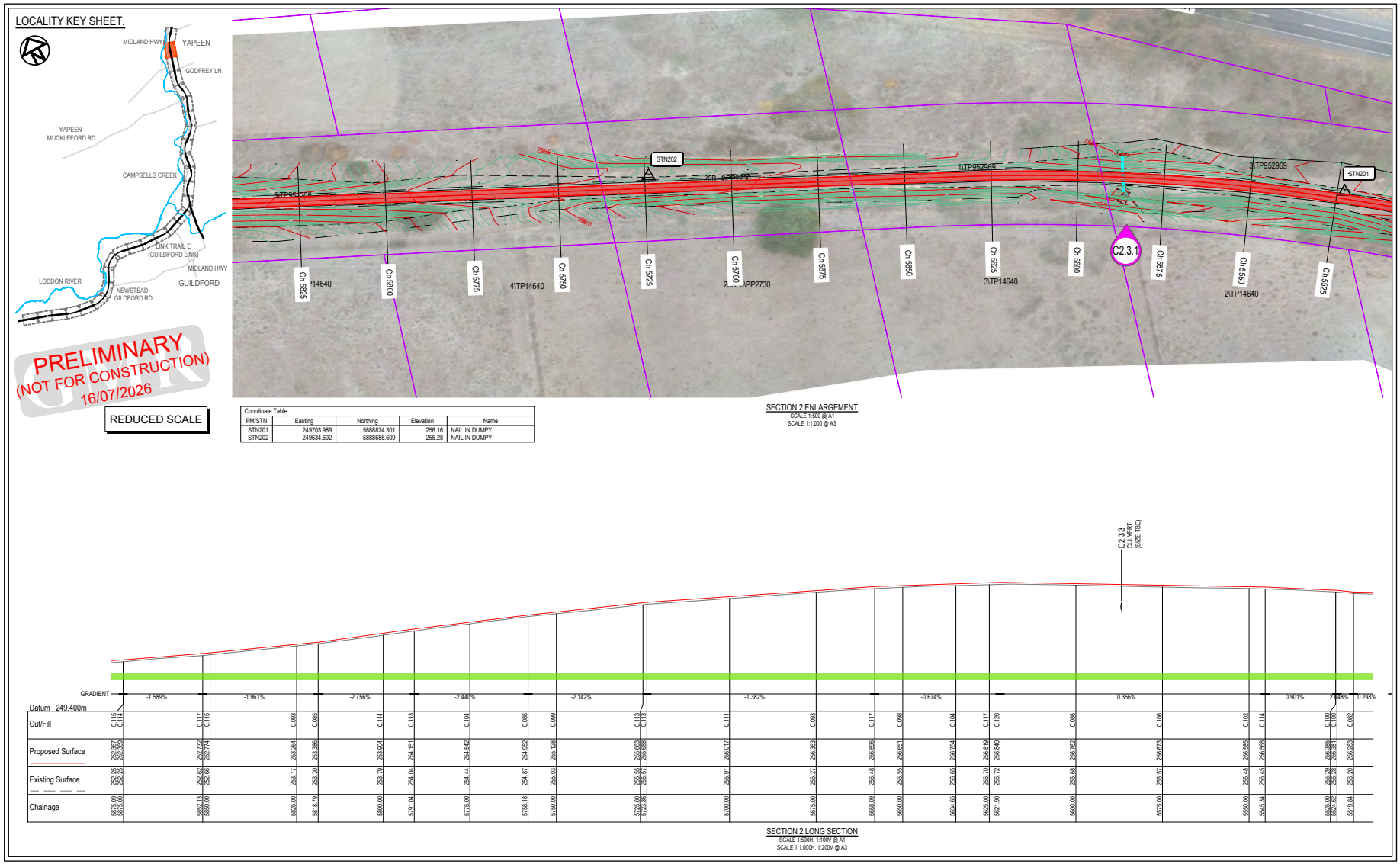
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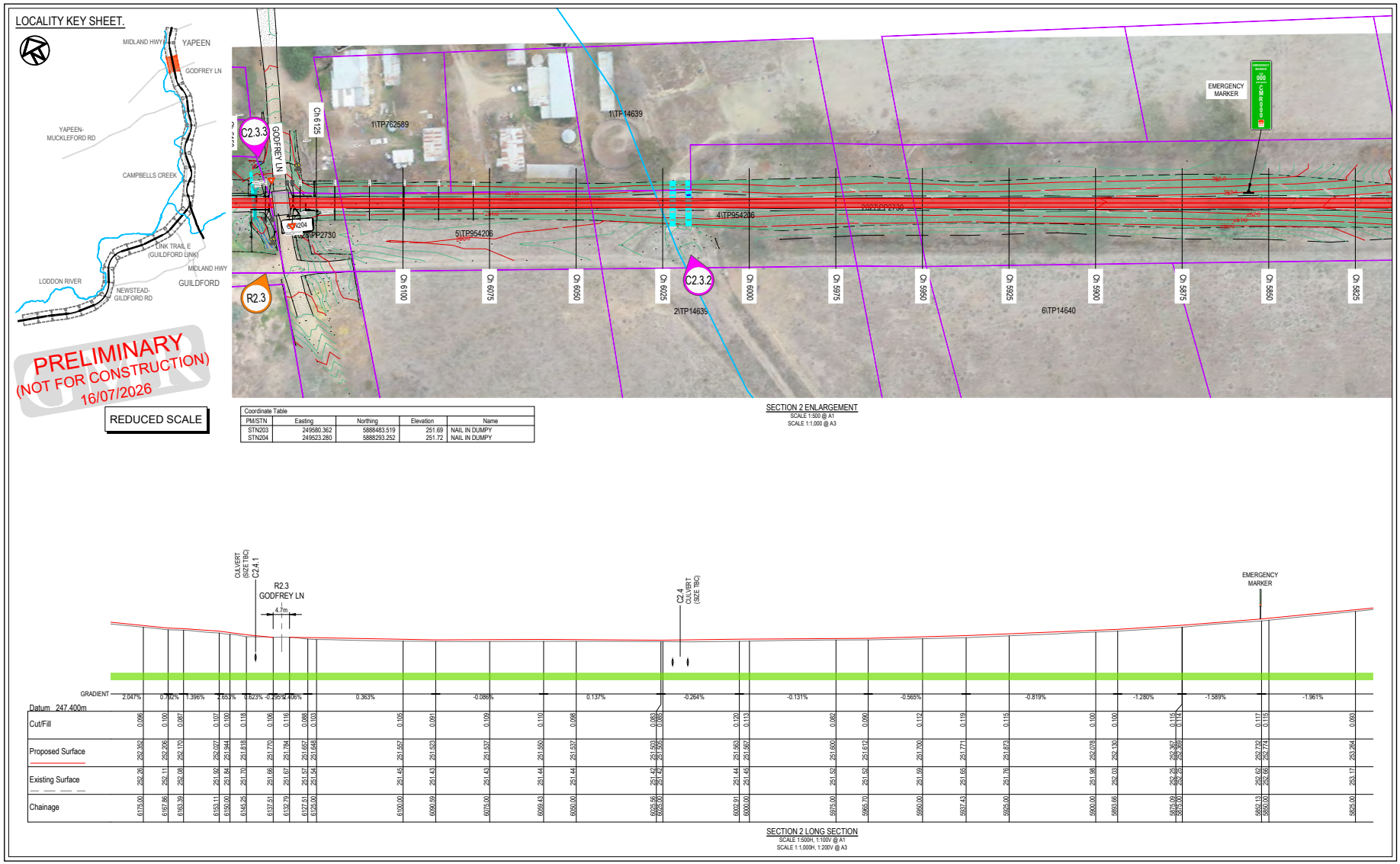
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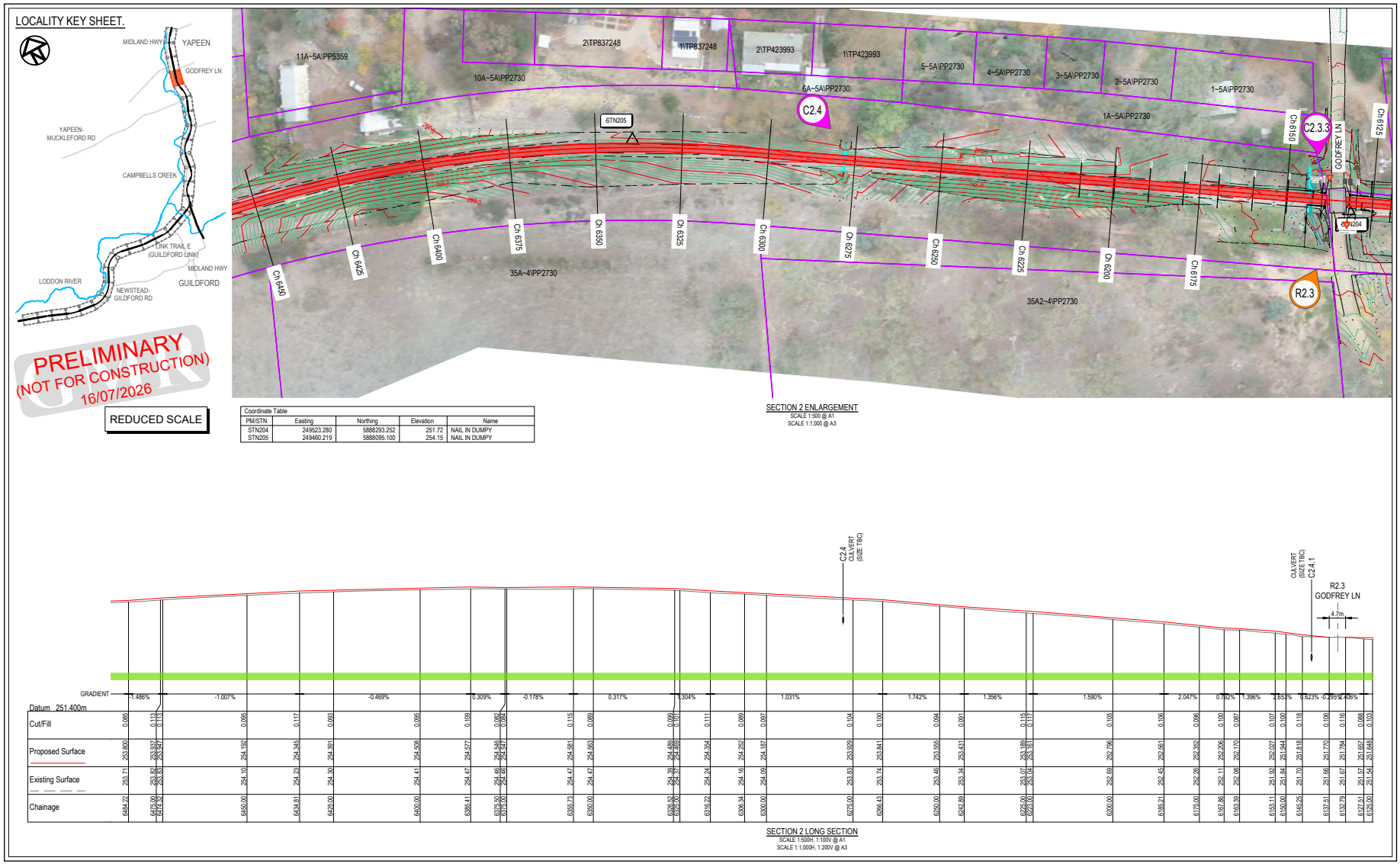
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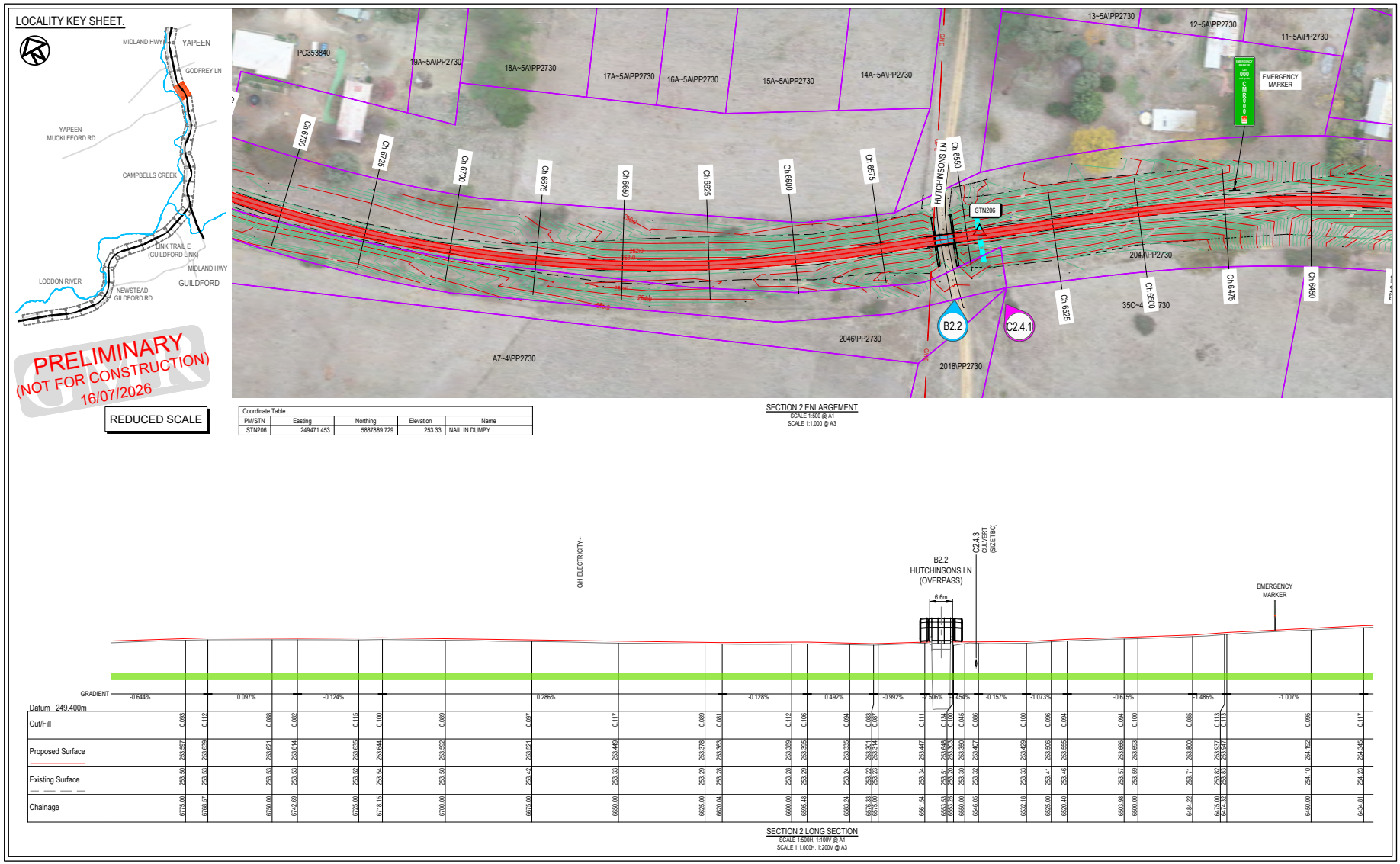
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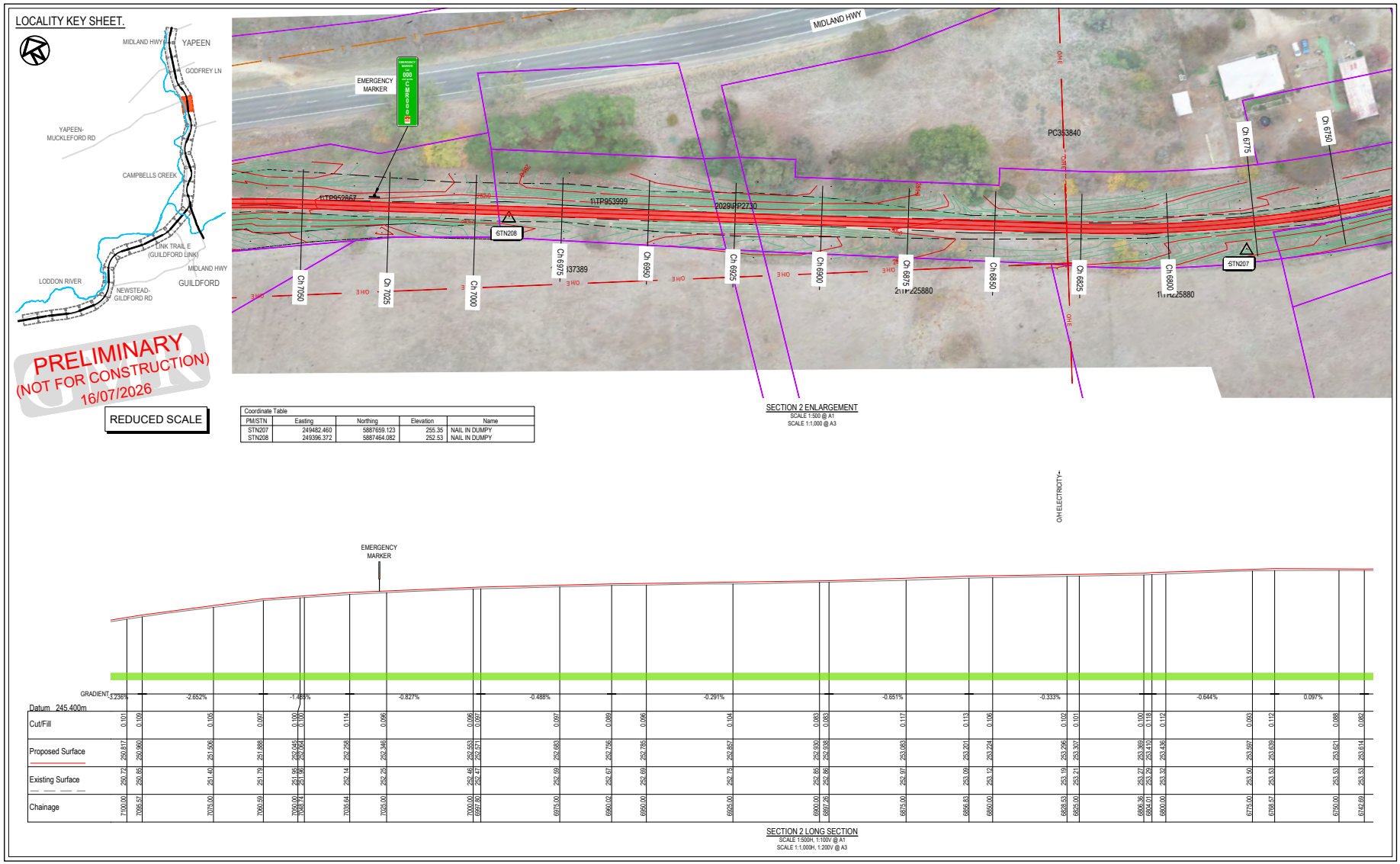
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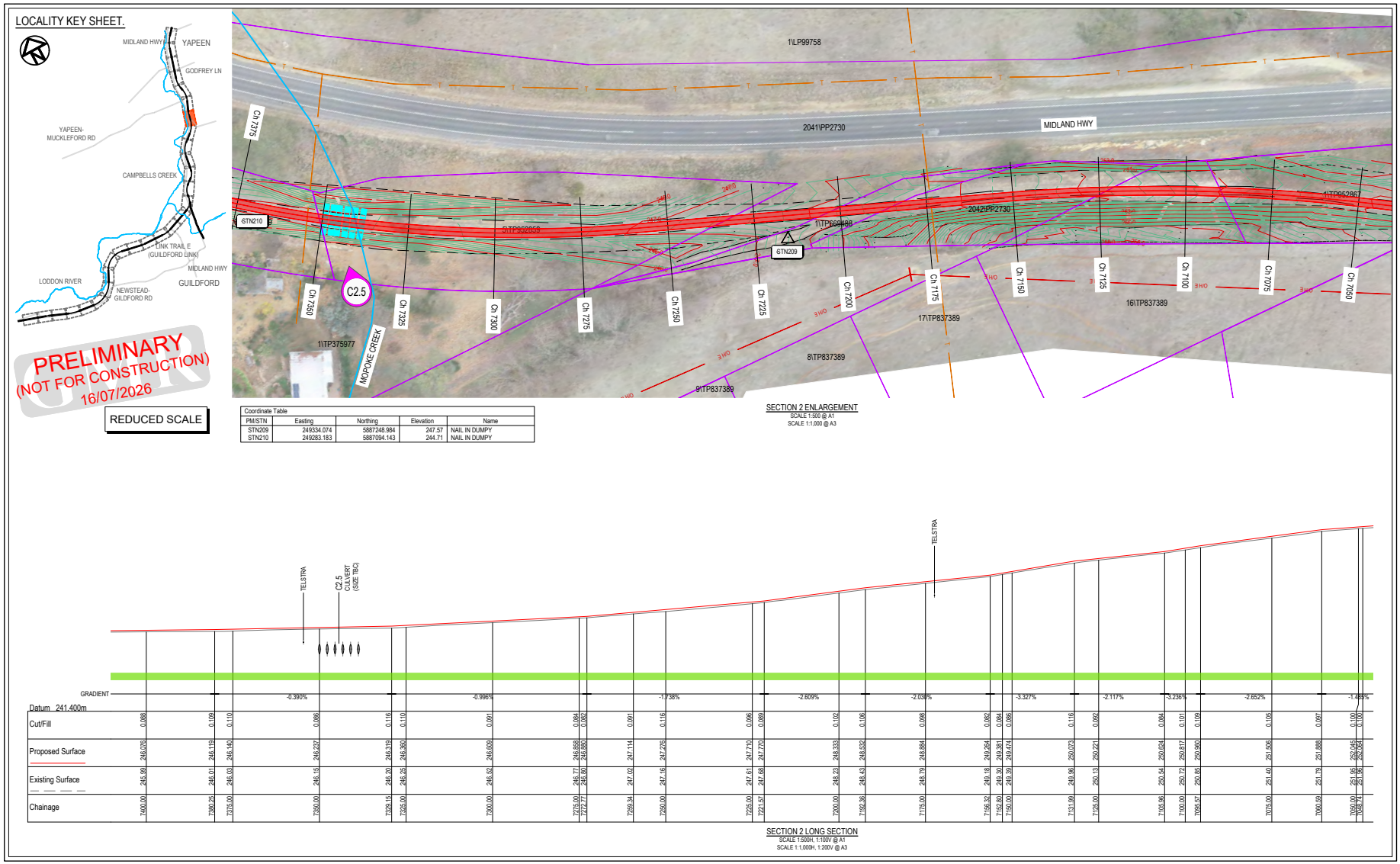
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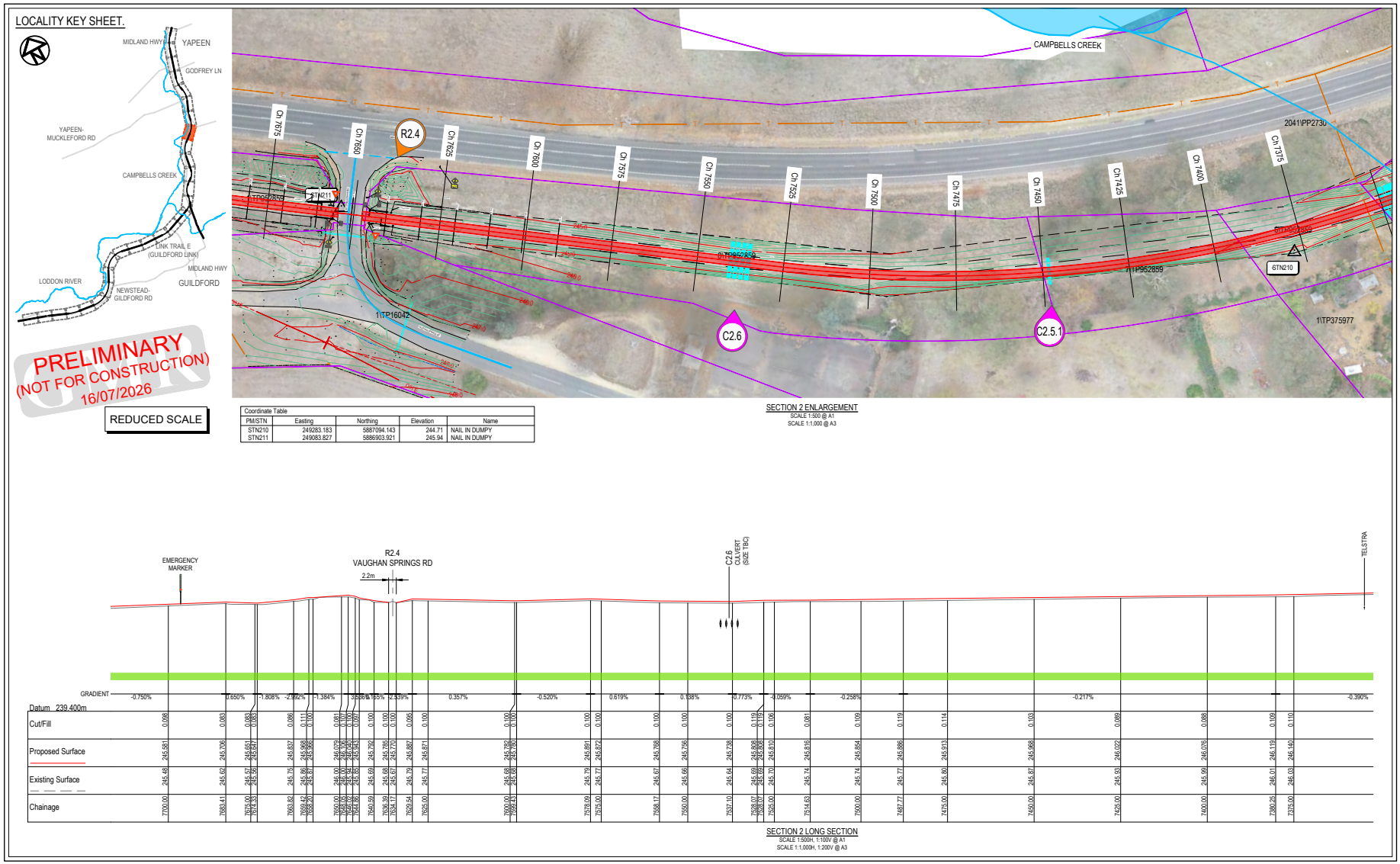
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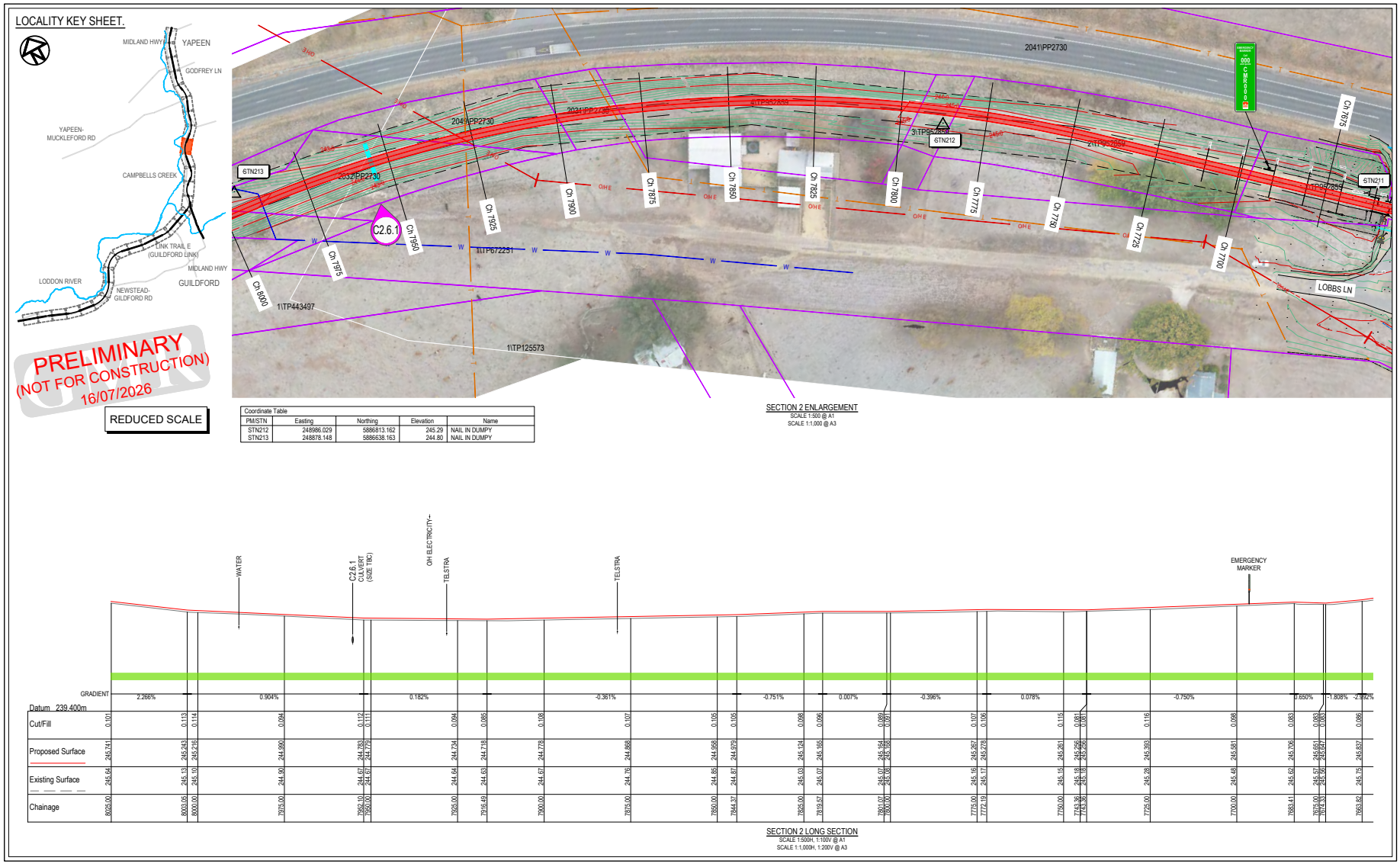
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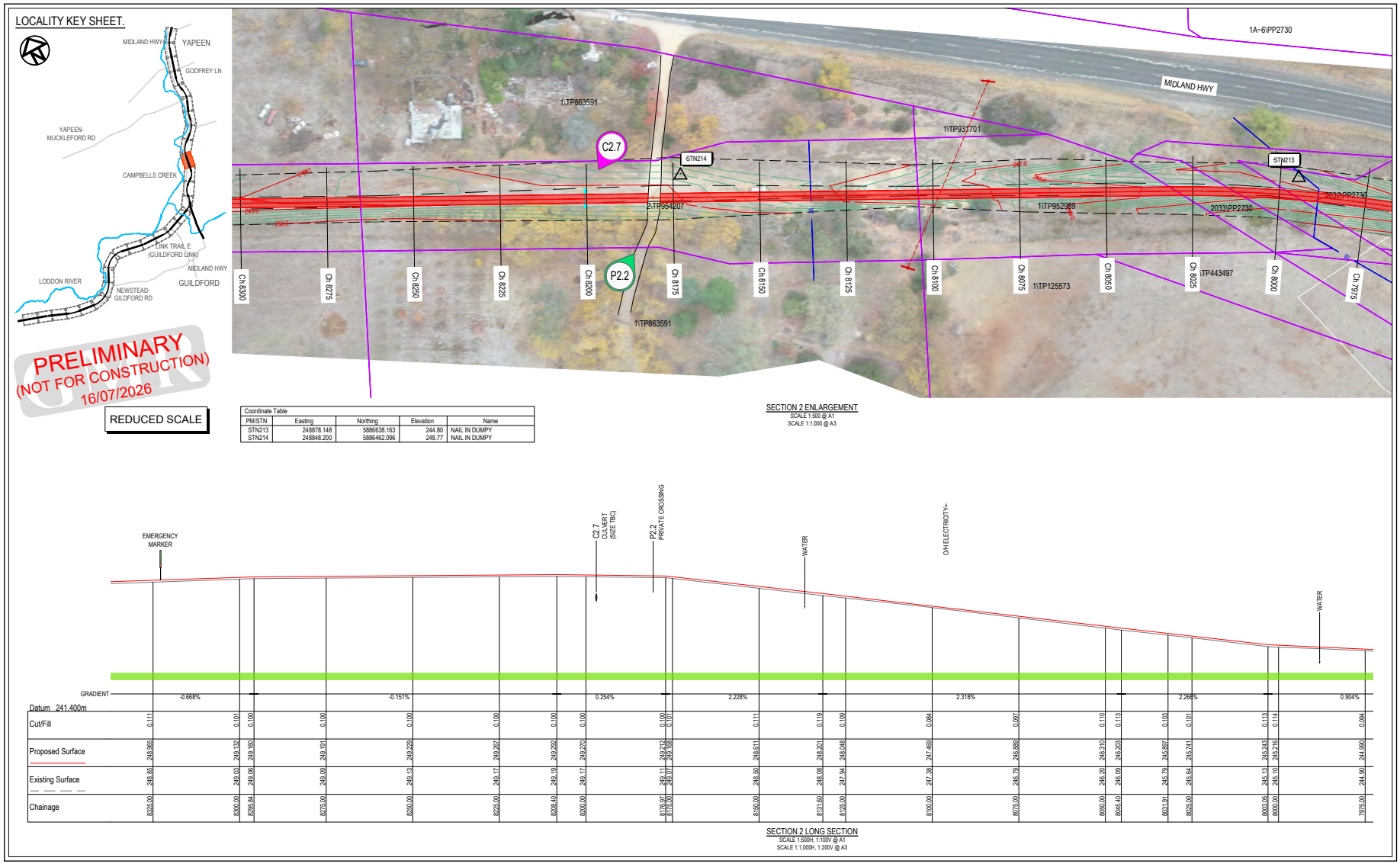
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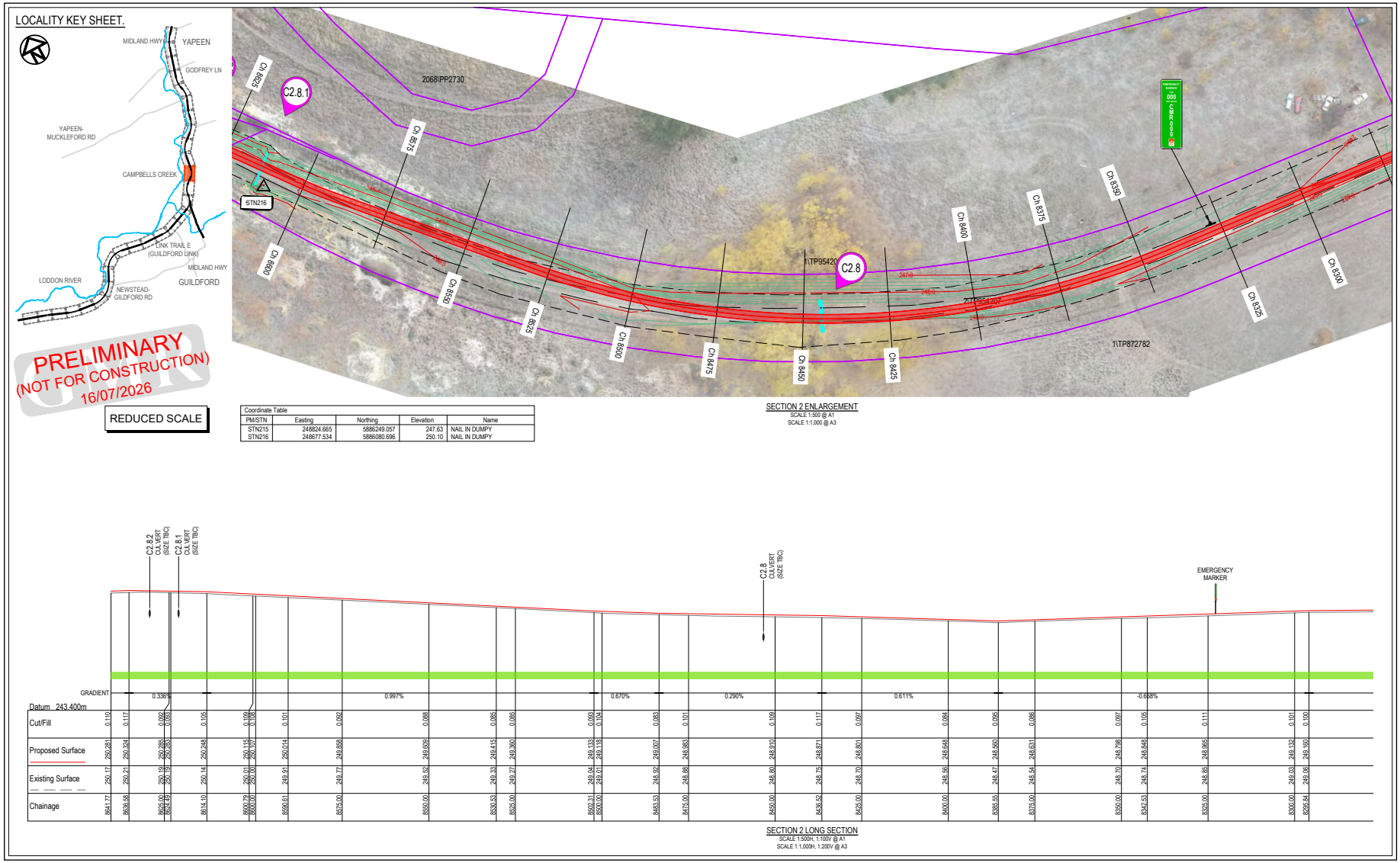
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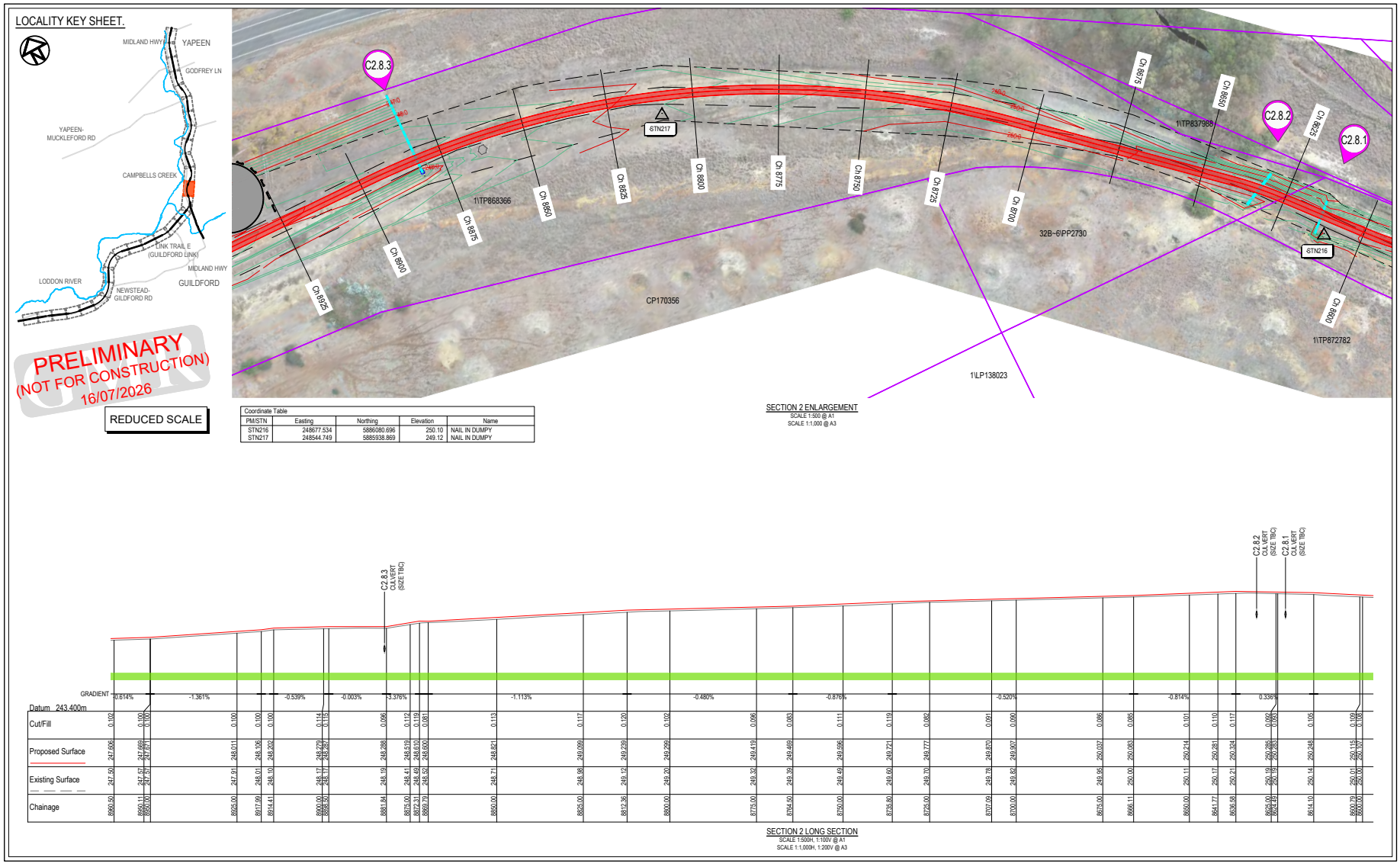
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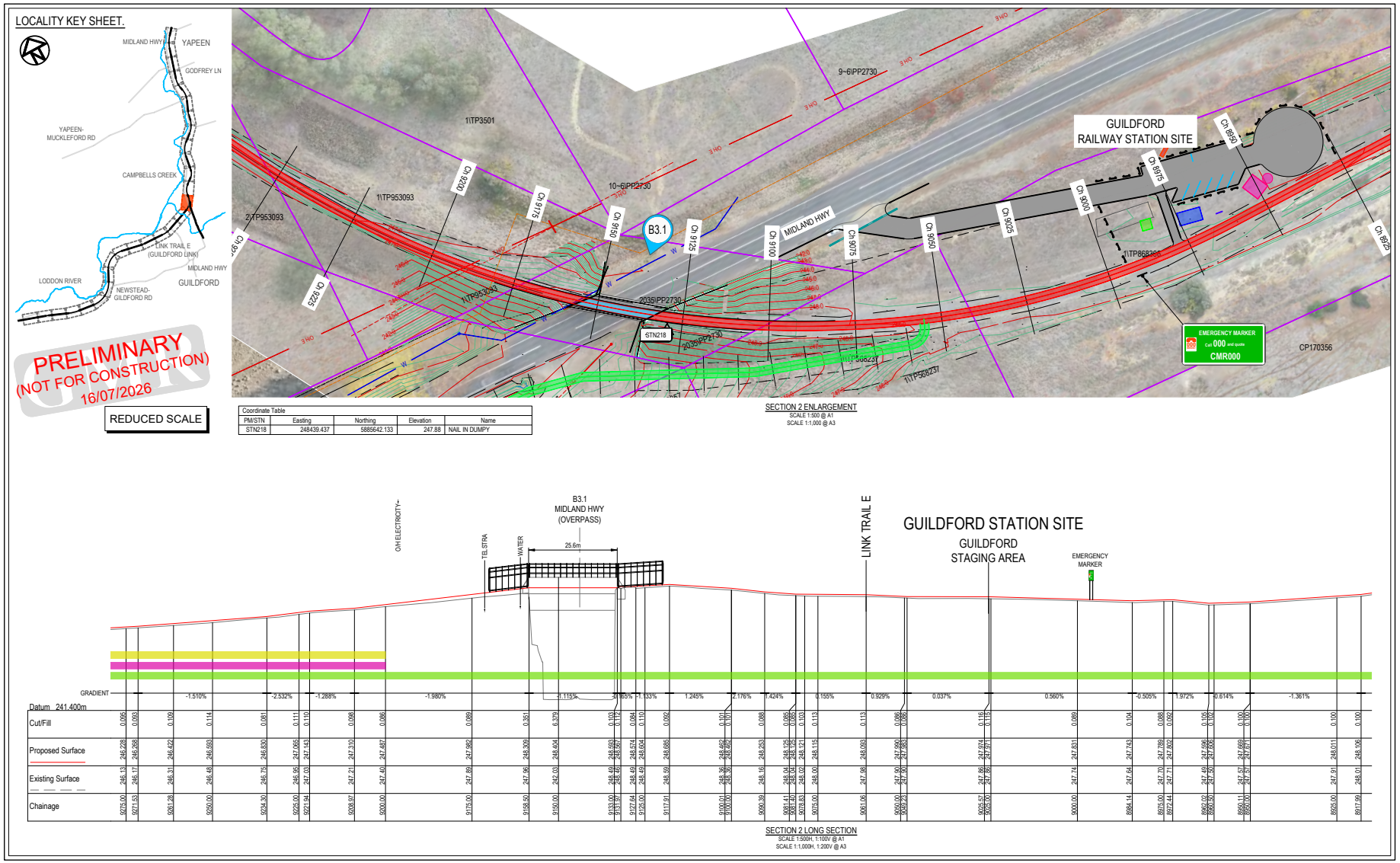
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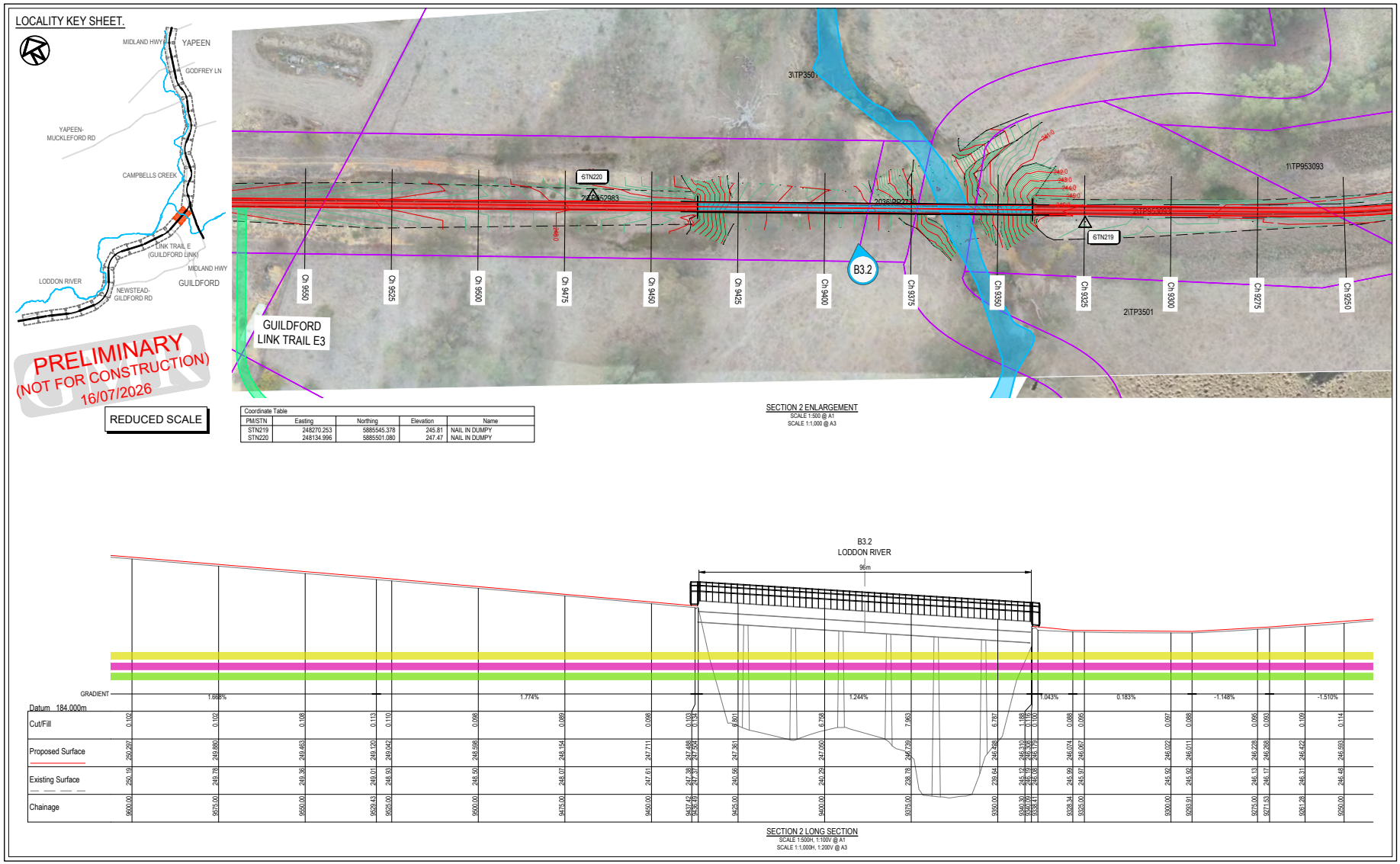
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SECTION 2 ENLARGEMENT
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SCALE 1:1,000 @ A3
Coordinate Table
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C2.8.1 CULVERT (SIZE TBC)
C2.8 CULVERT (SIZE TBC)
EMERGENCY MARKER
GRADIENT
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0.997%
0.670%
0.290%
0.611%
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Datum 243.400m
Cut/Fill
Proposed Surface
Existing Surface
Chainage
SECTION 2 LONG SECTION
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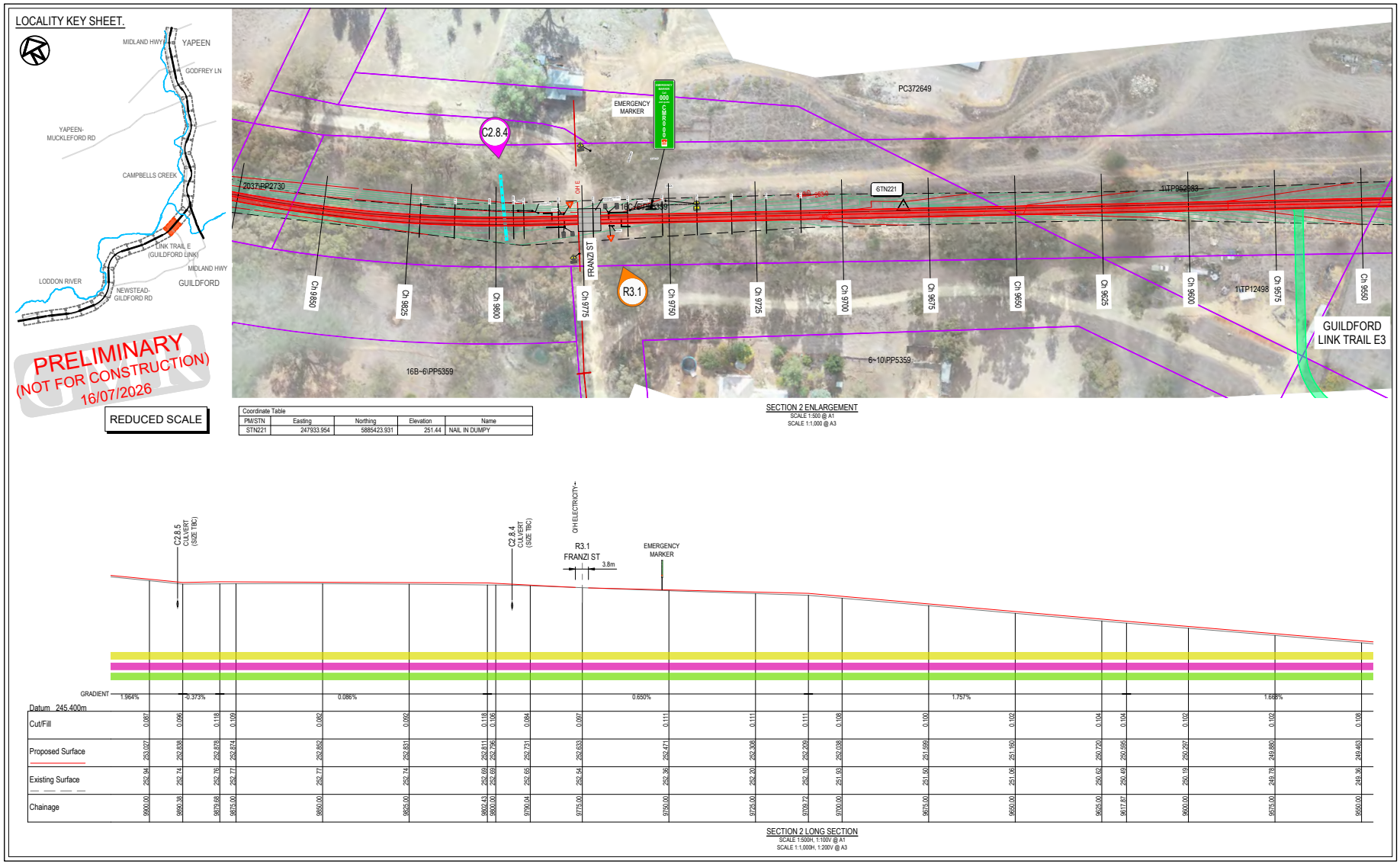
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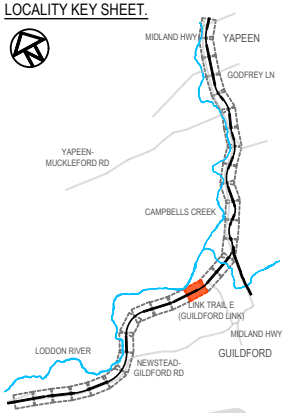
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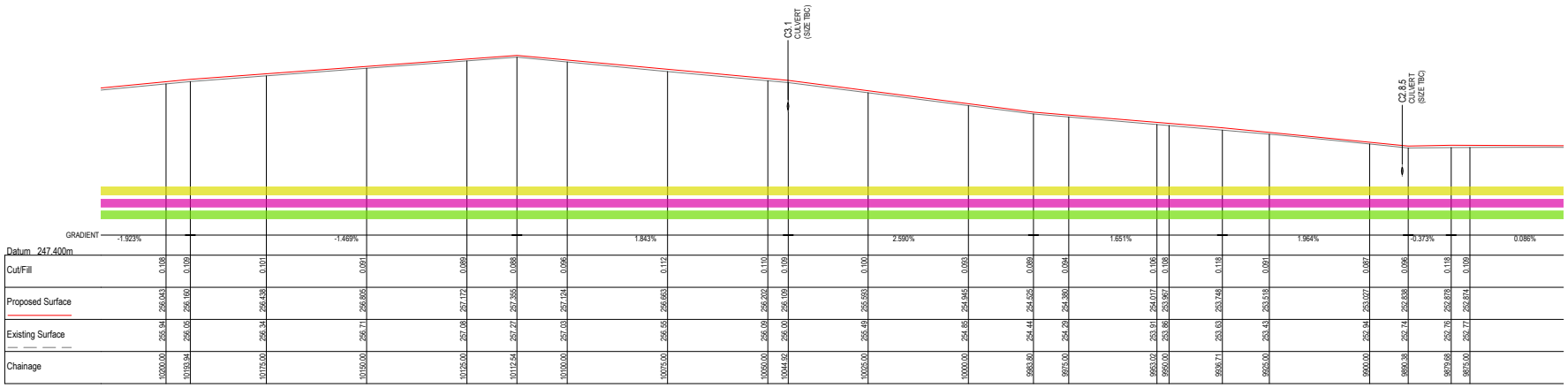
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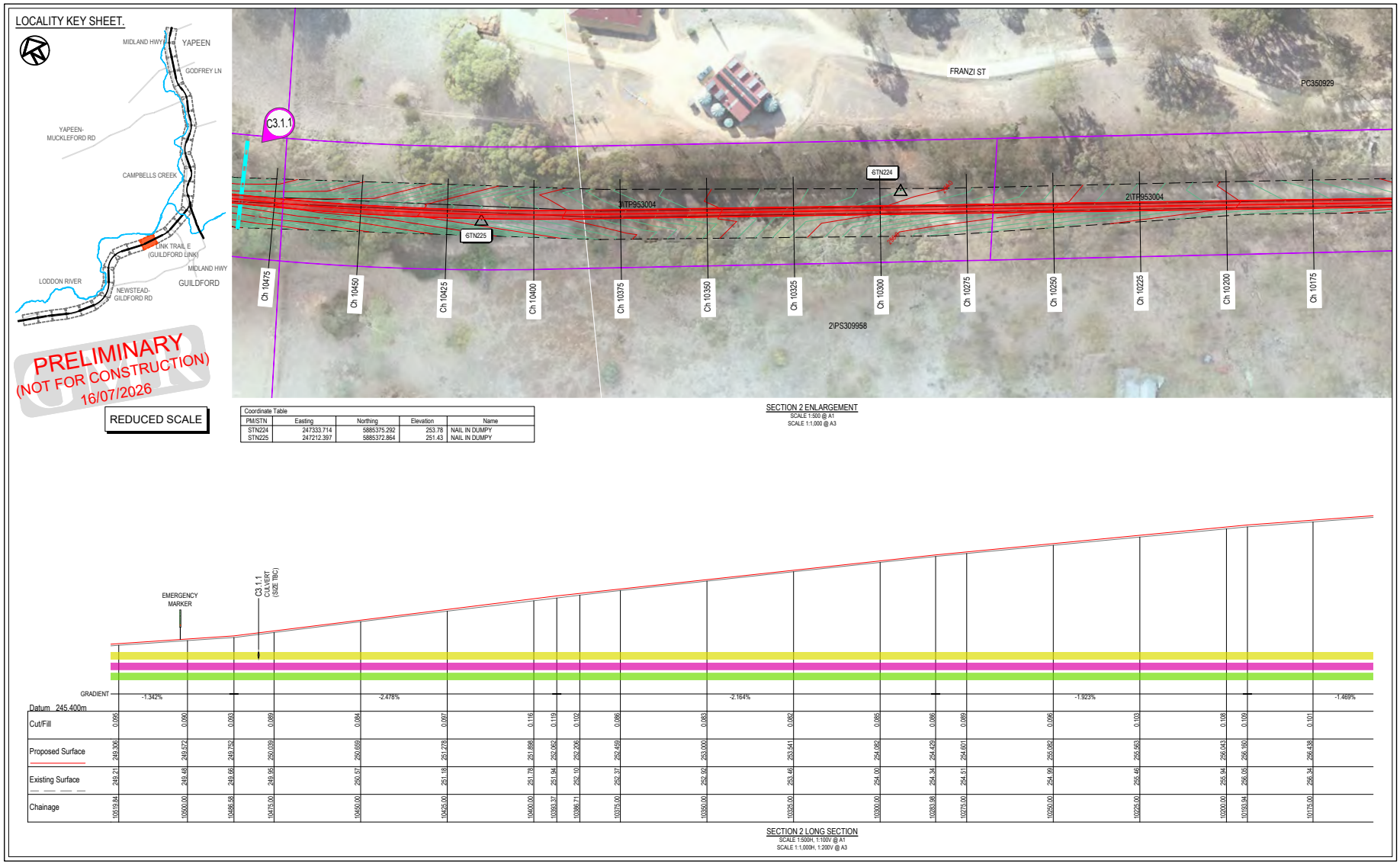
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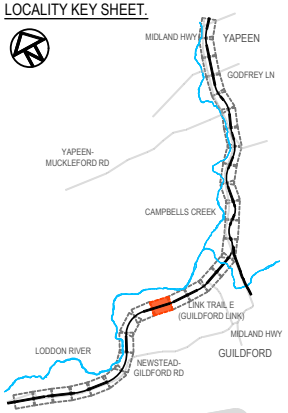
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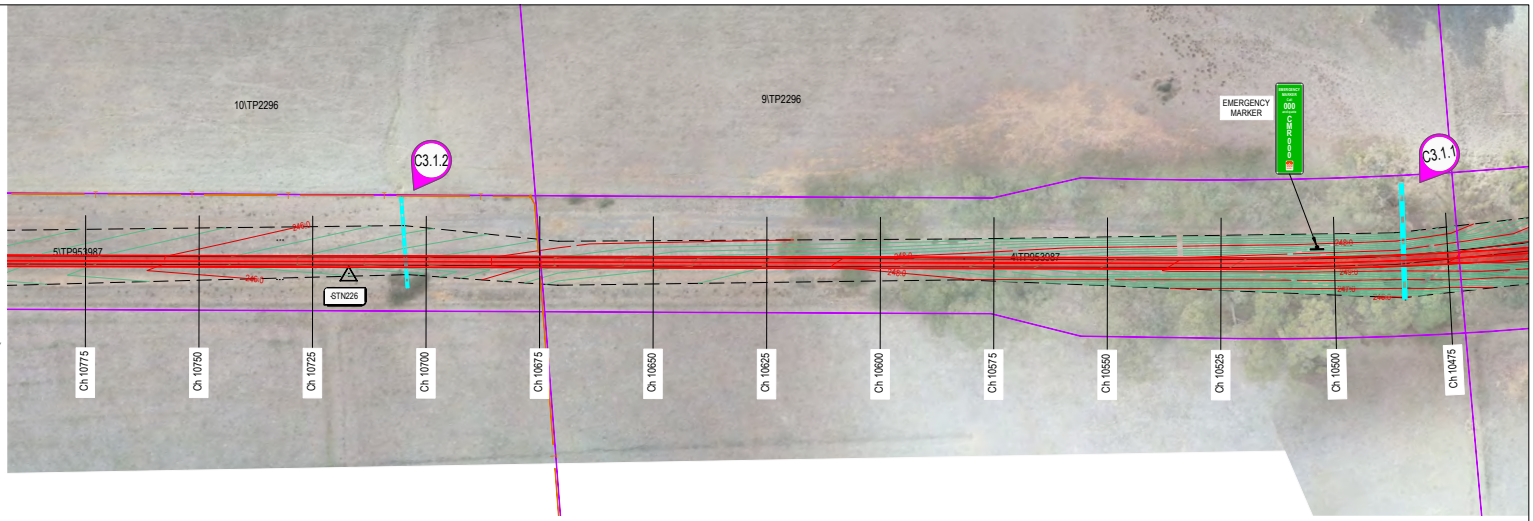
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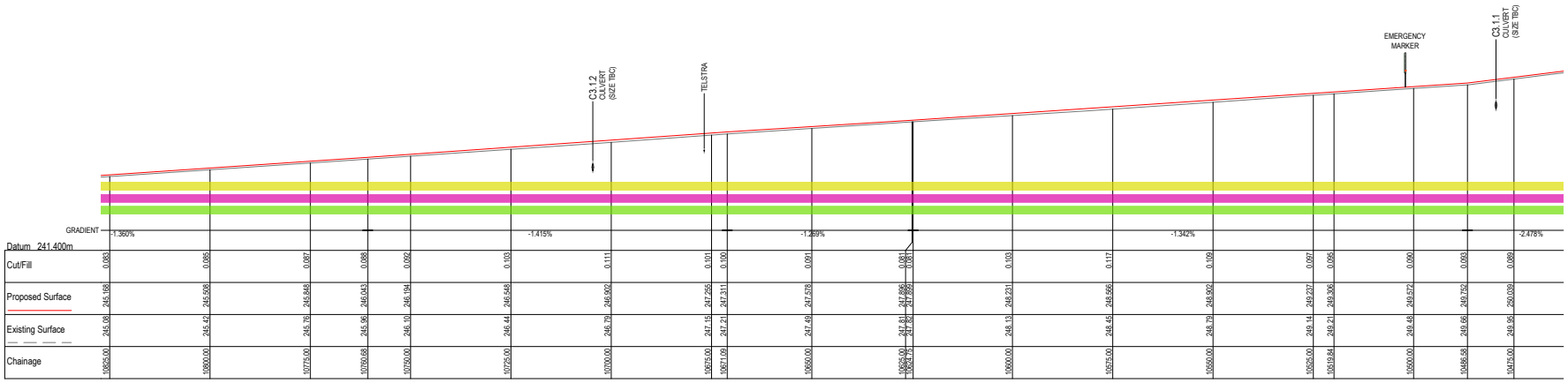


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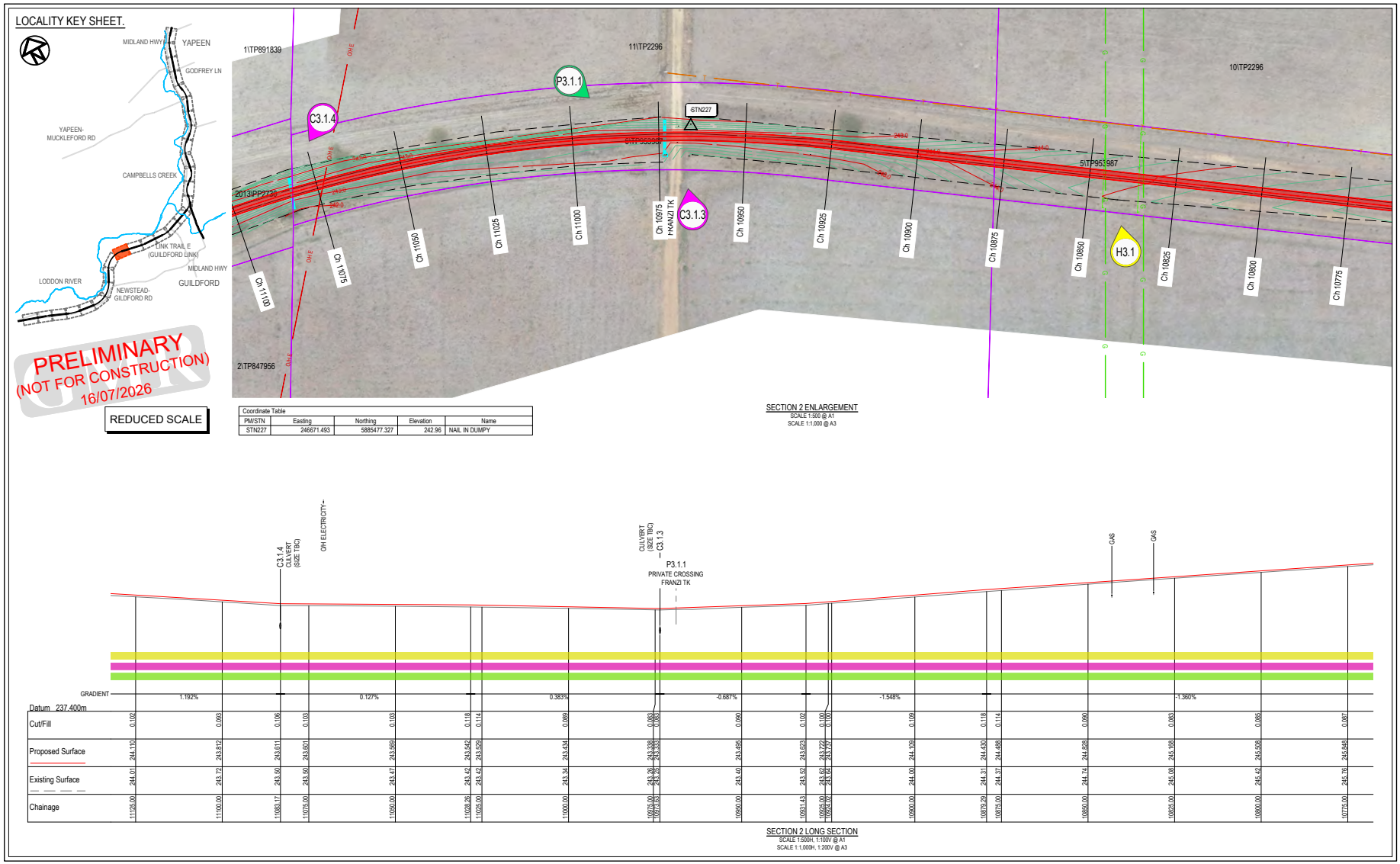
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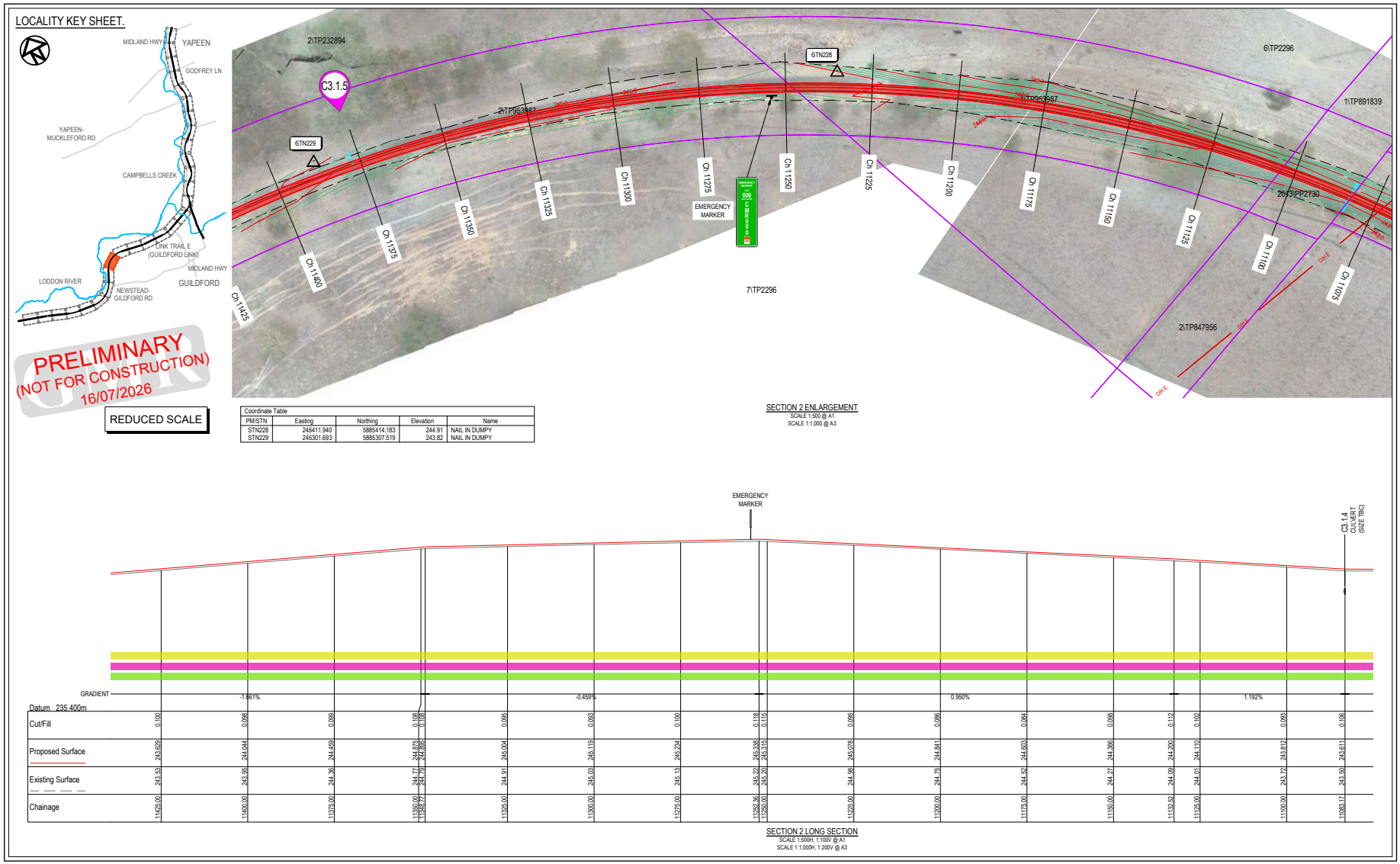
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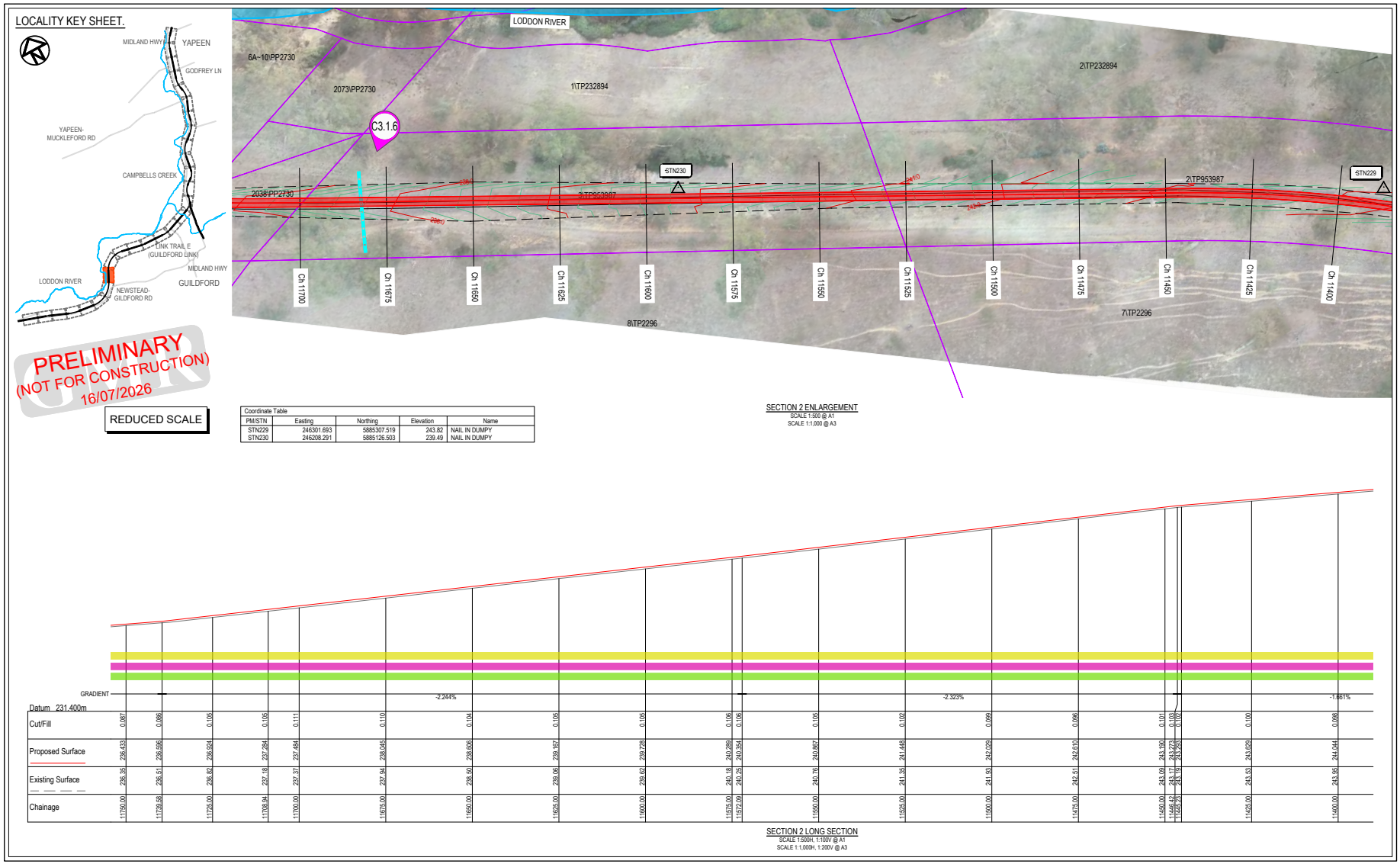
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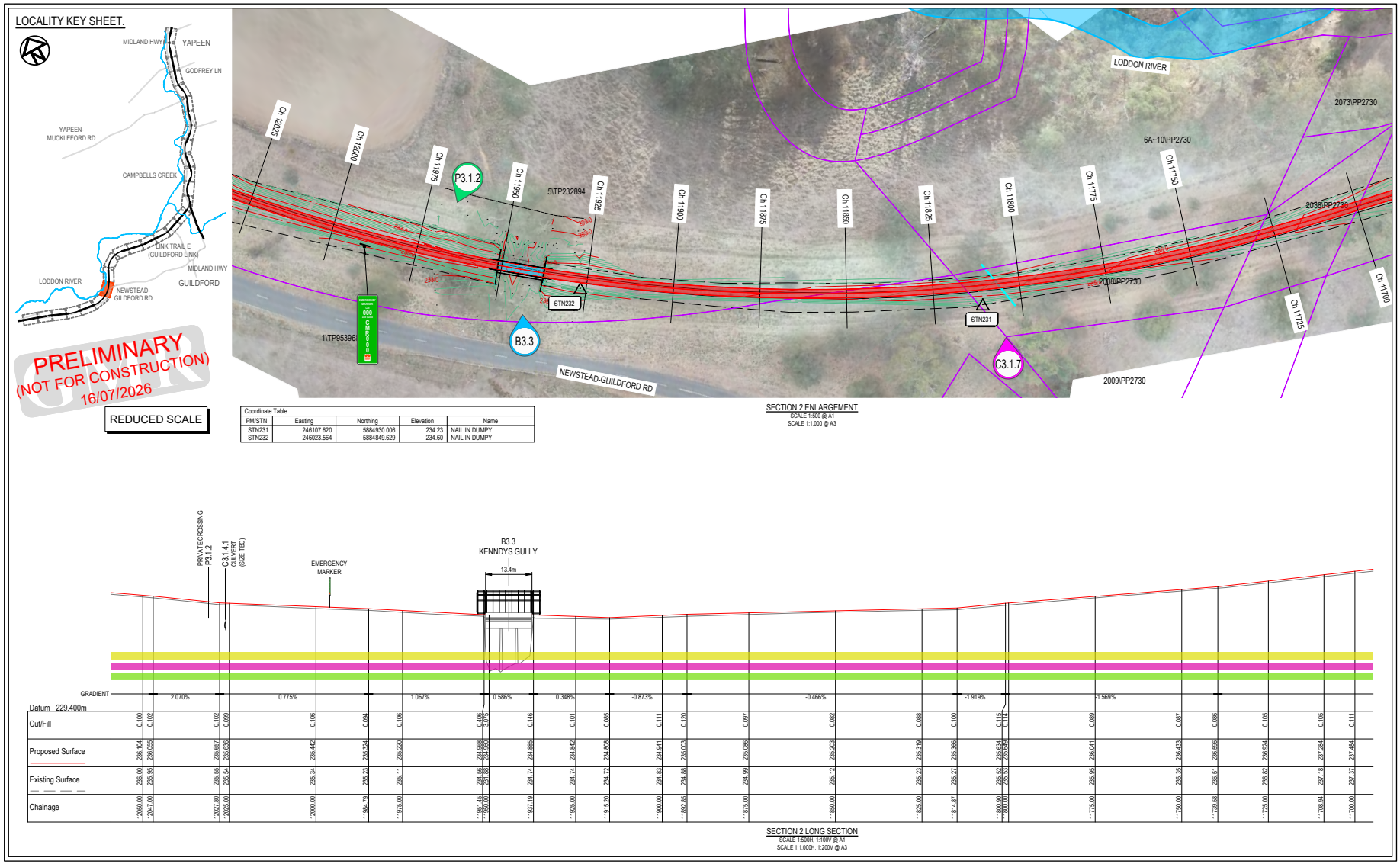
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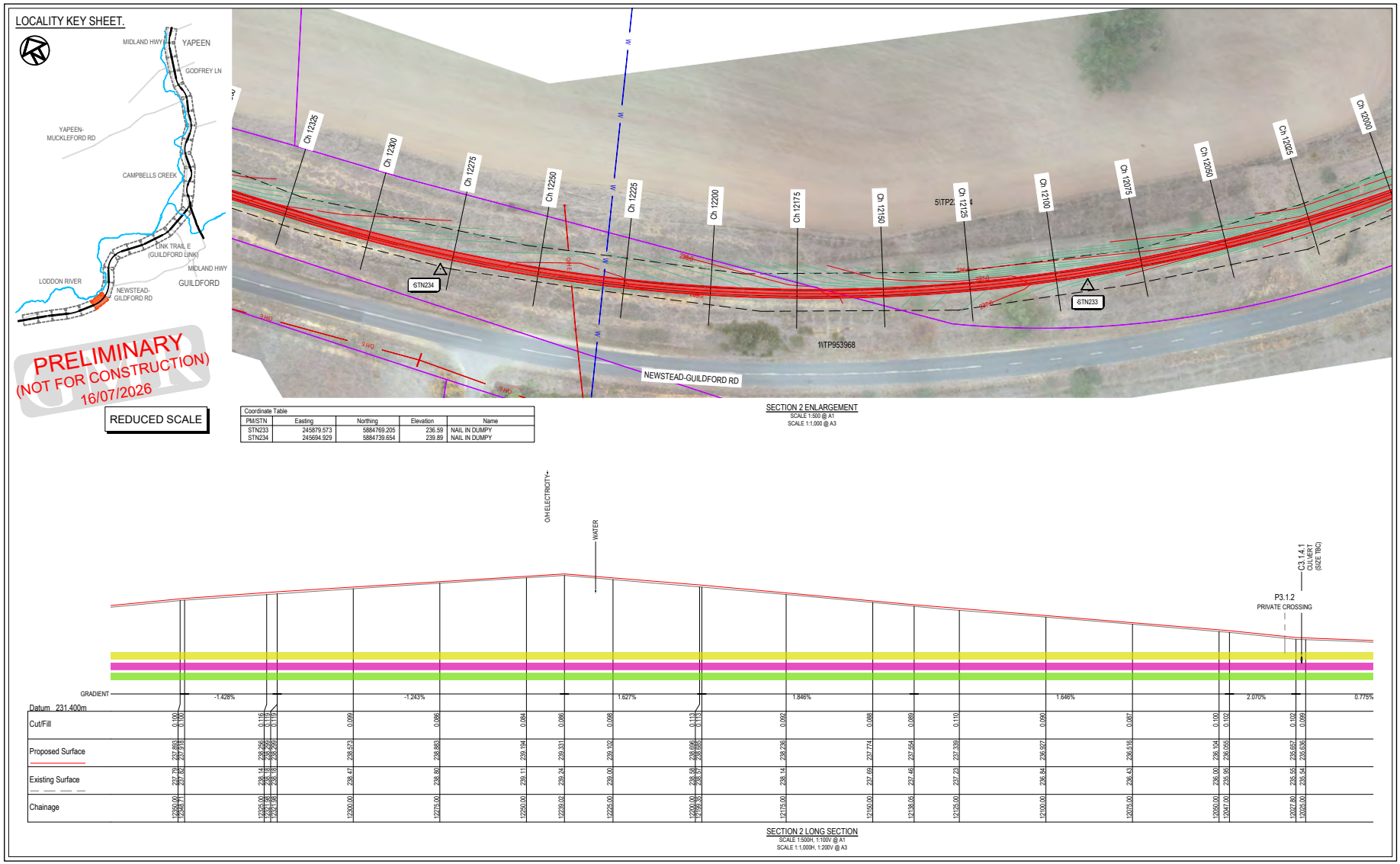
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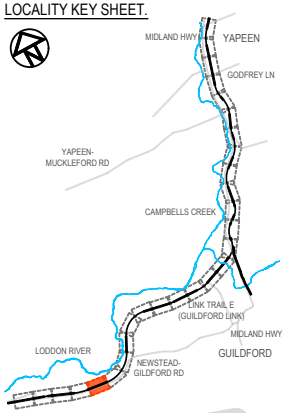
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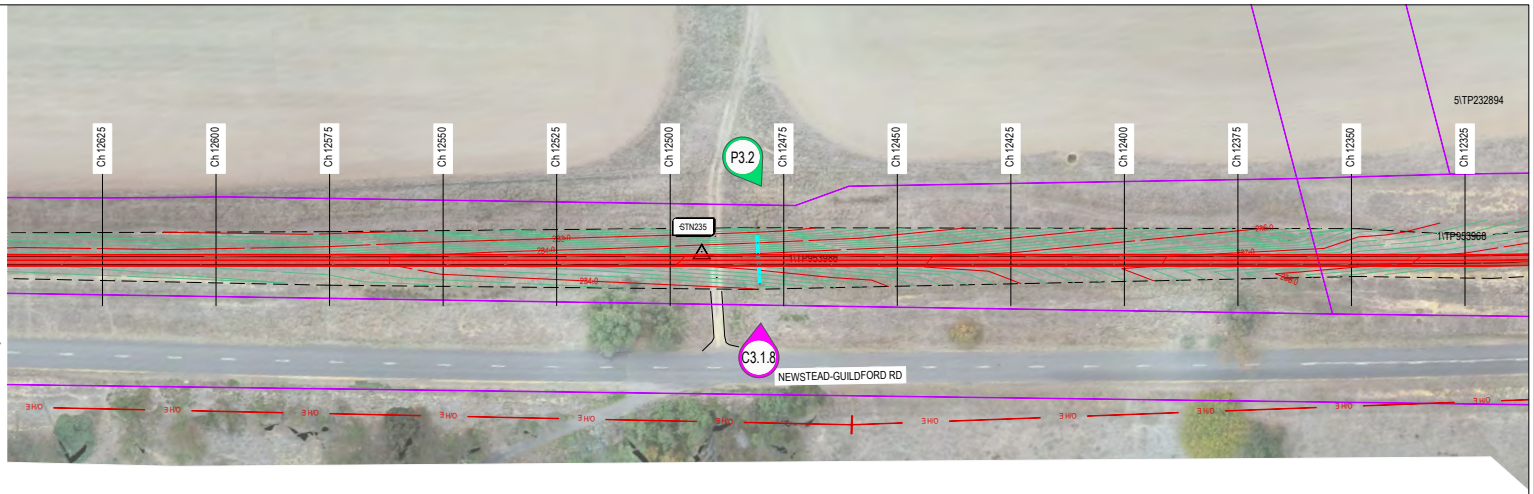
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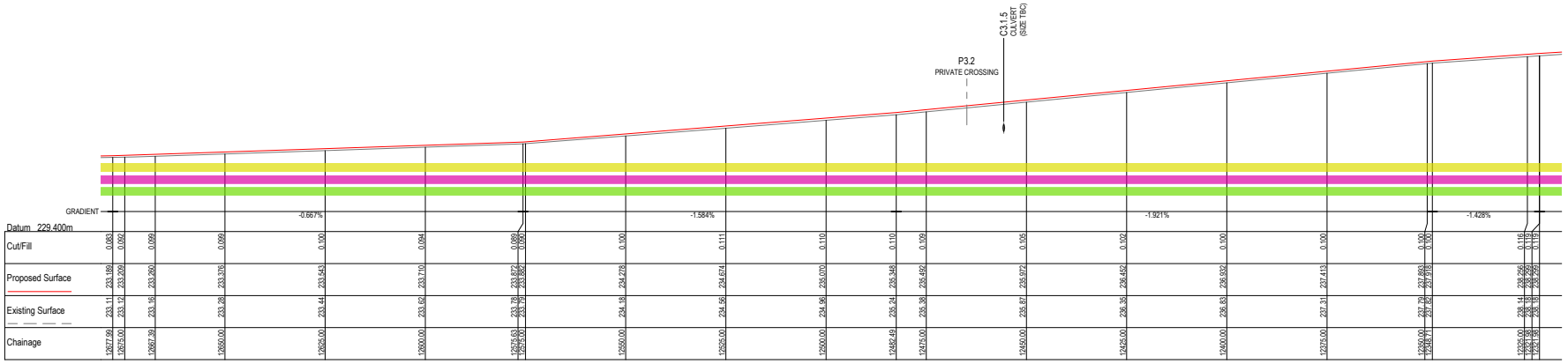


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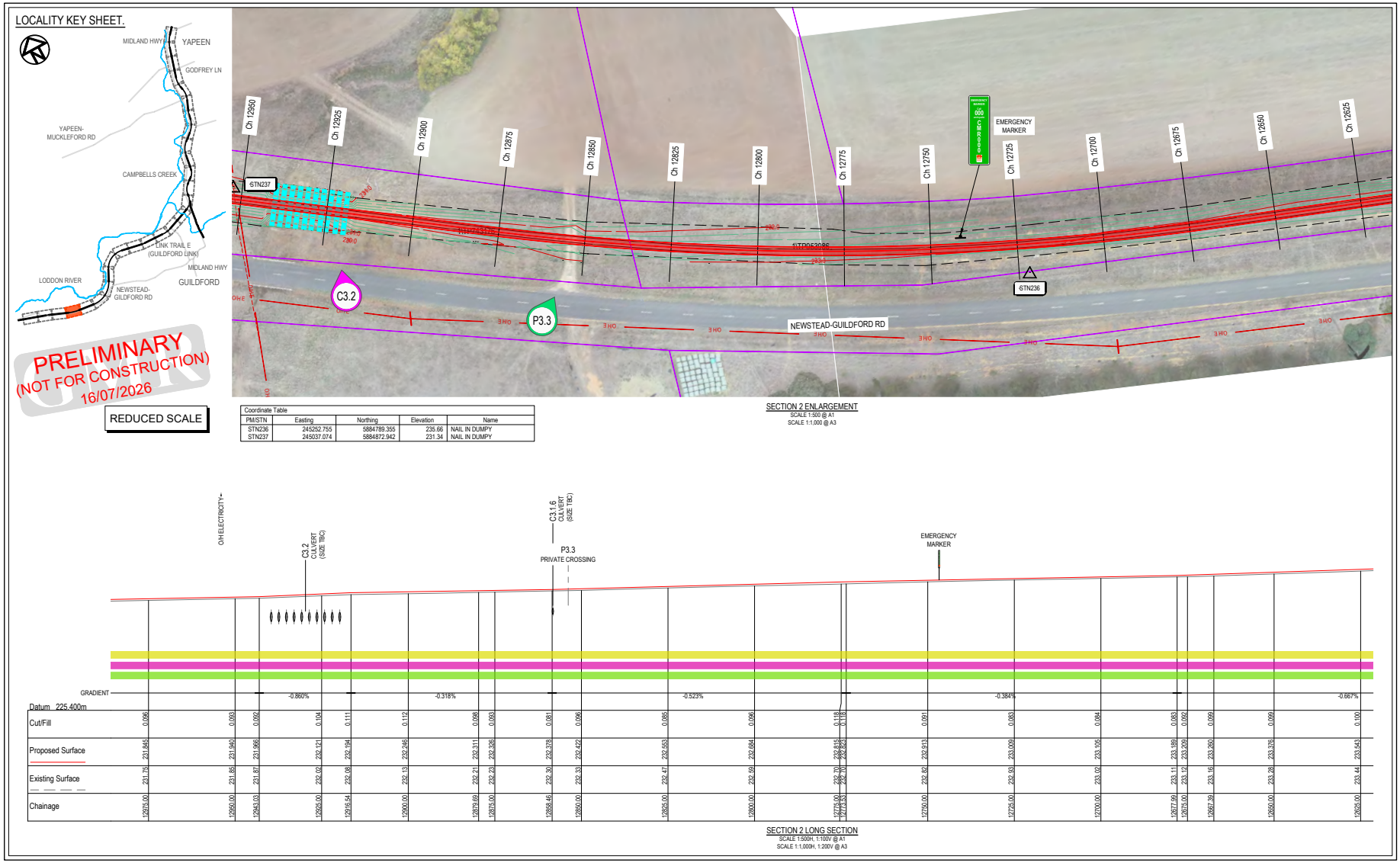
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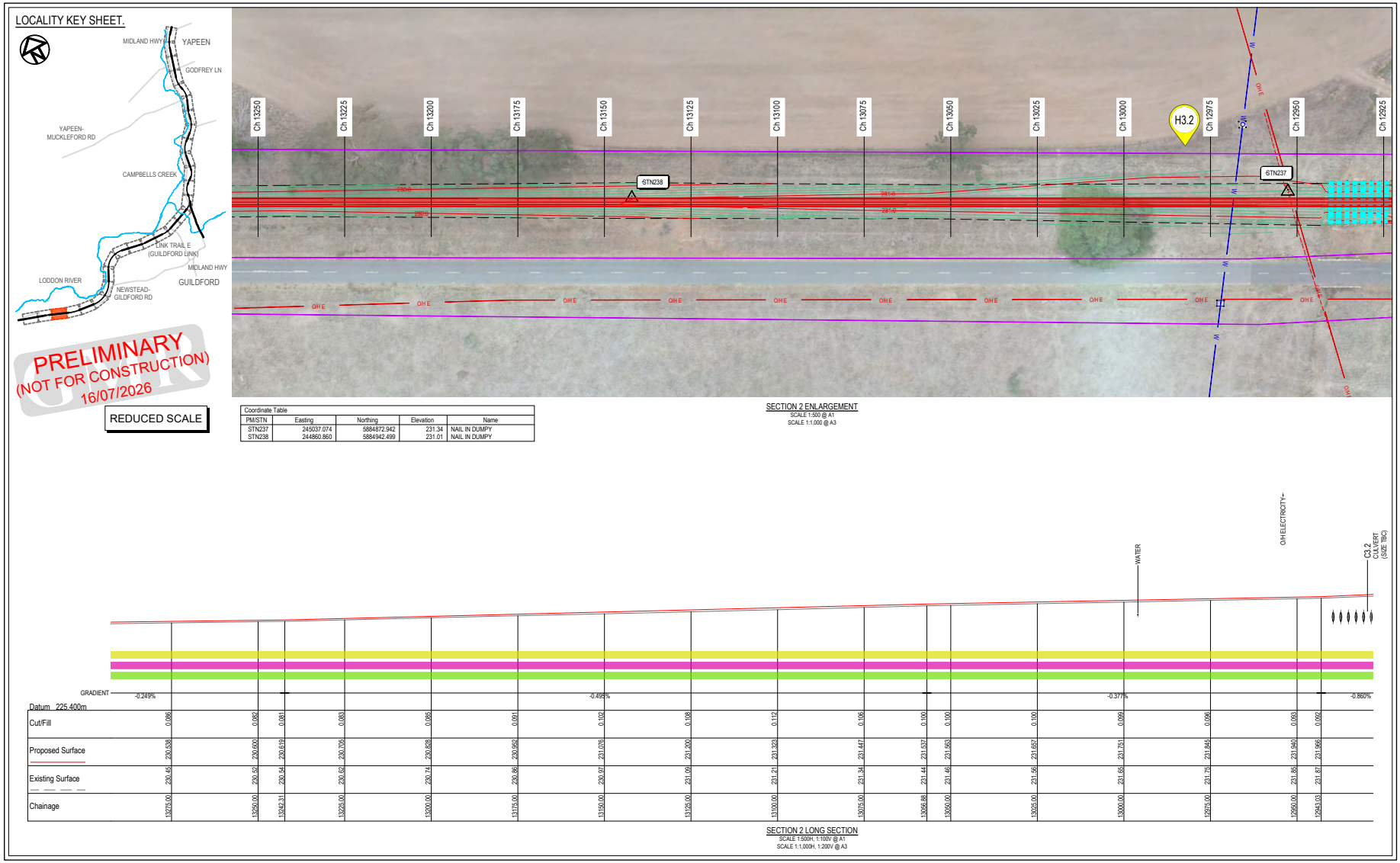
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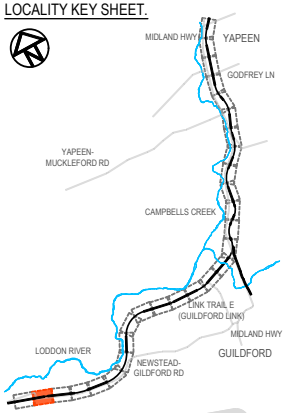
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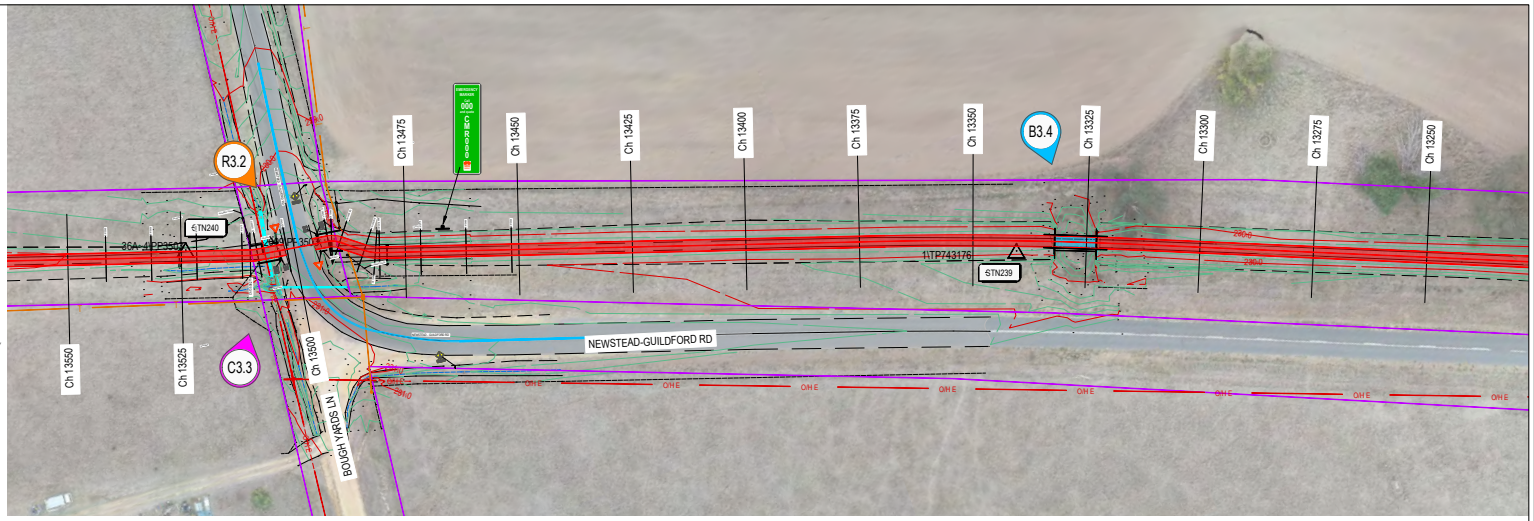

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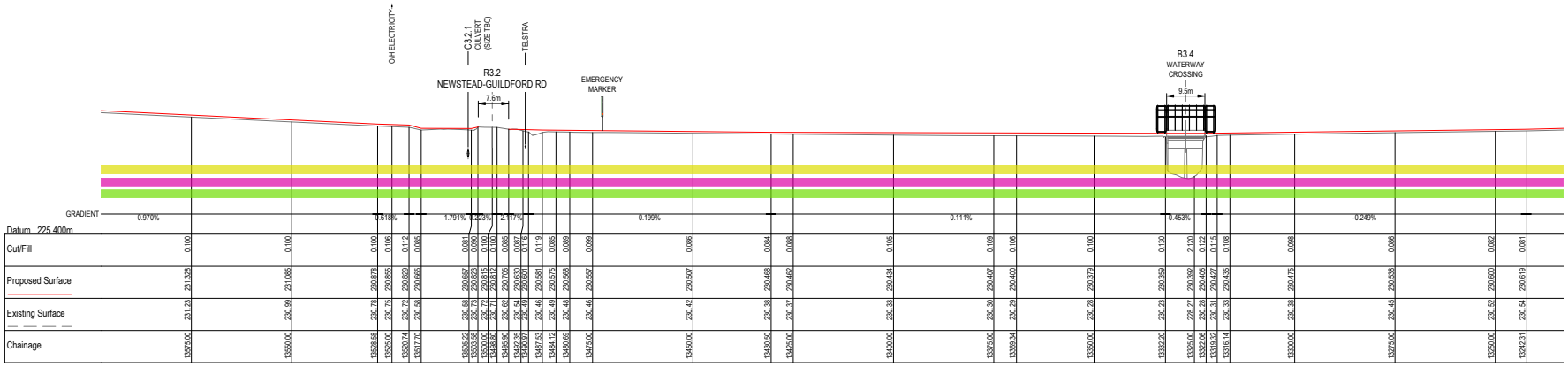
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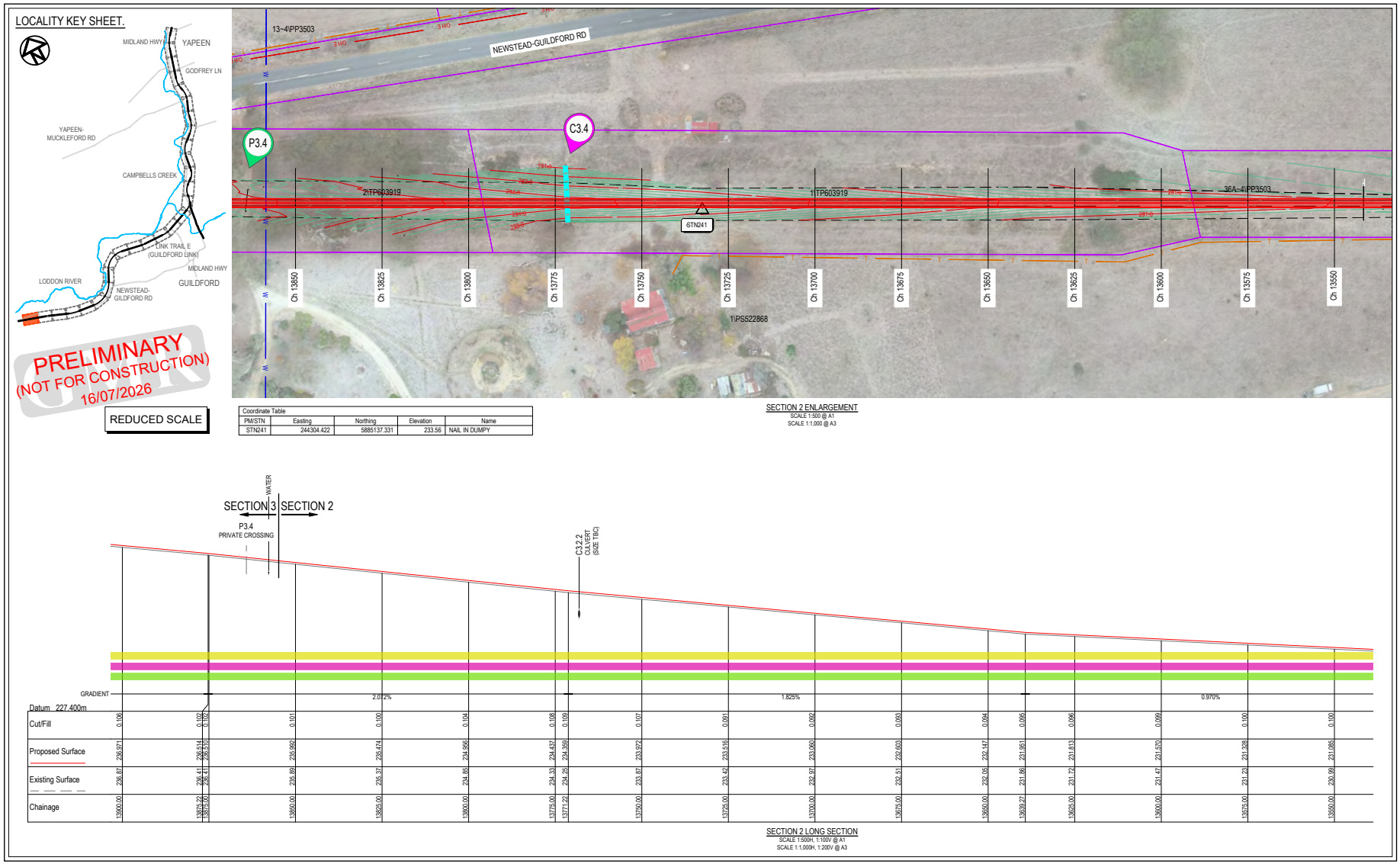
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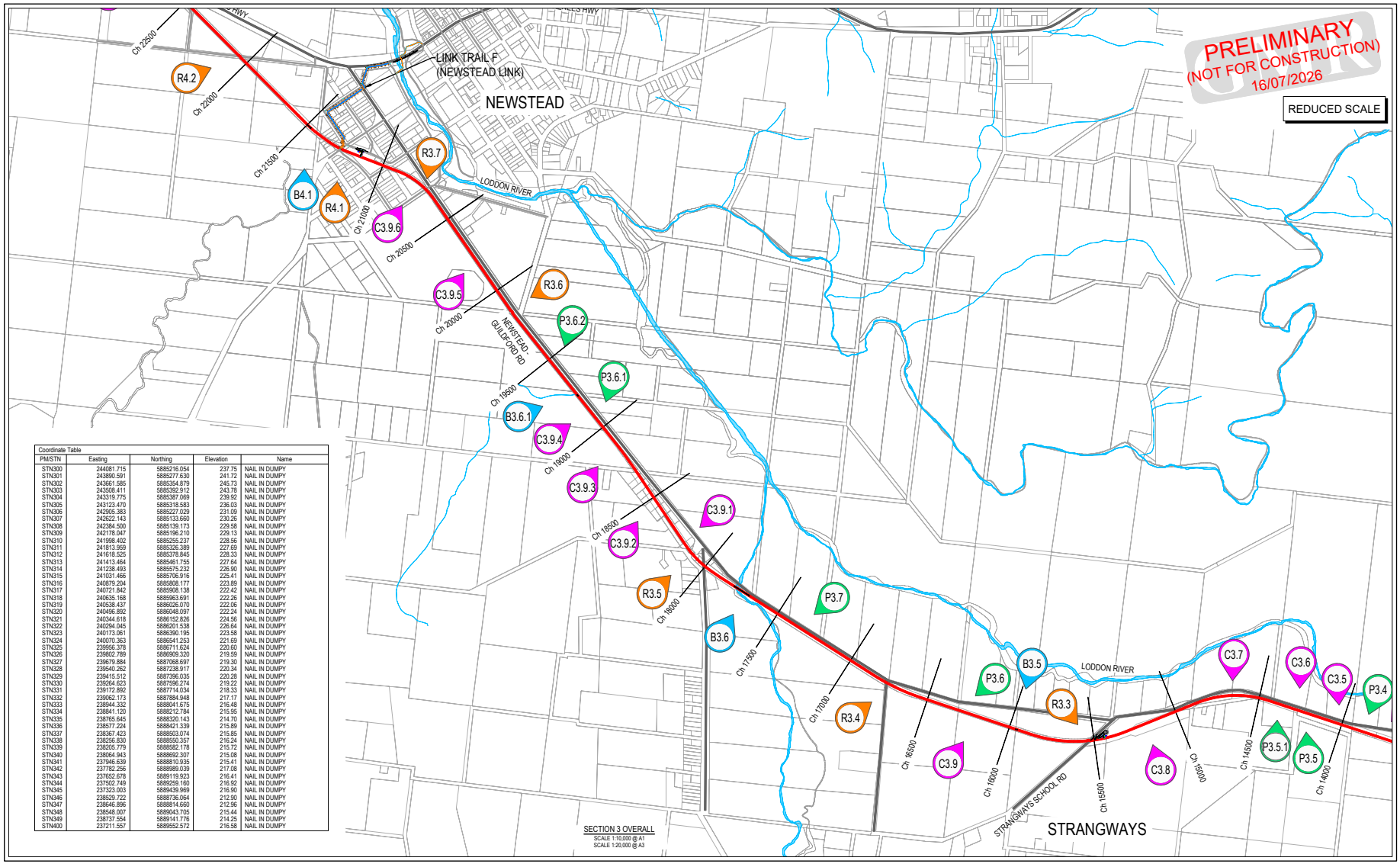


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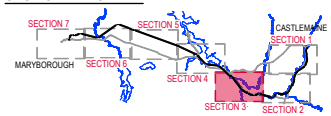
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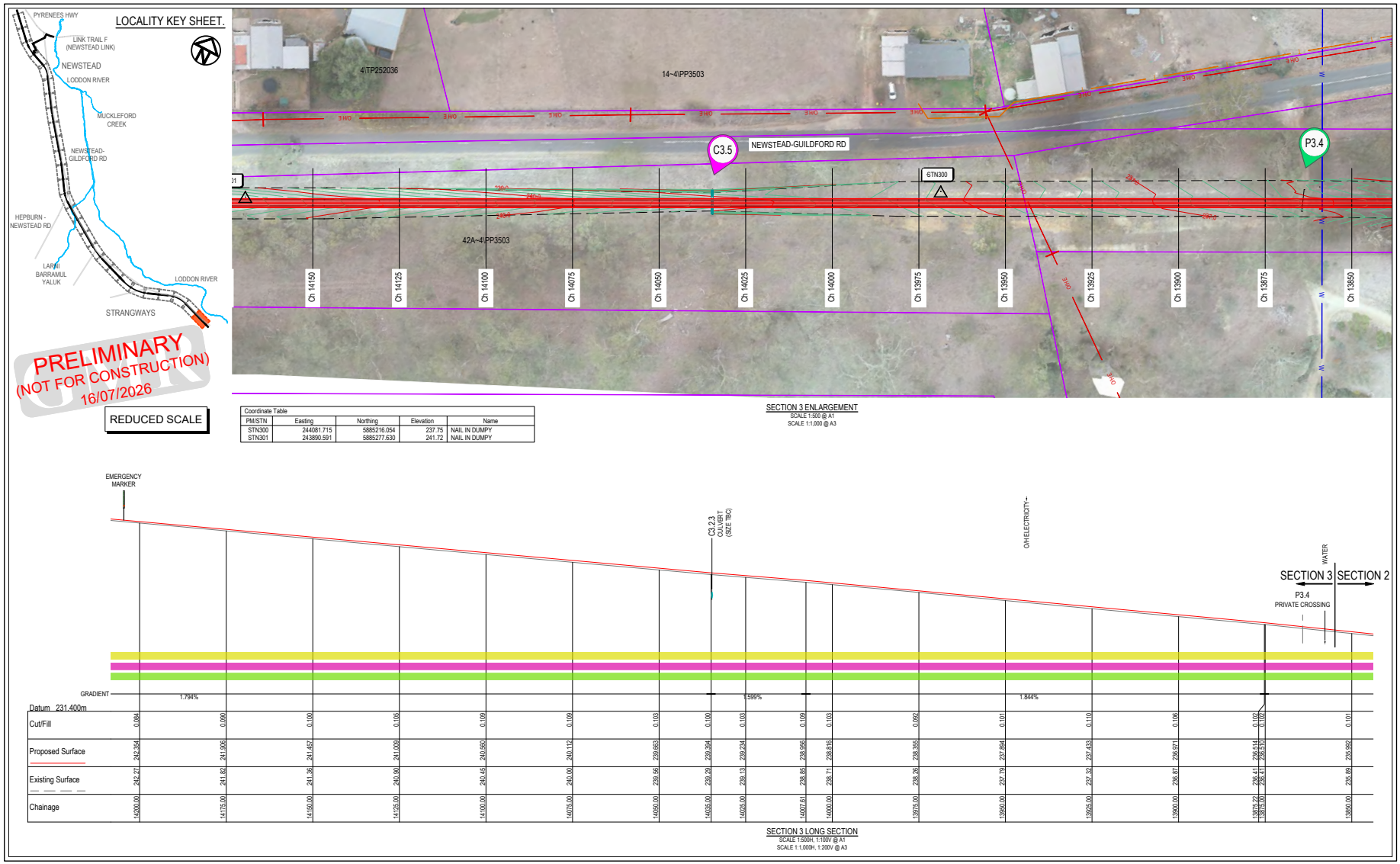
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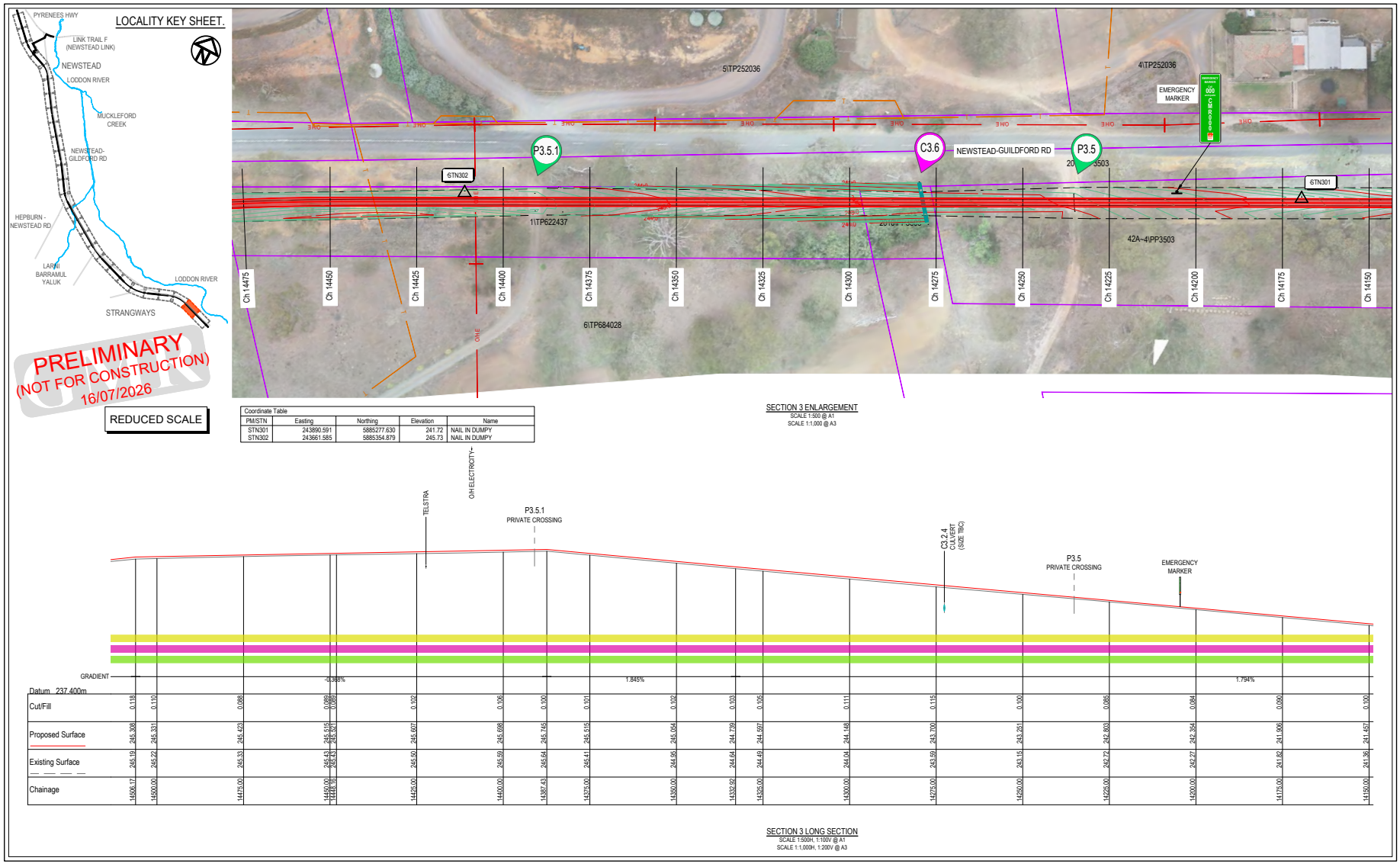
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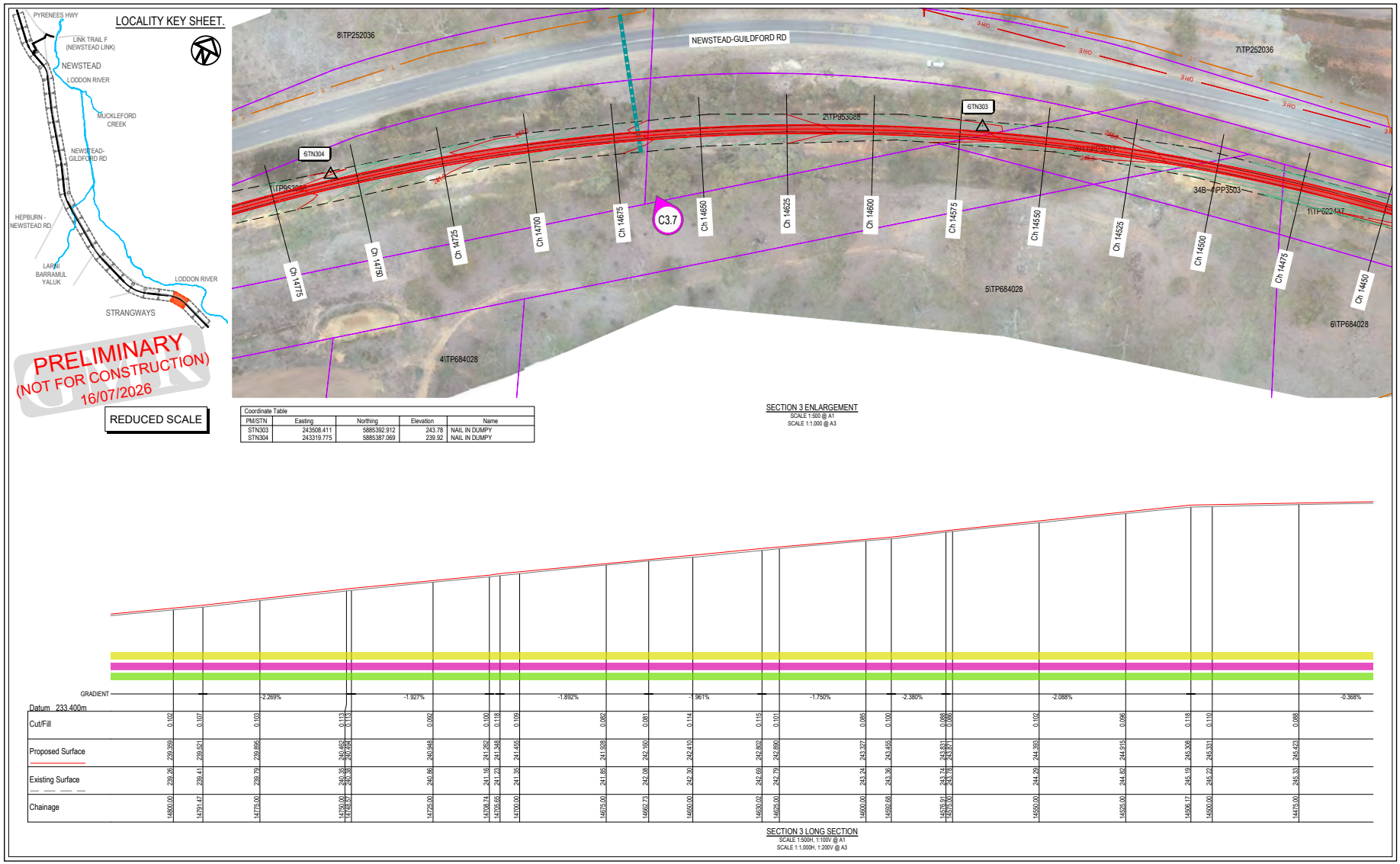
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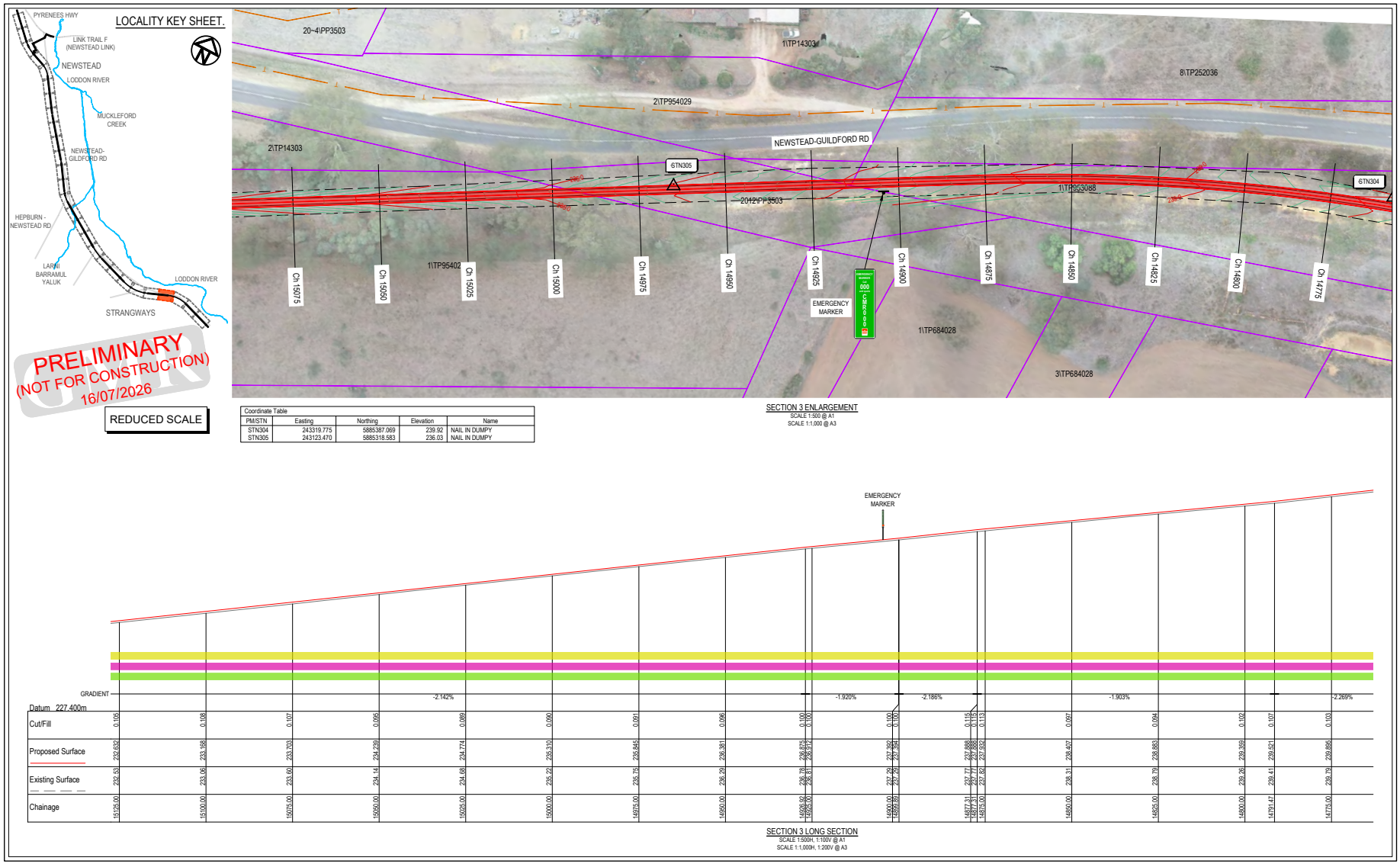
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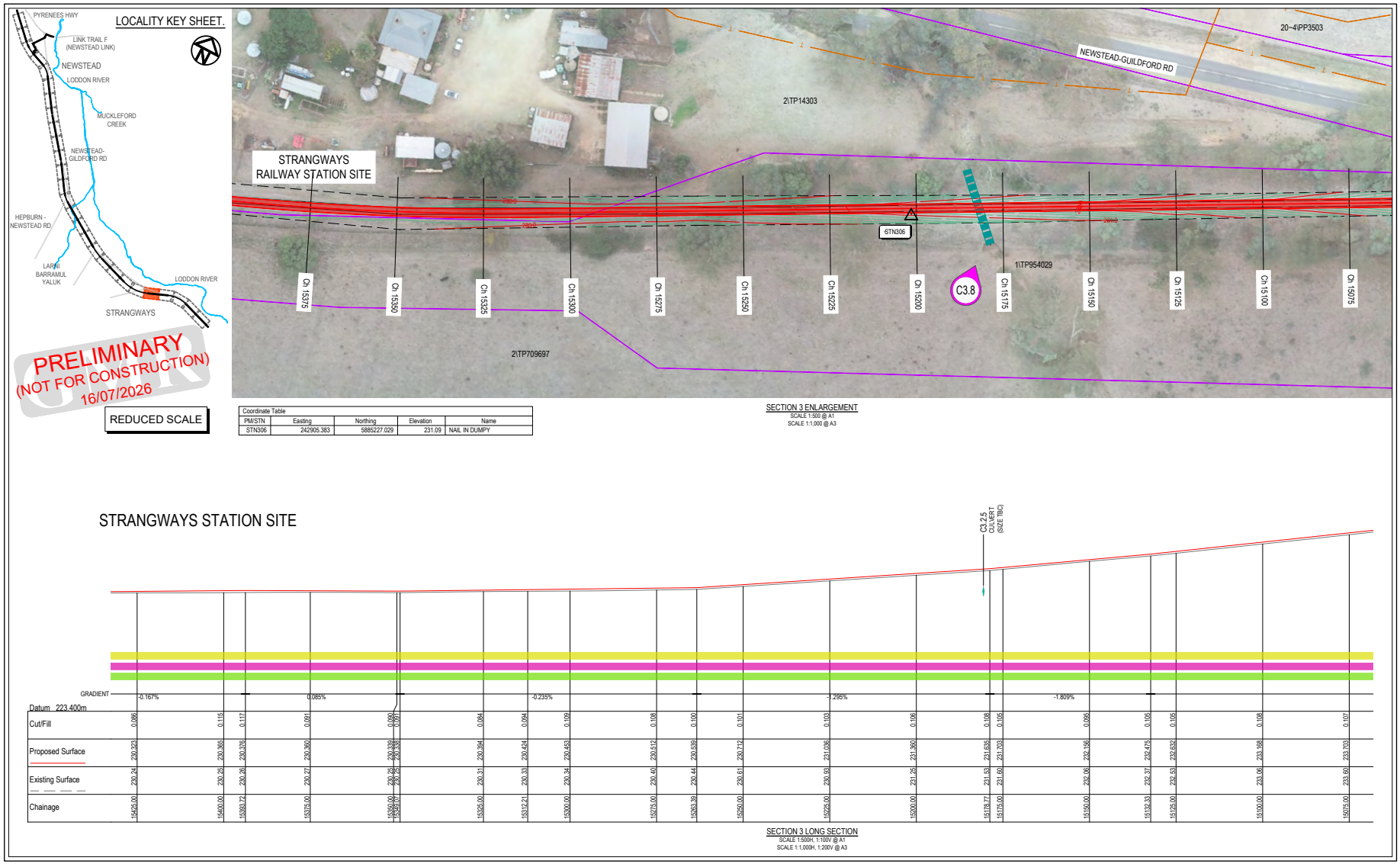
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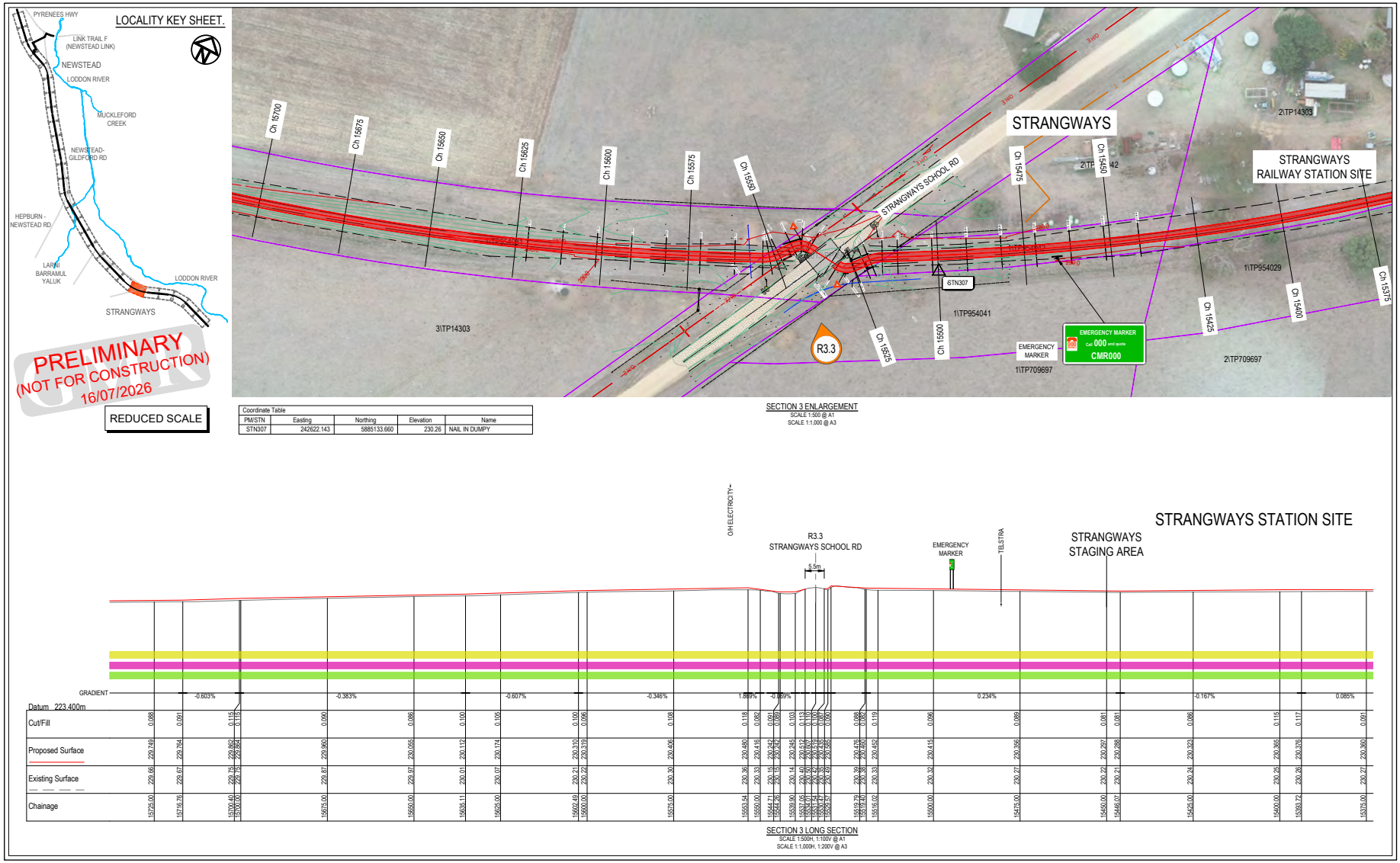
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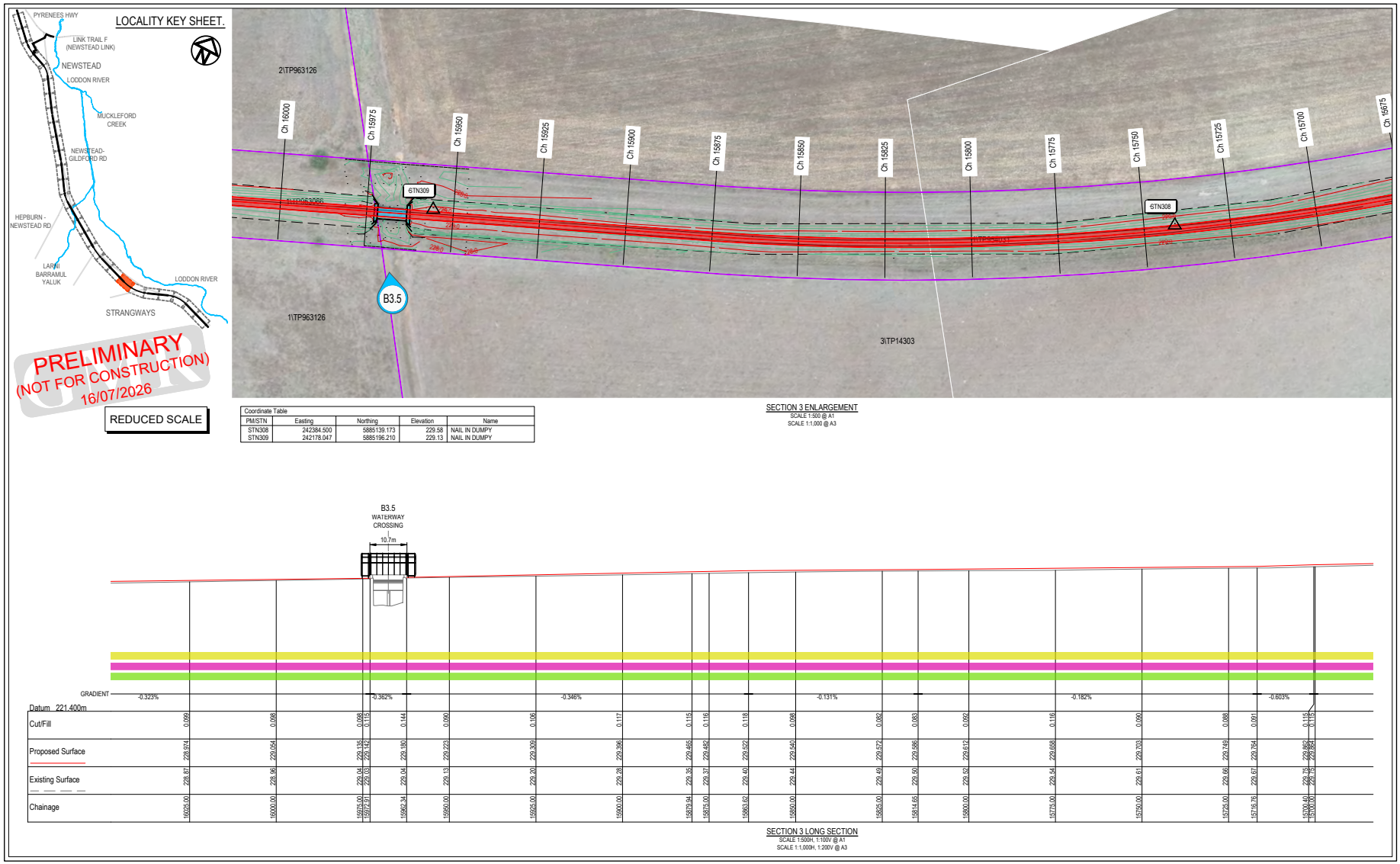
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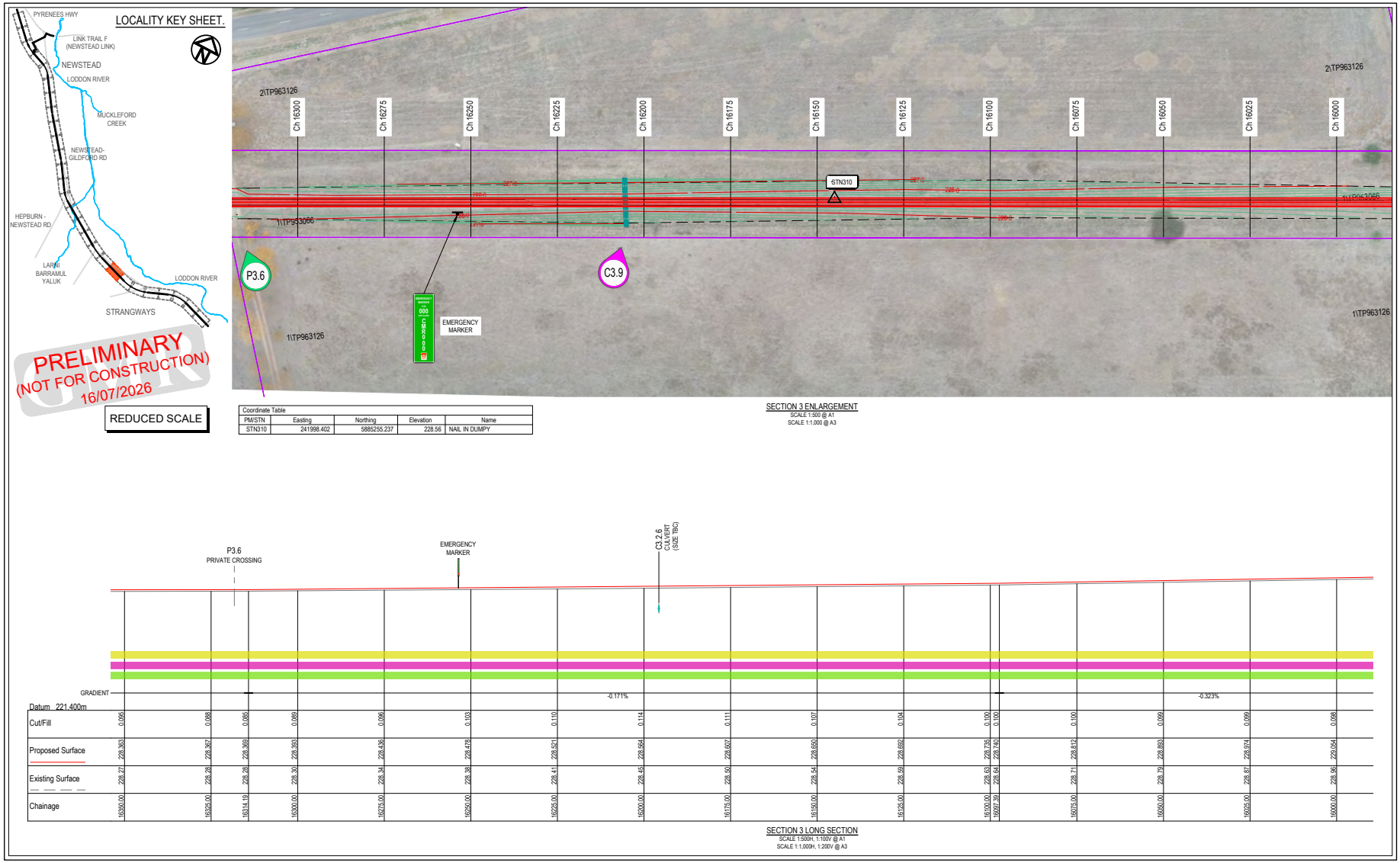
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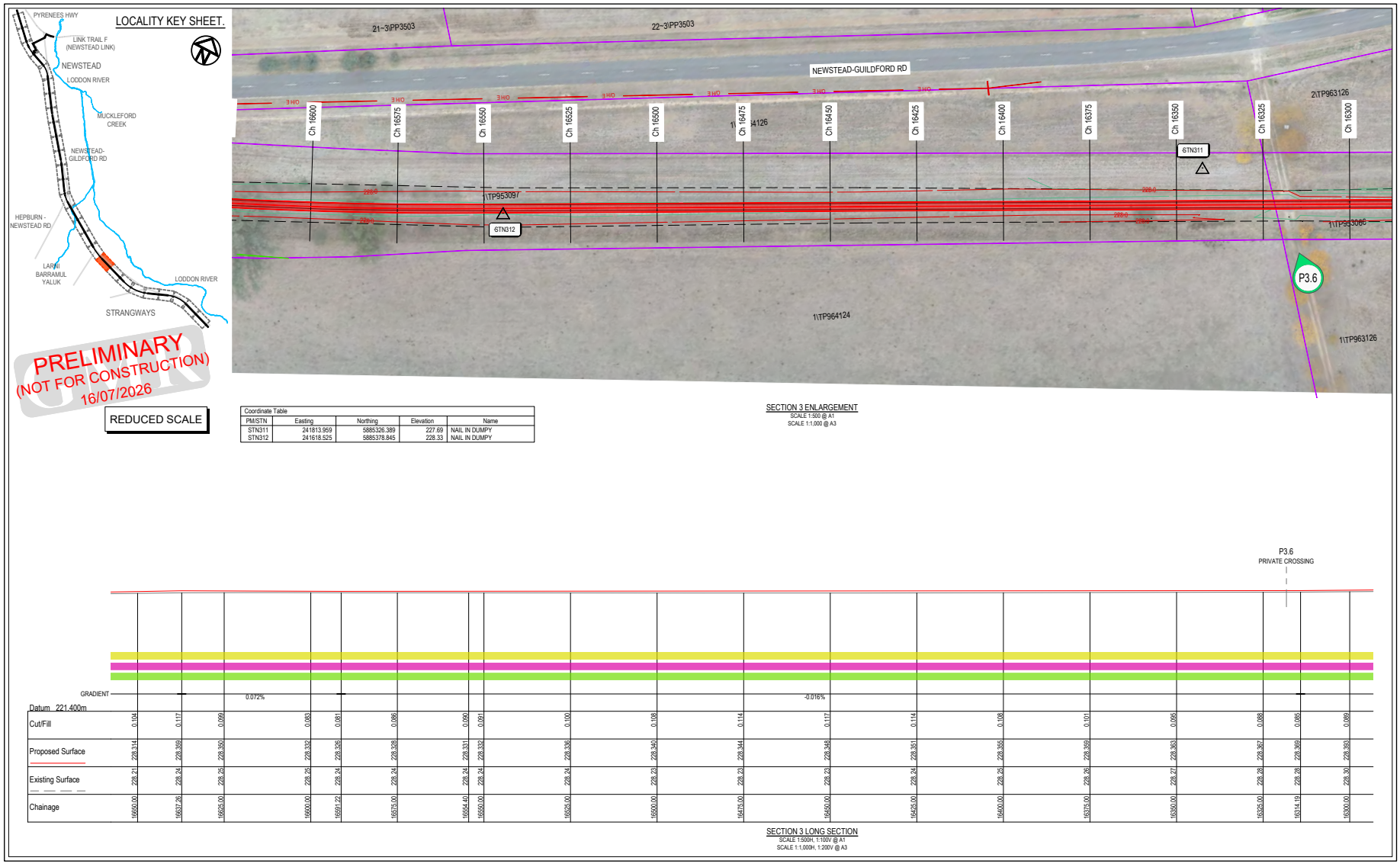
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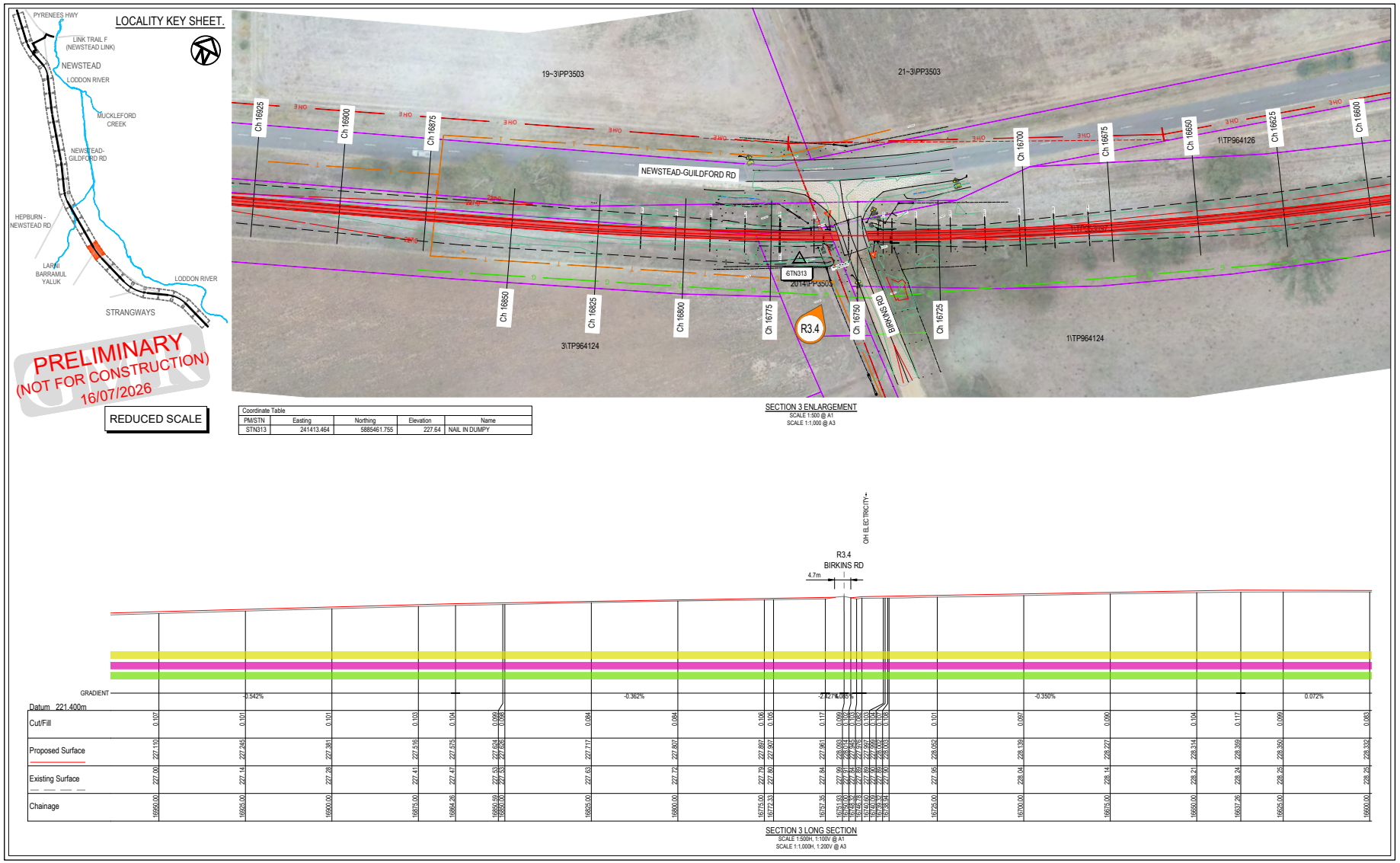
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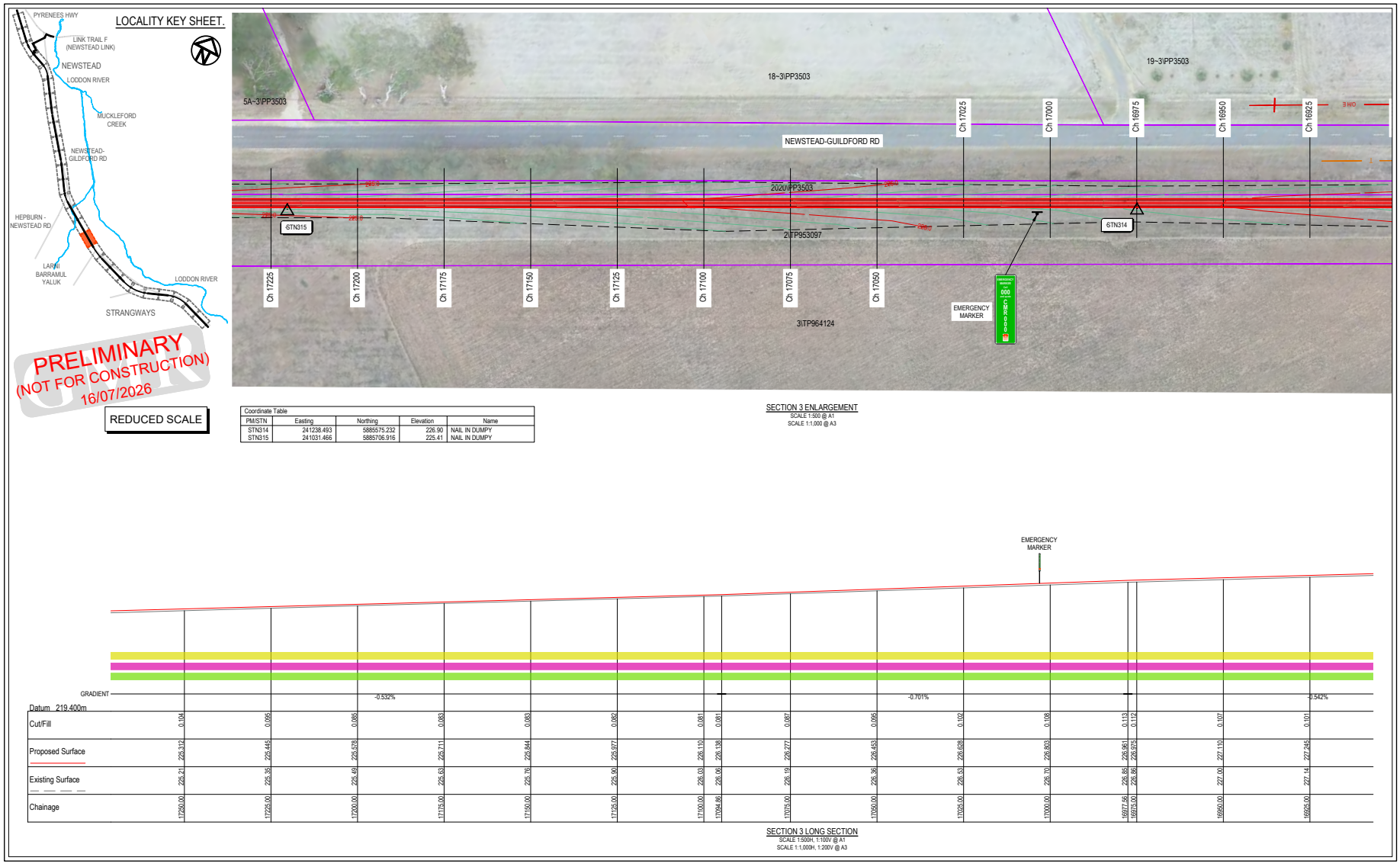
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Cut/Fill
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Chainage
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STN315	241031.466	5885706.916	225.41	NAIL IN DUMPY

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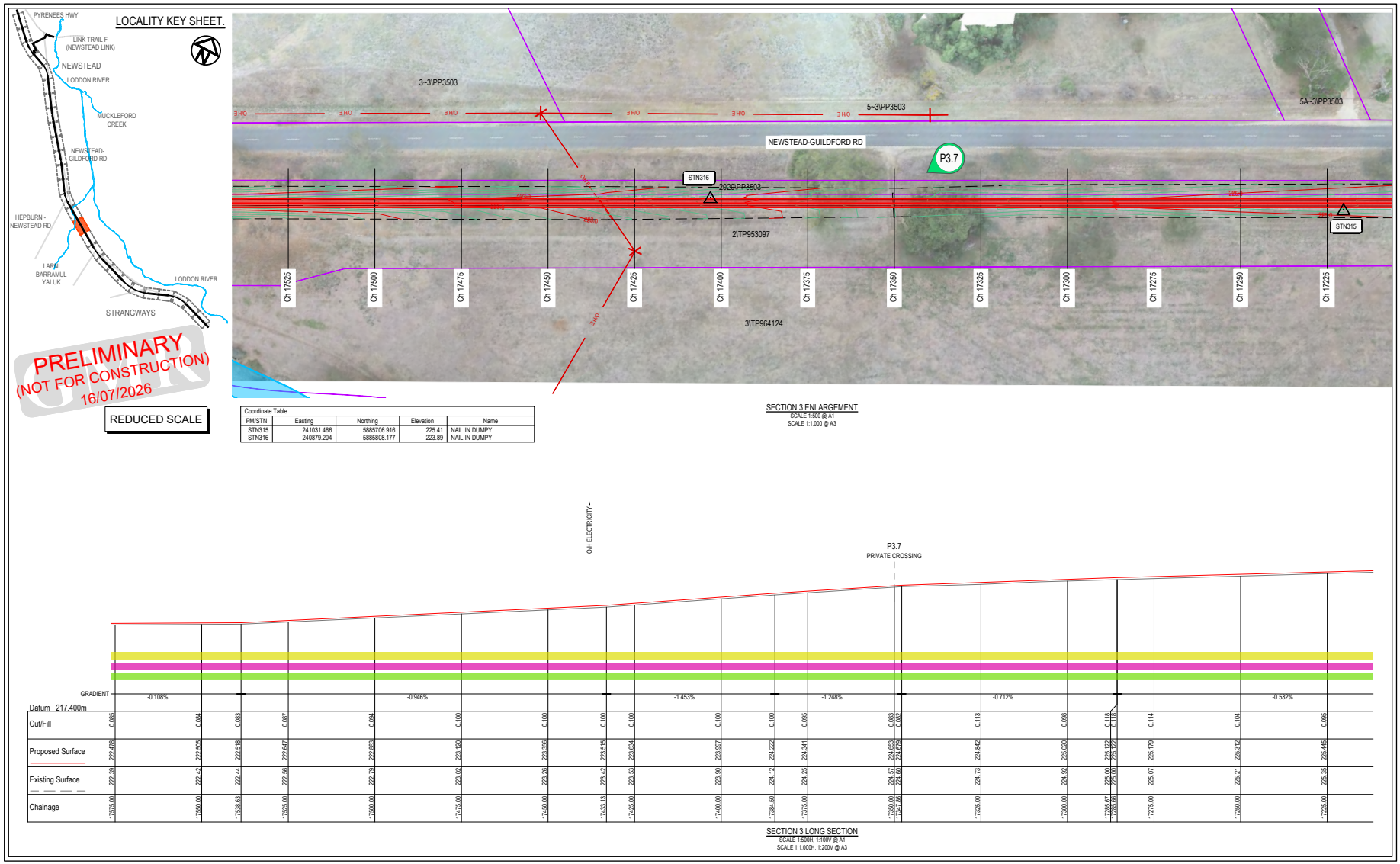
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STN316	240879.204	5885808.177	223.89	NAIL IN DUMPY

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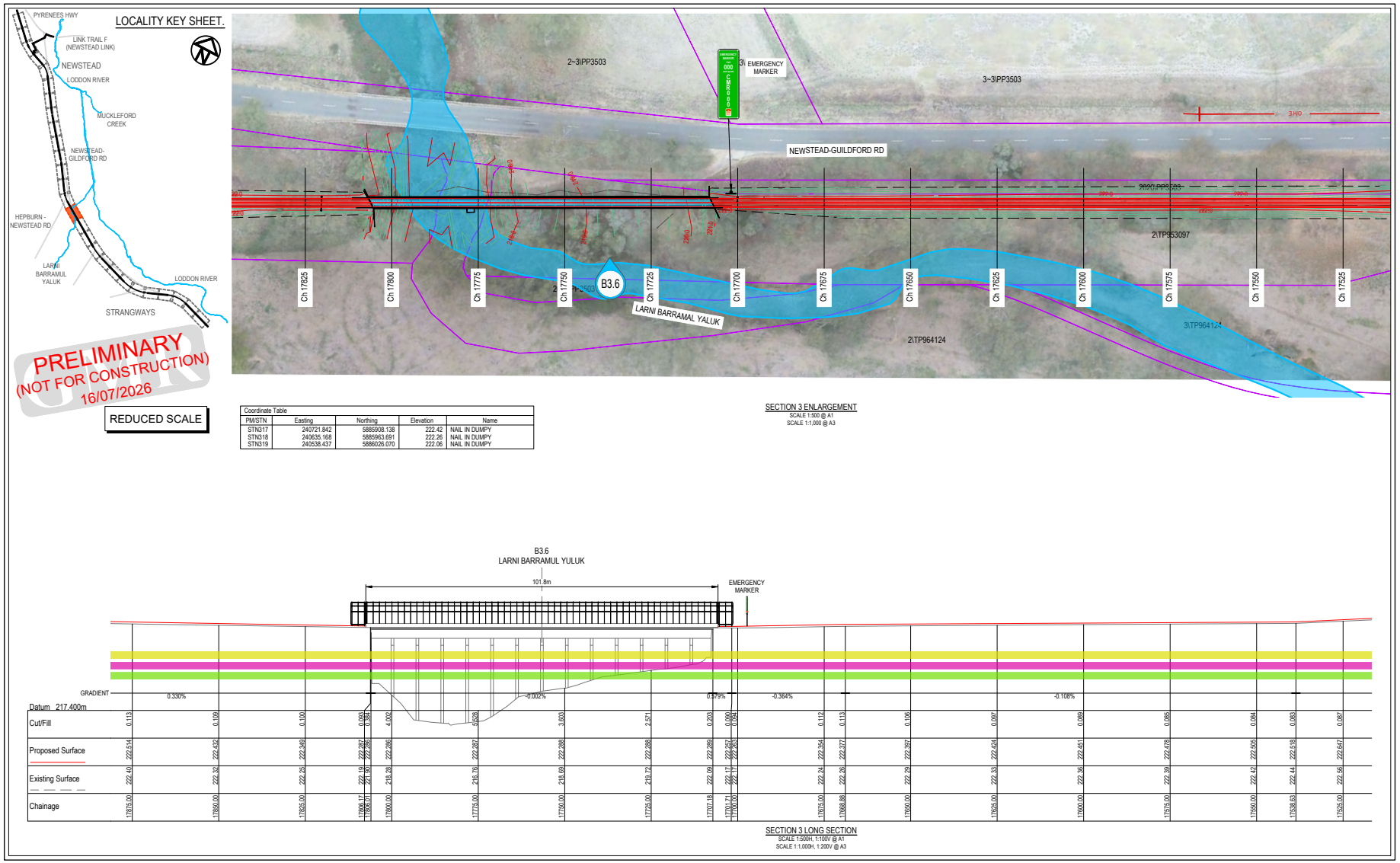
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STN318	240635.168	5885963.691	222.26	NAIL IN DUMPY
STN319	240538.437	5886026.070	222.06	NAIL IN DUMPY

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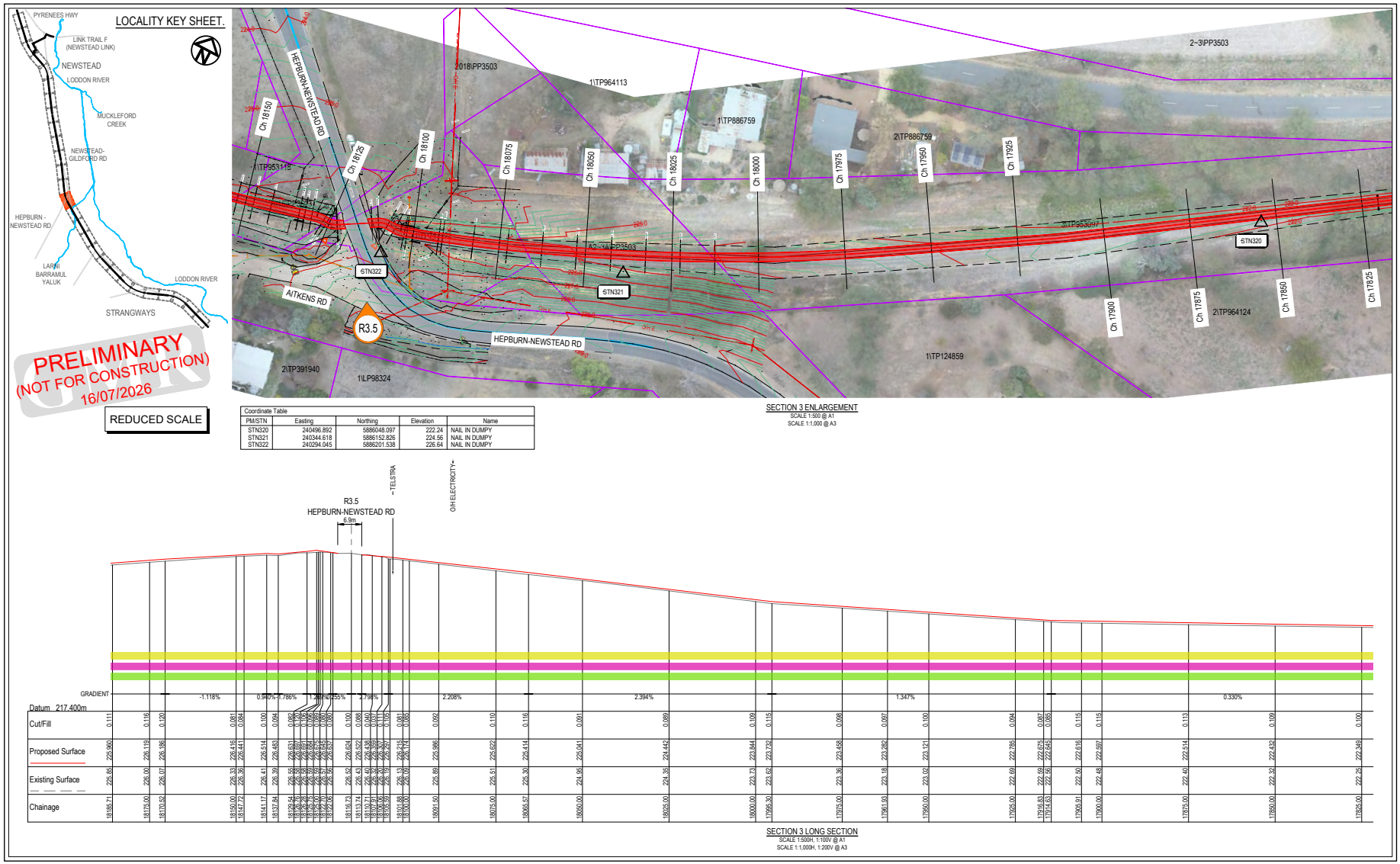
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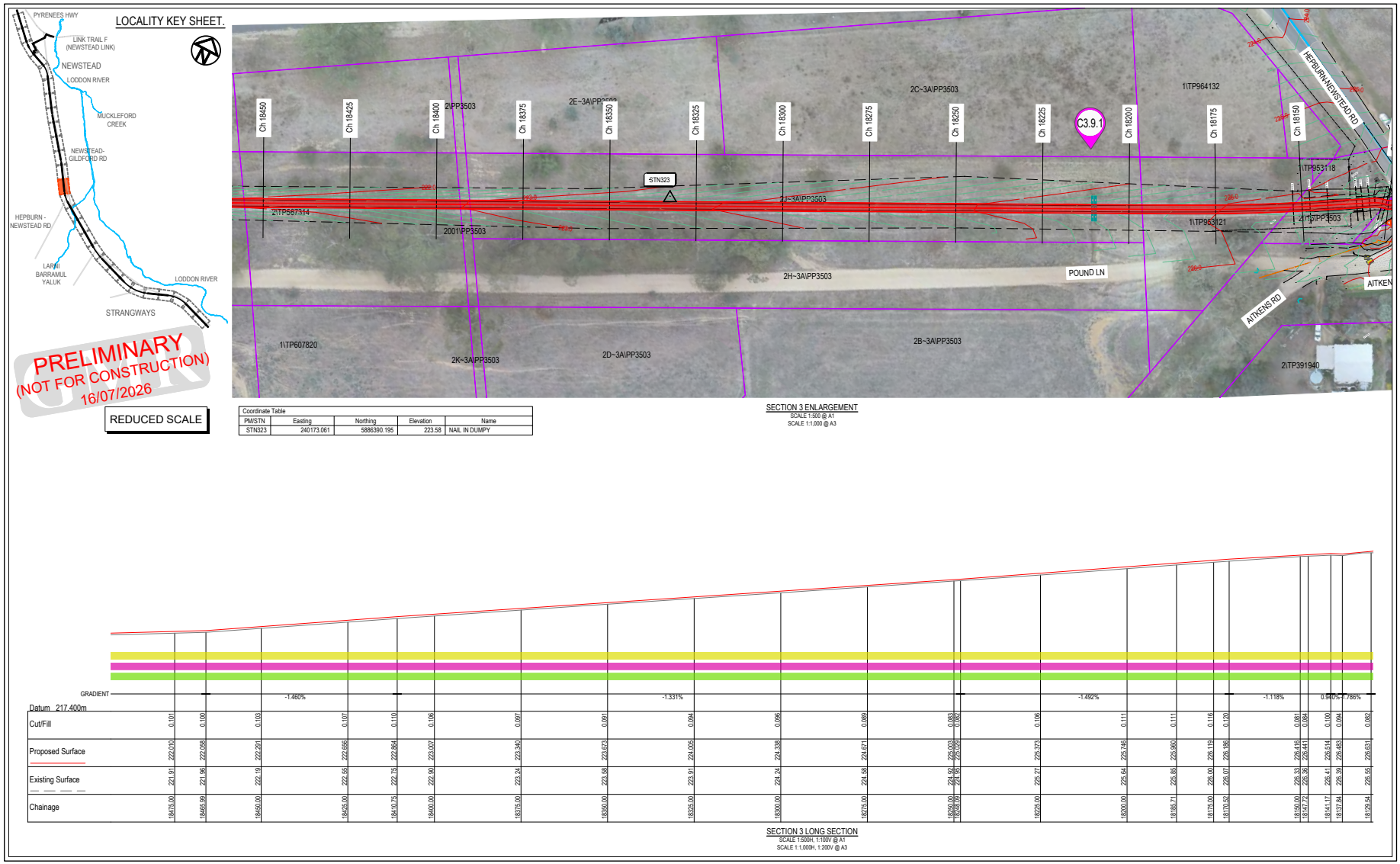
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LODDON RIVER
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R3.5
HEPBURN-NEWSTEAD RD
6.9m
TELSTRA
OH ELECTRICITY
GRADIENT
-1.118%
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Datum 217.400m
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Proposed Surface
Existing Surface
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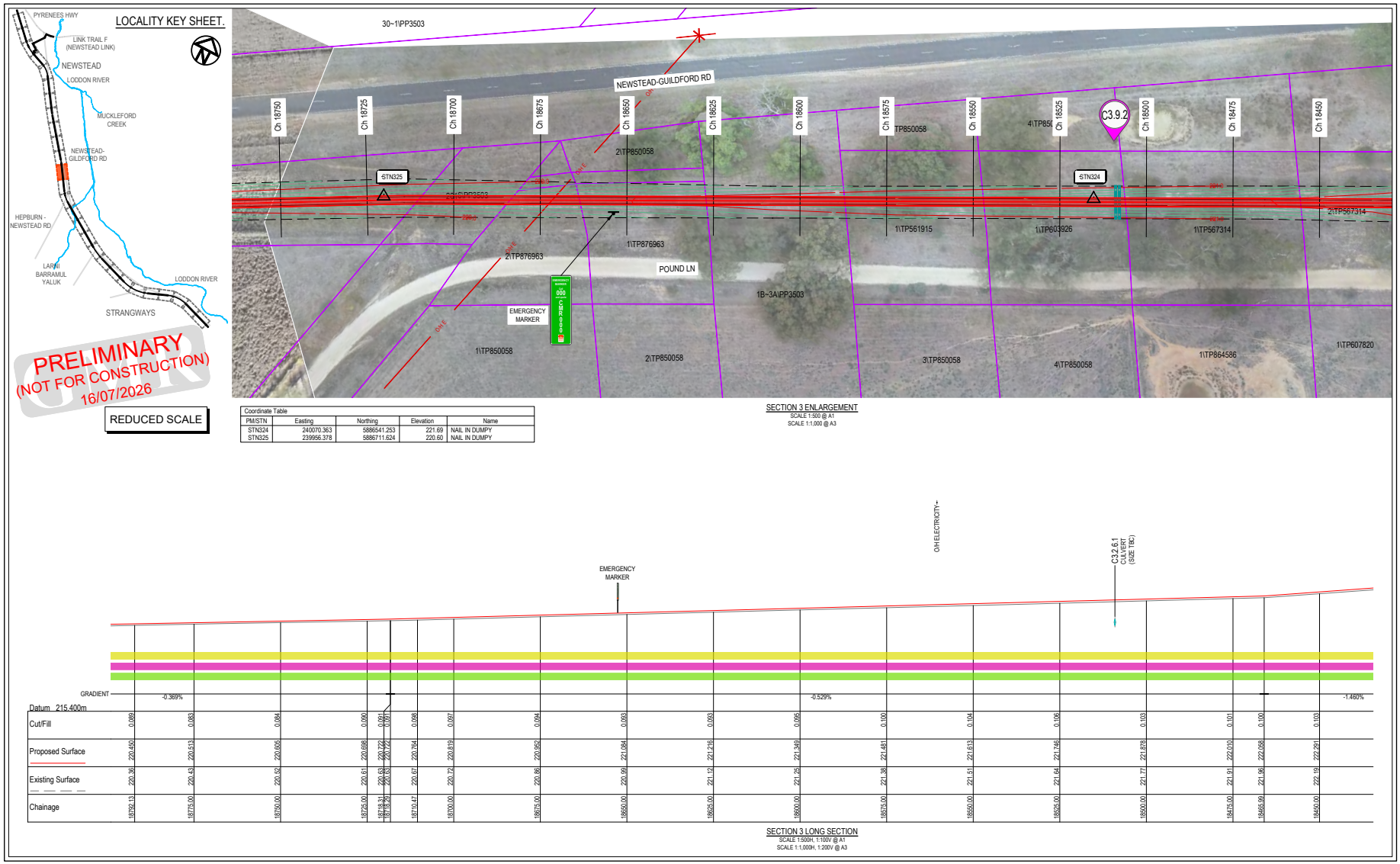
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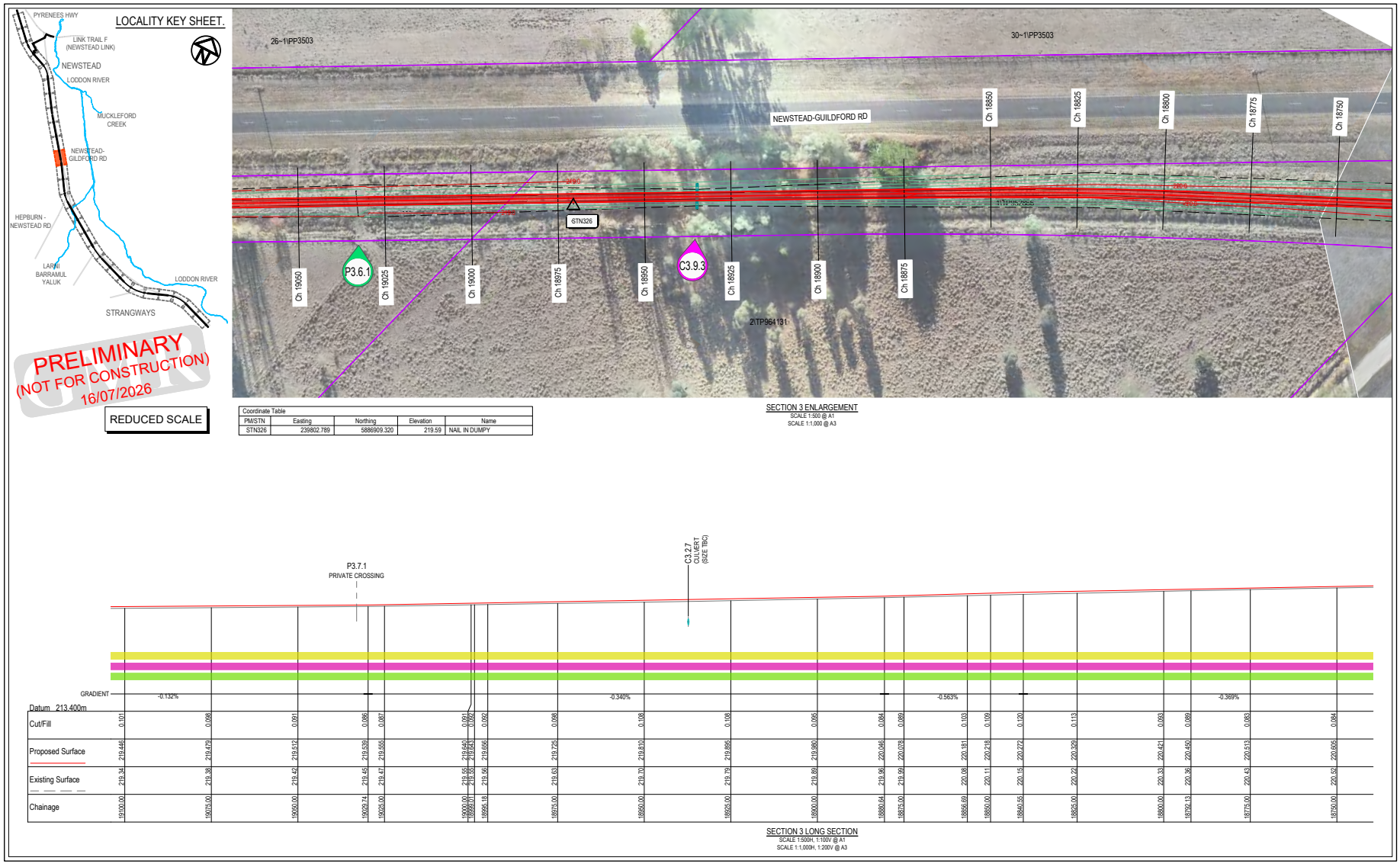
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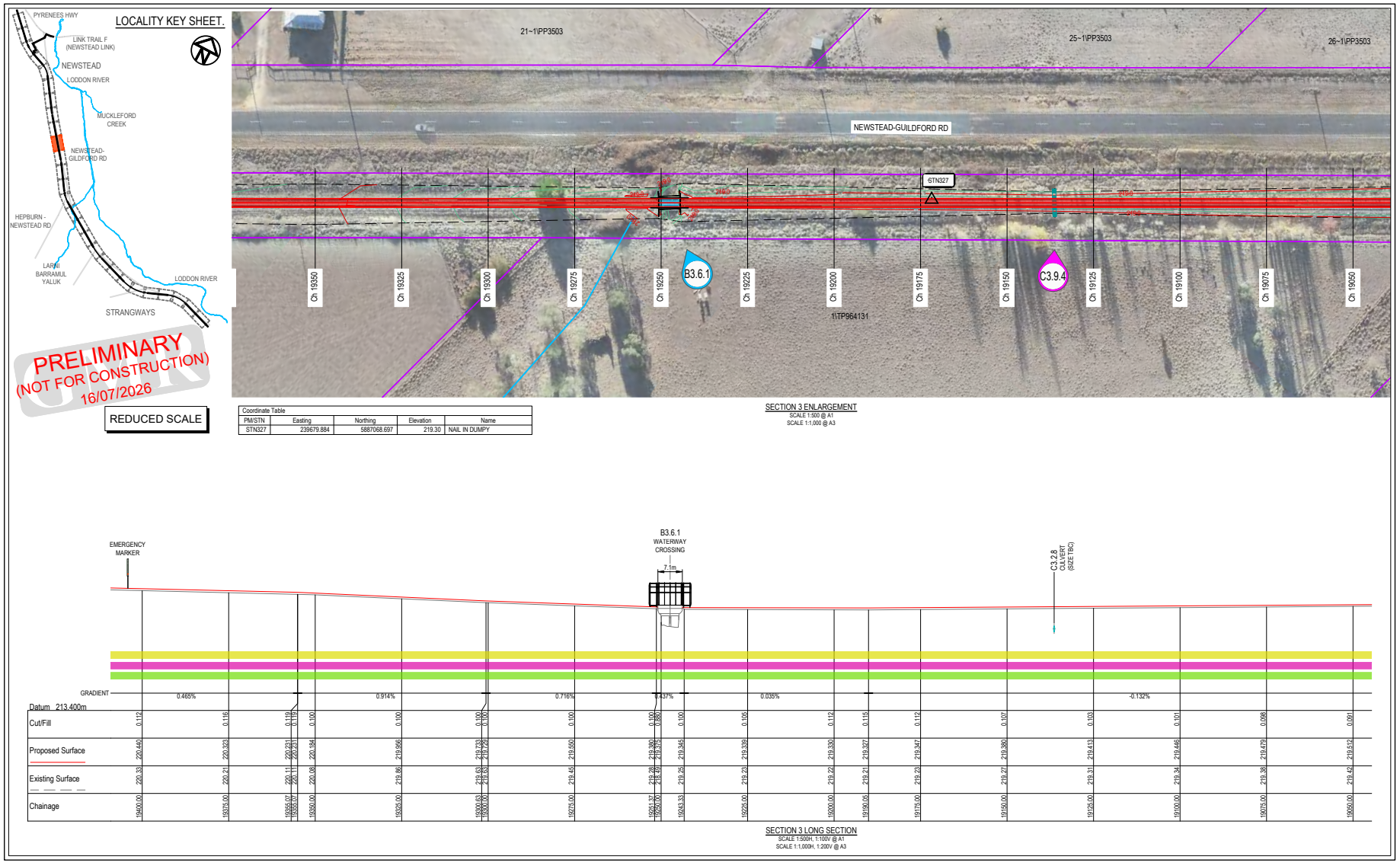
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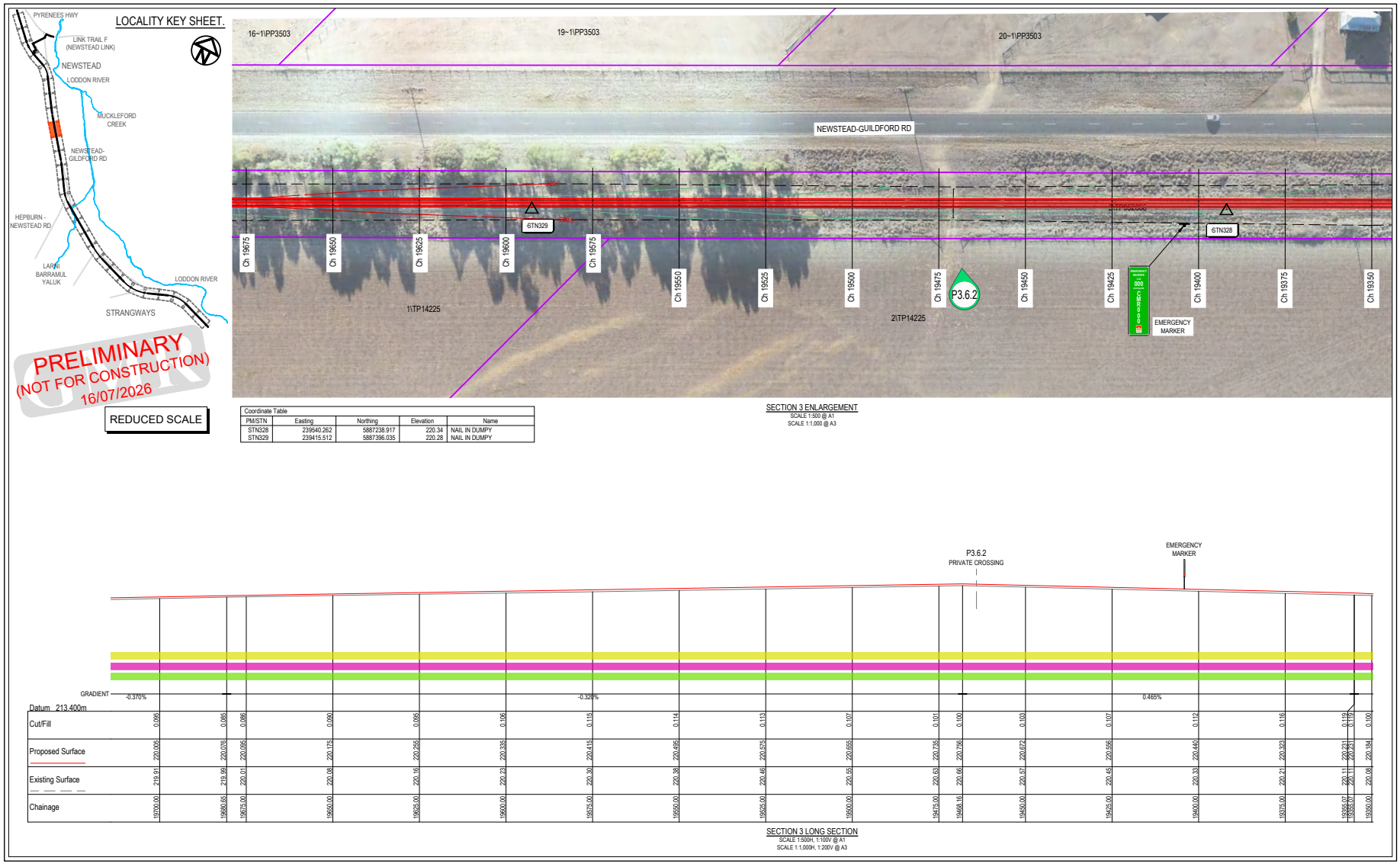
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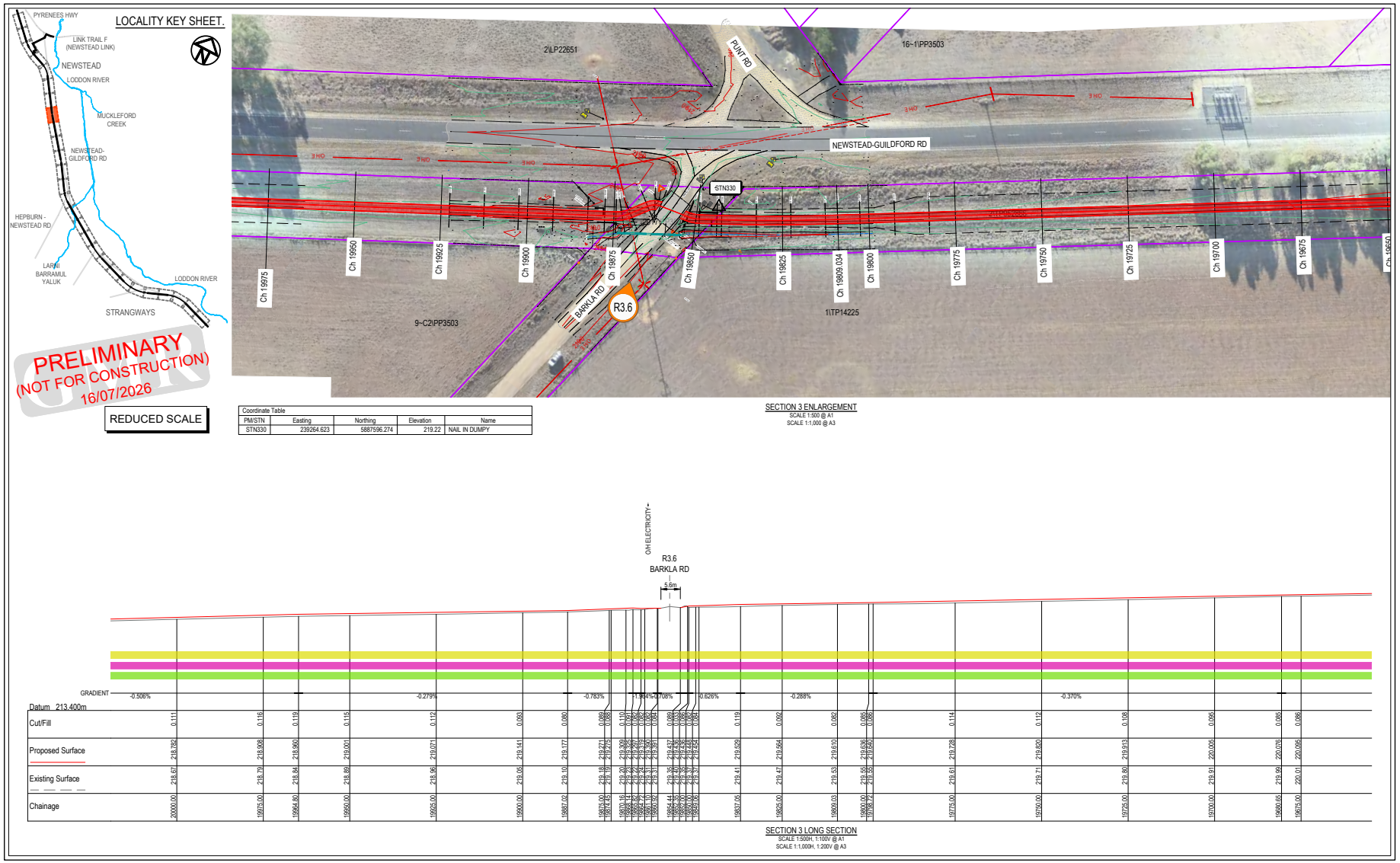
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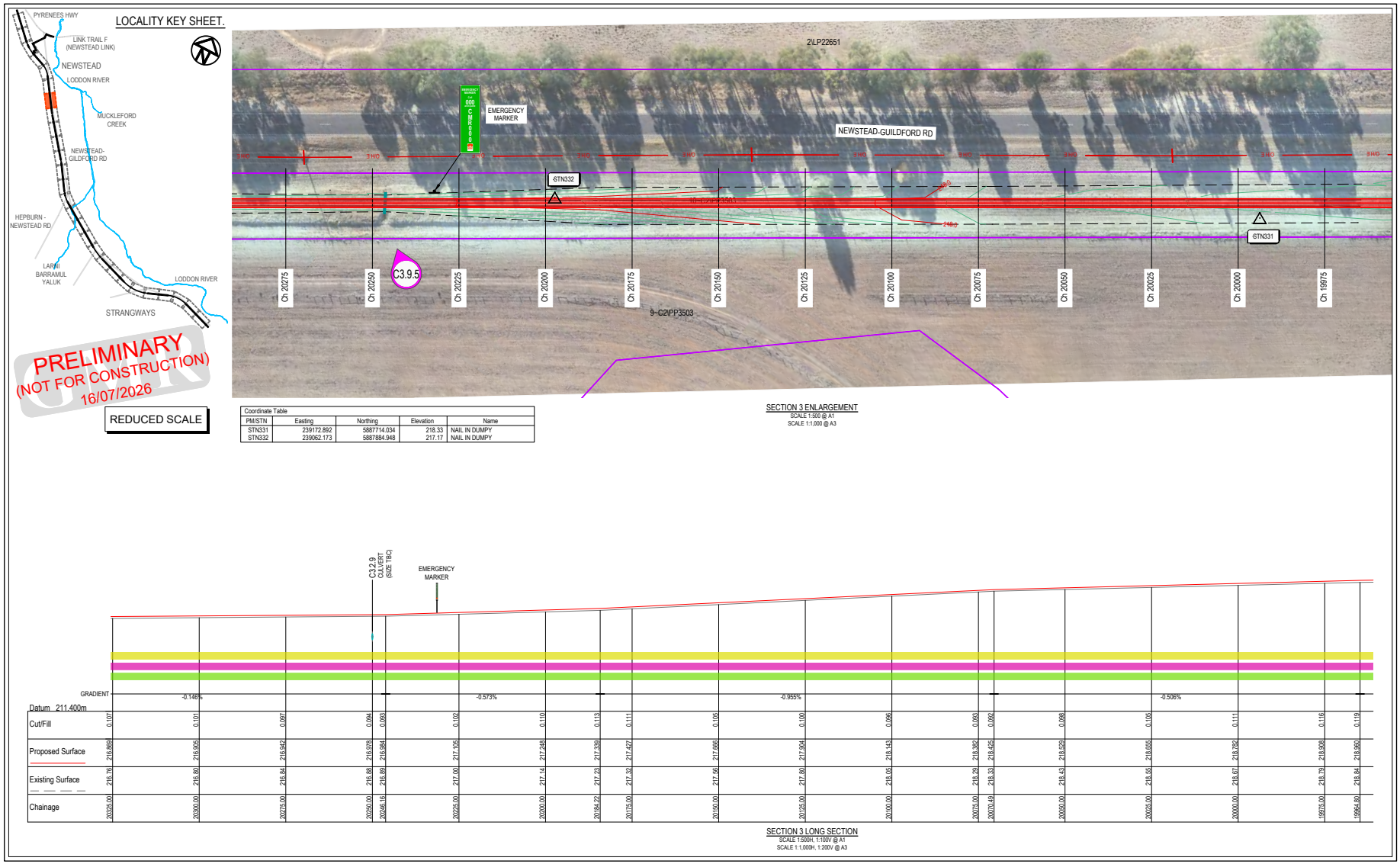
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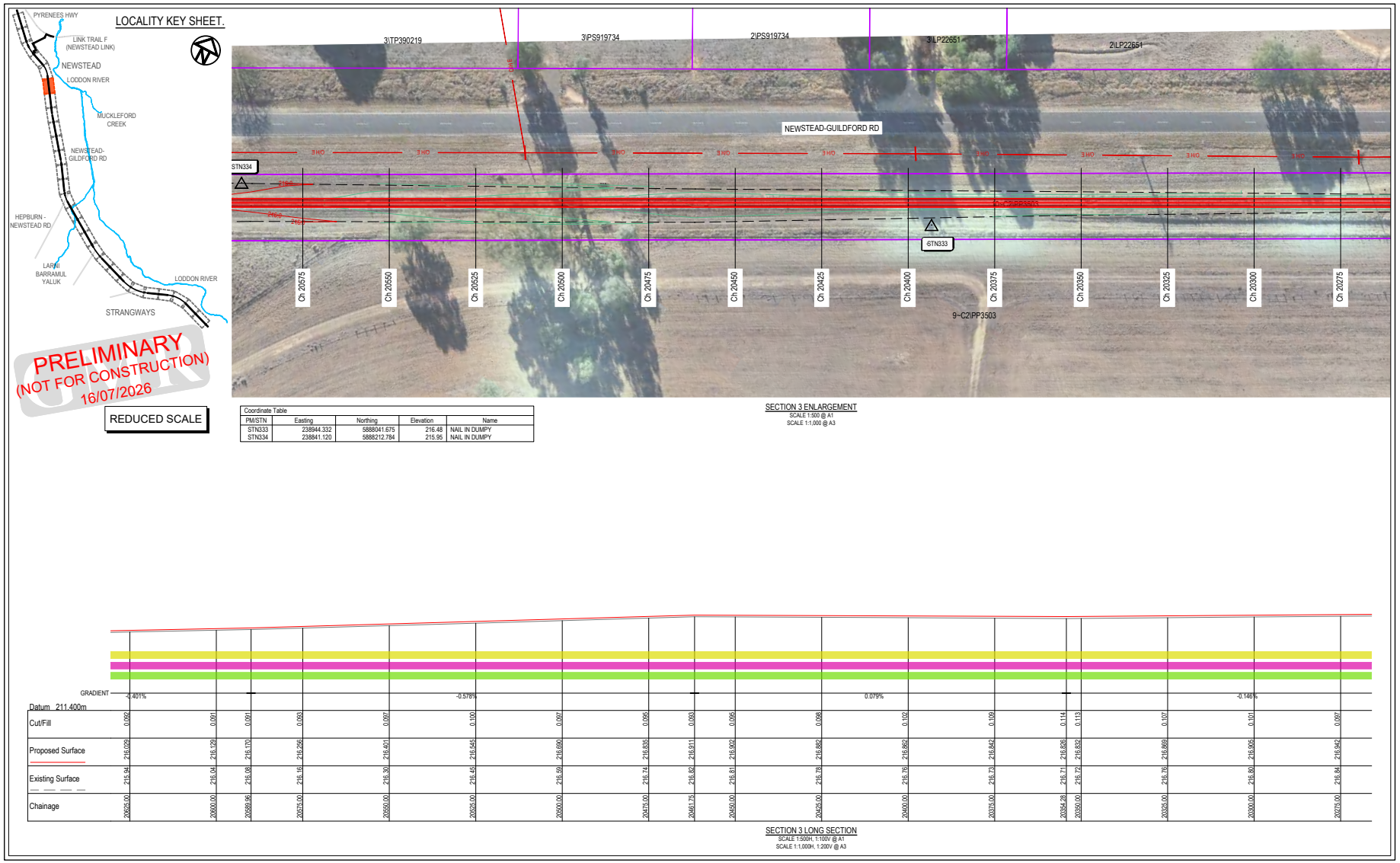
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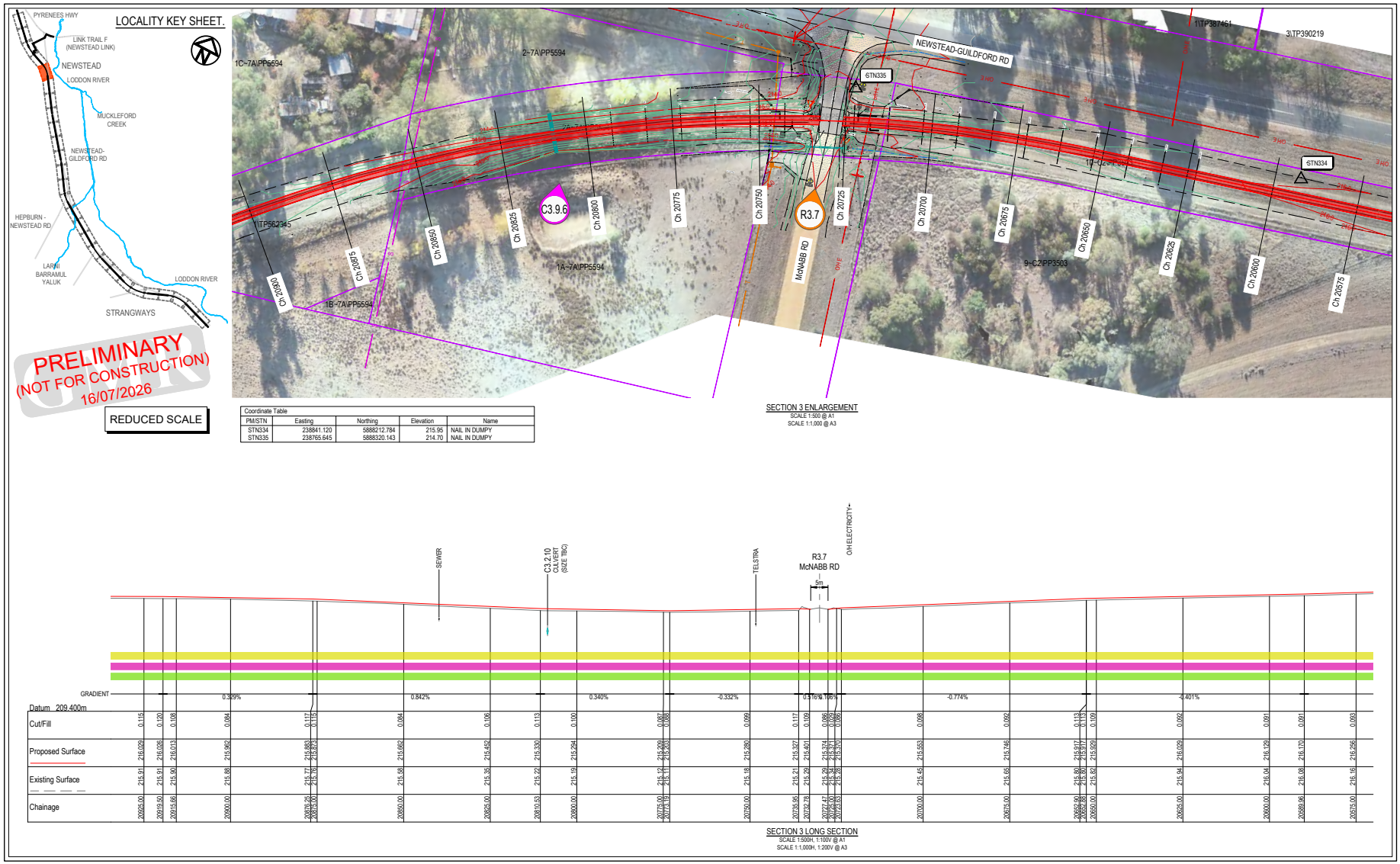
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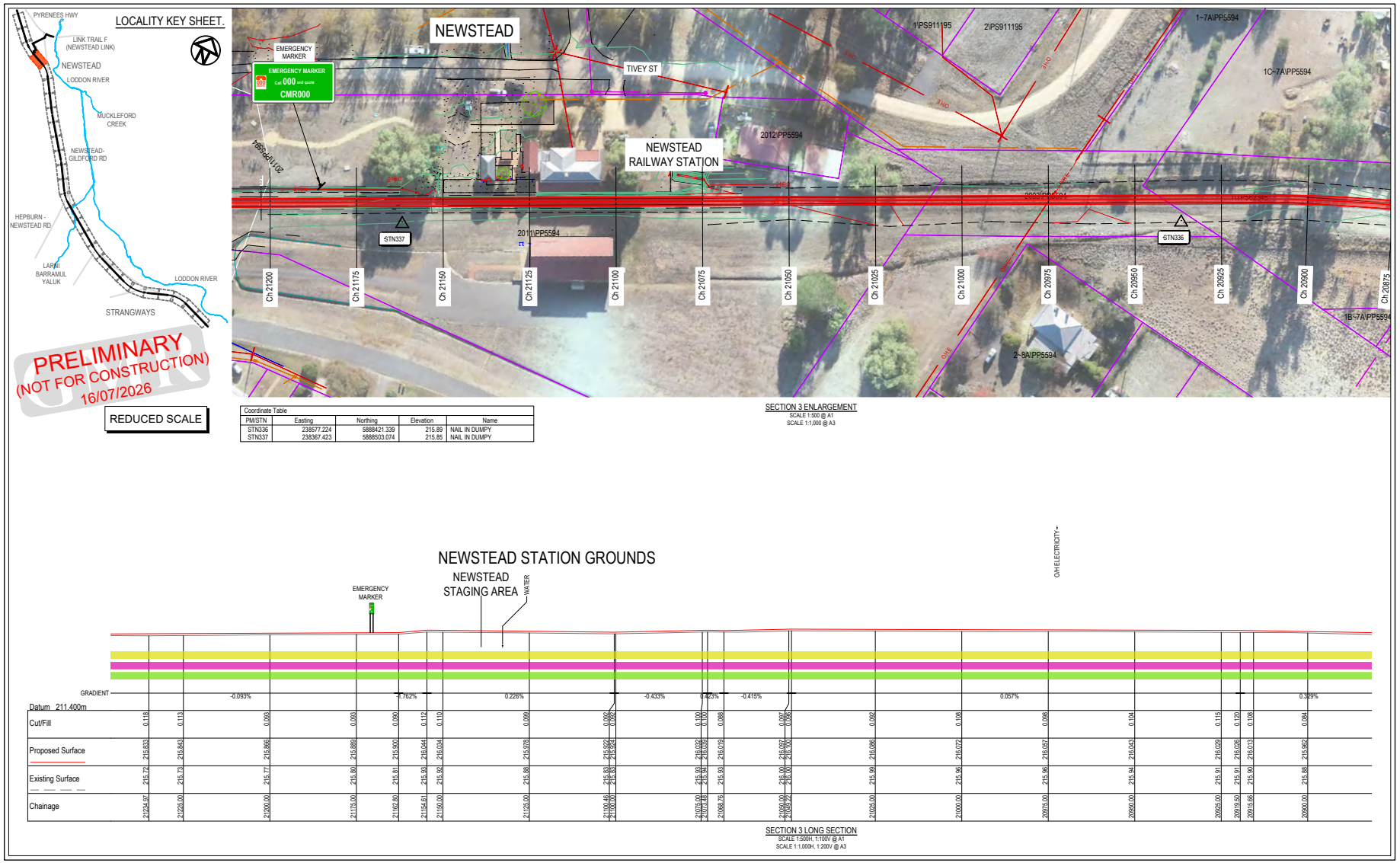
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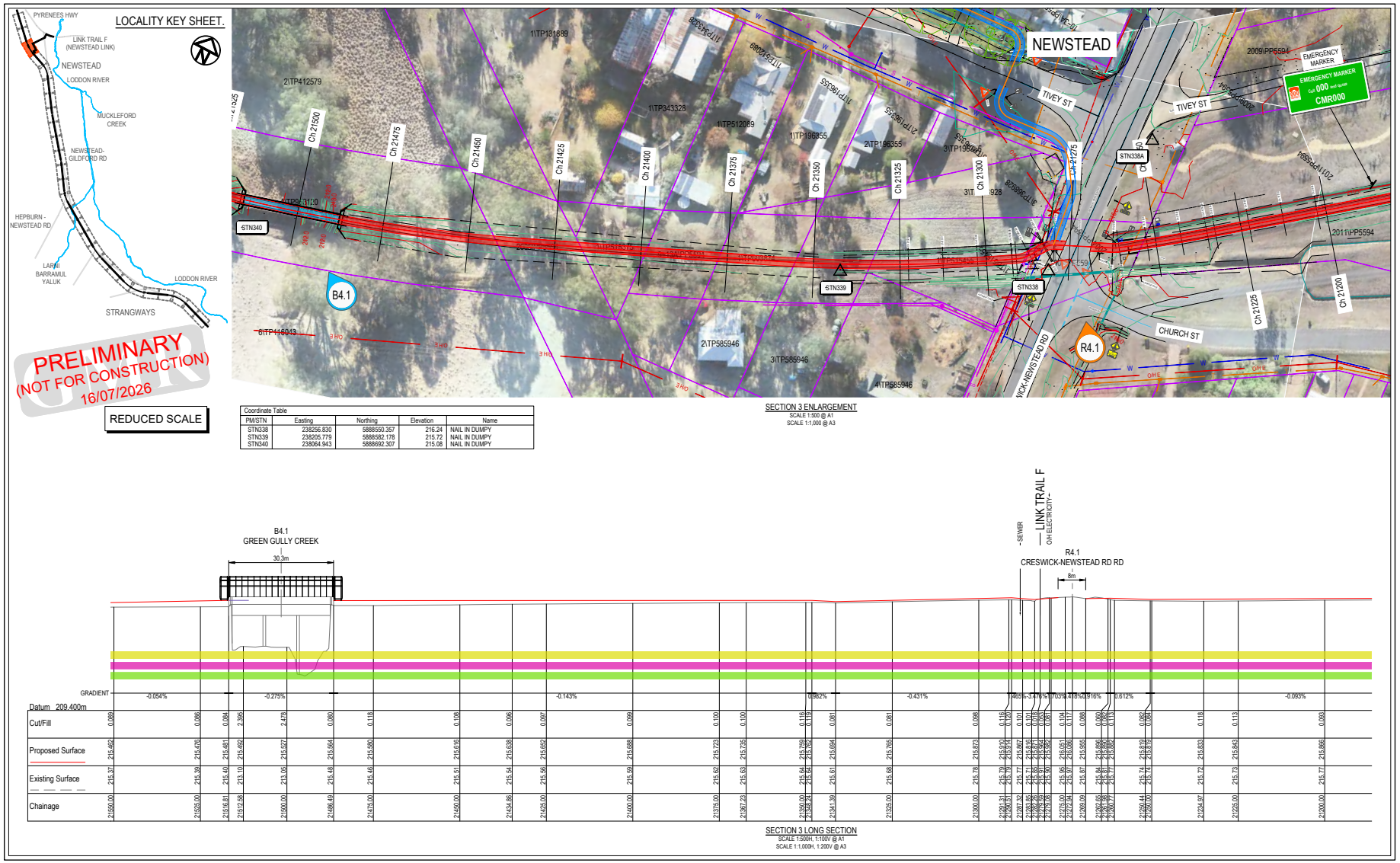
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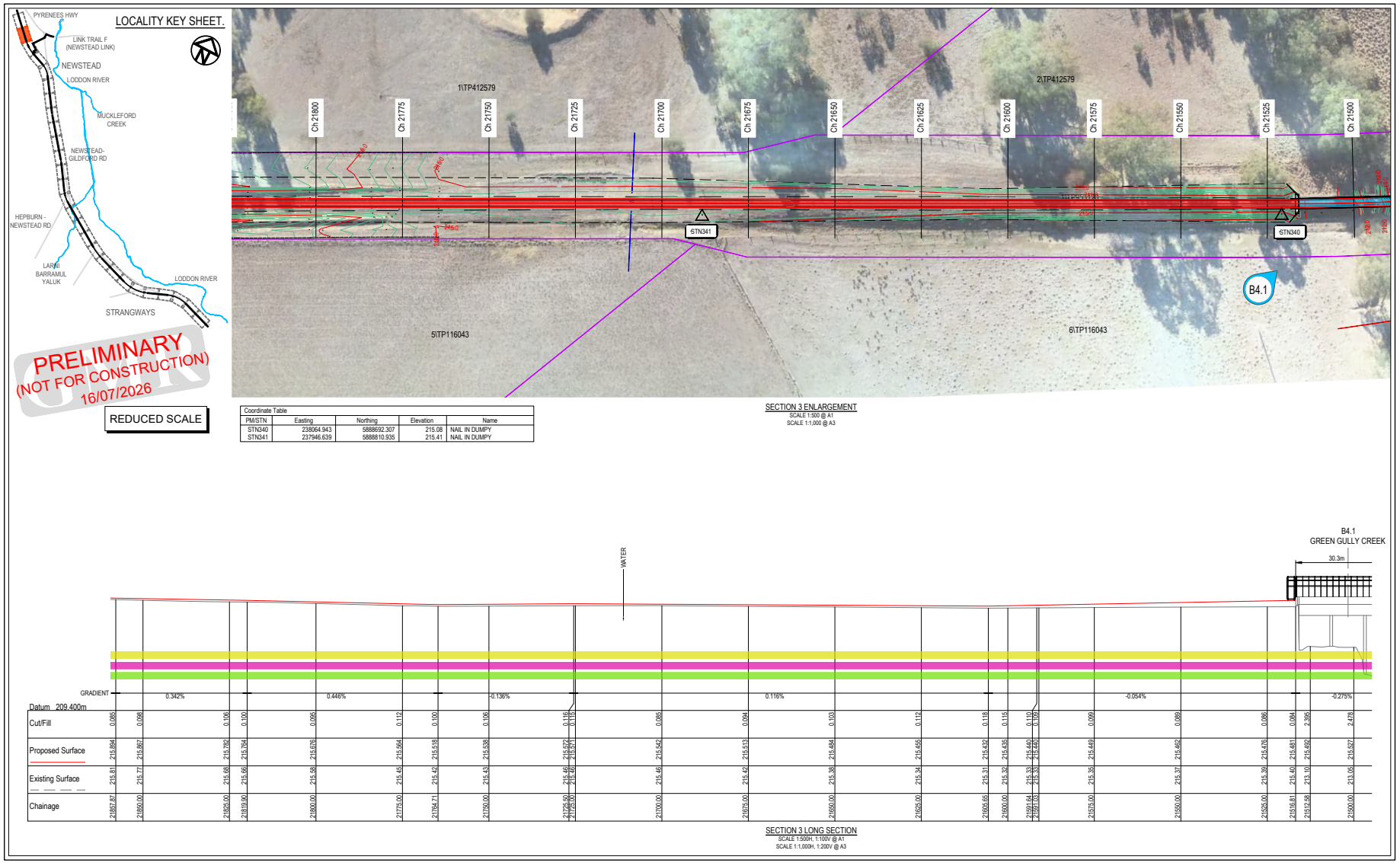
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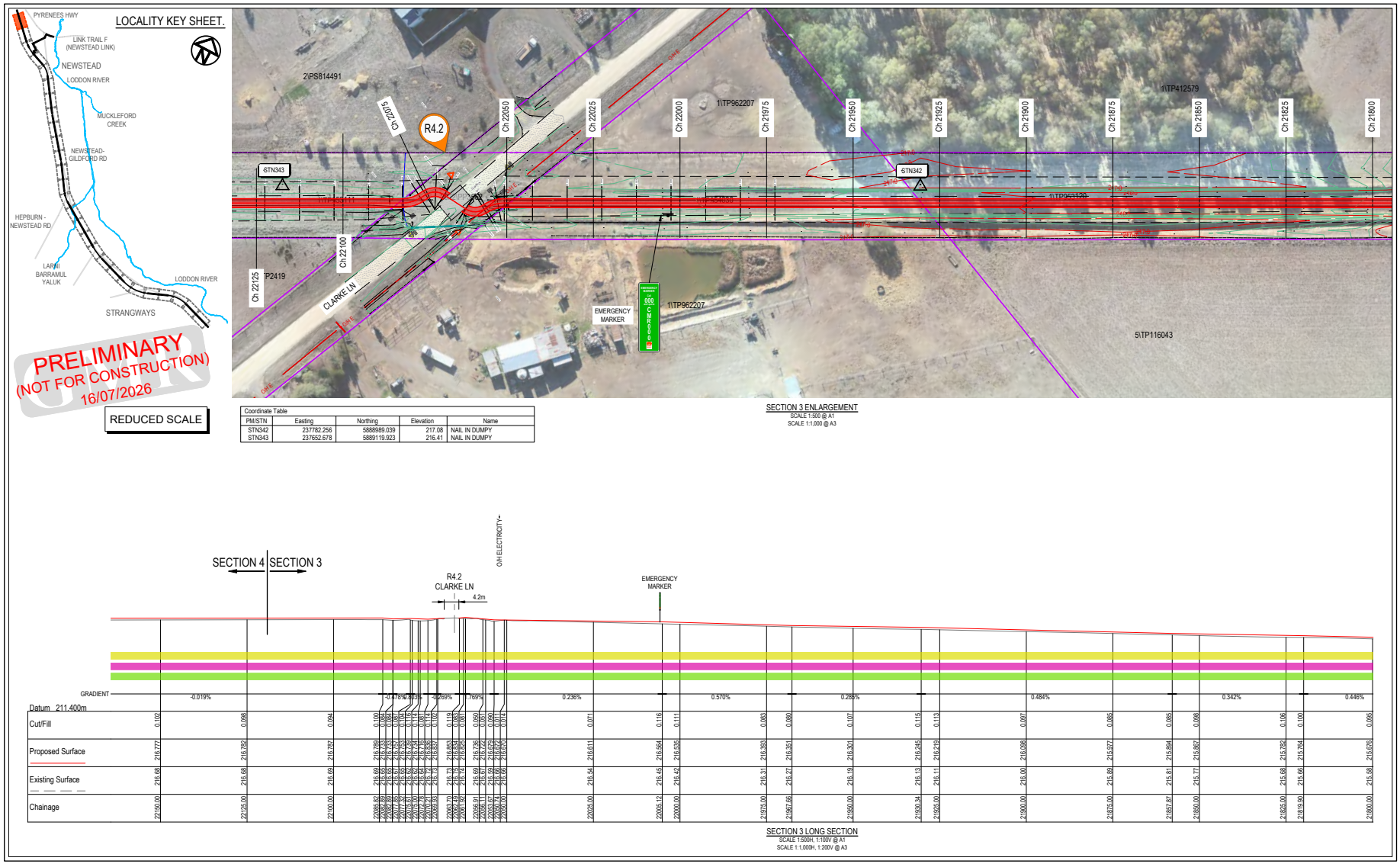
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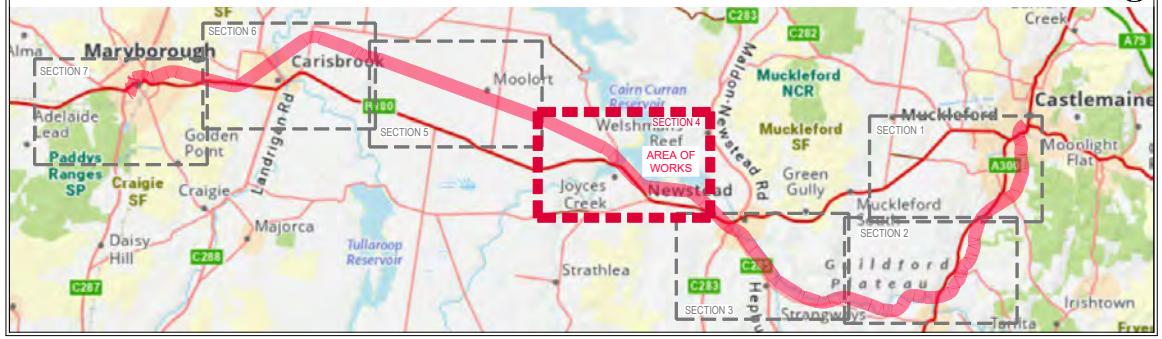
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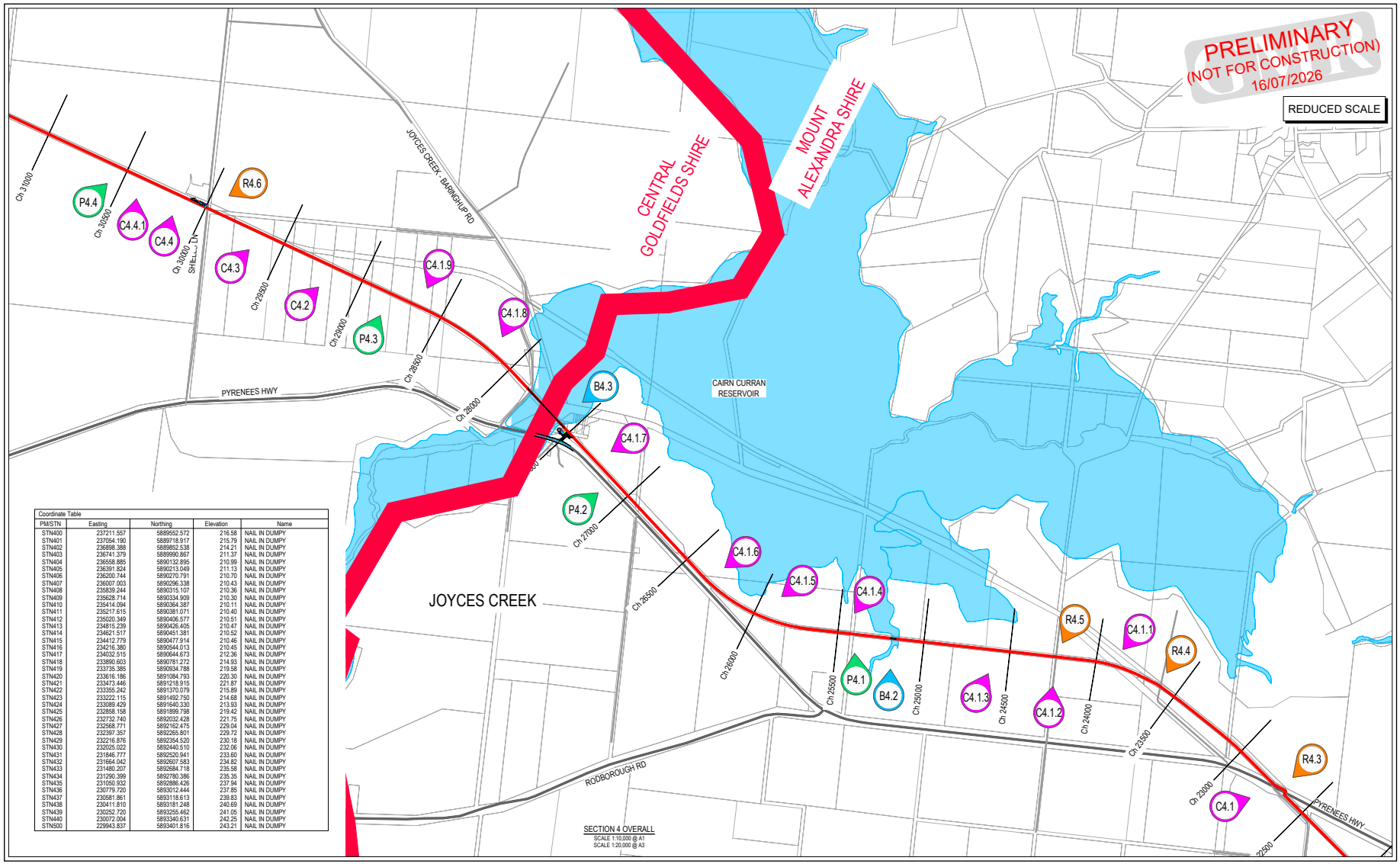


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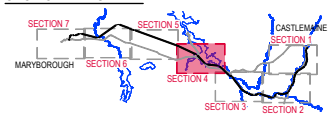
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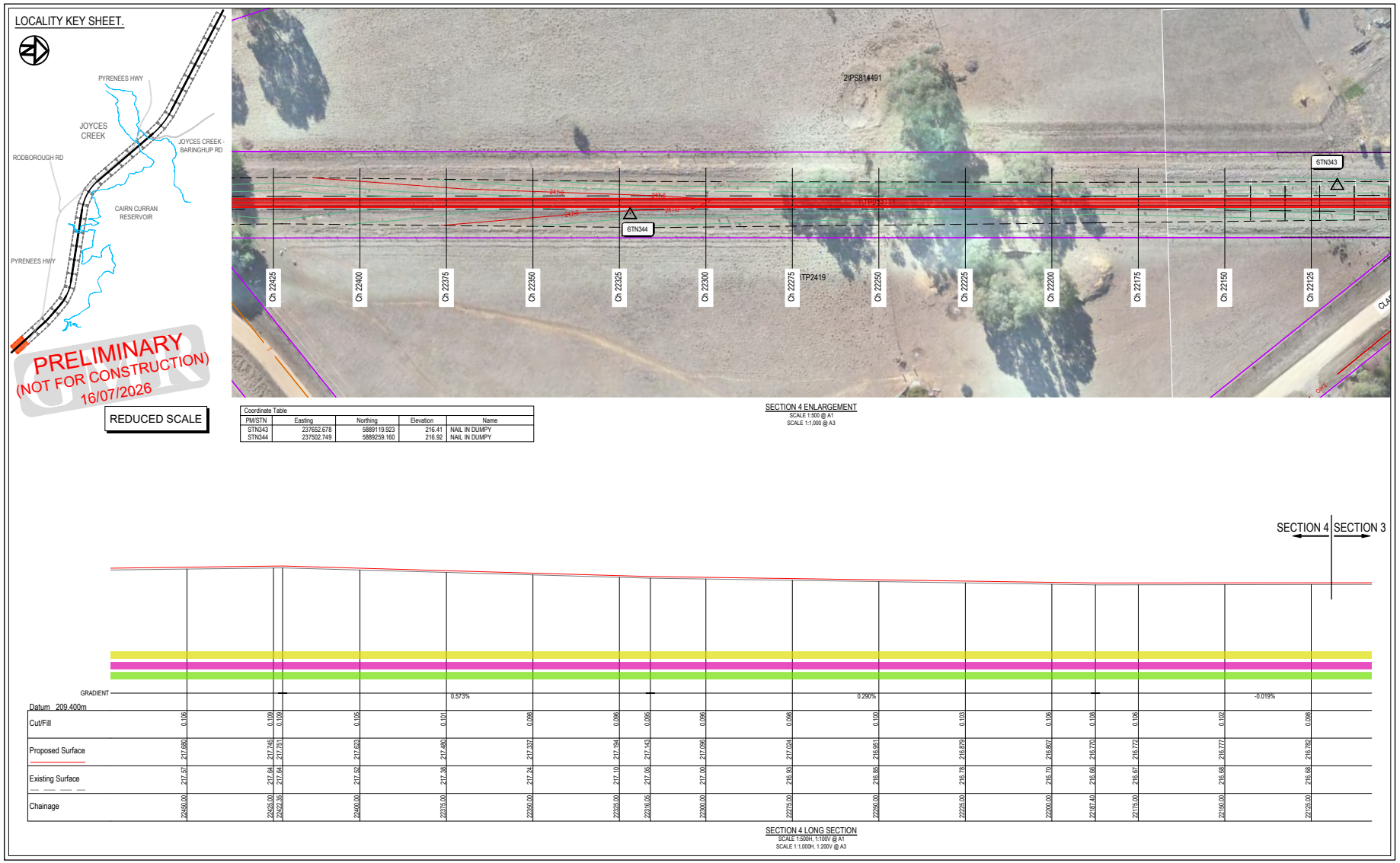
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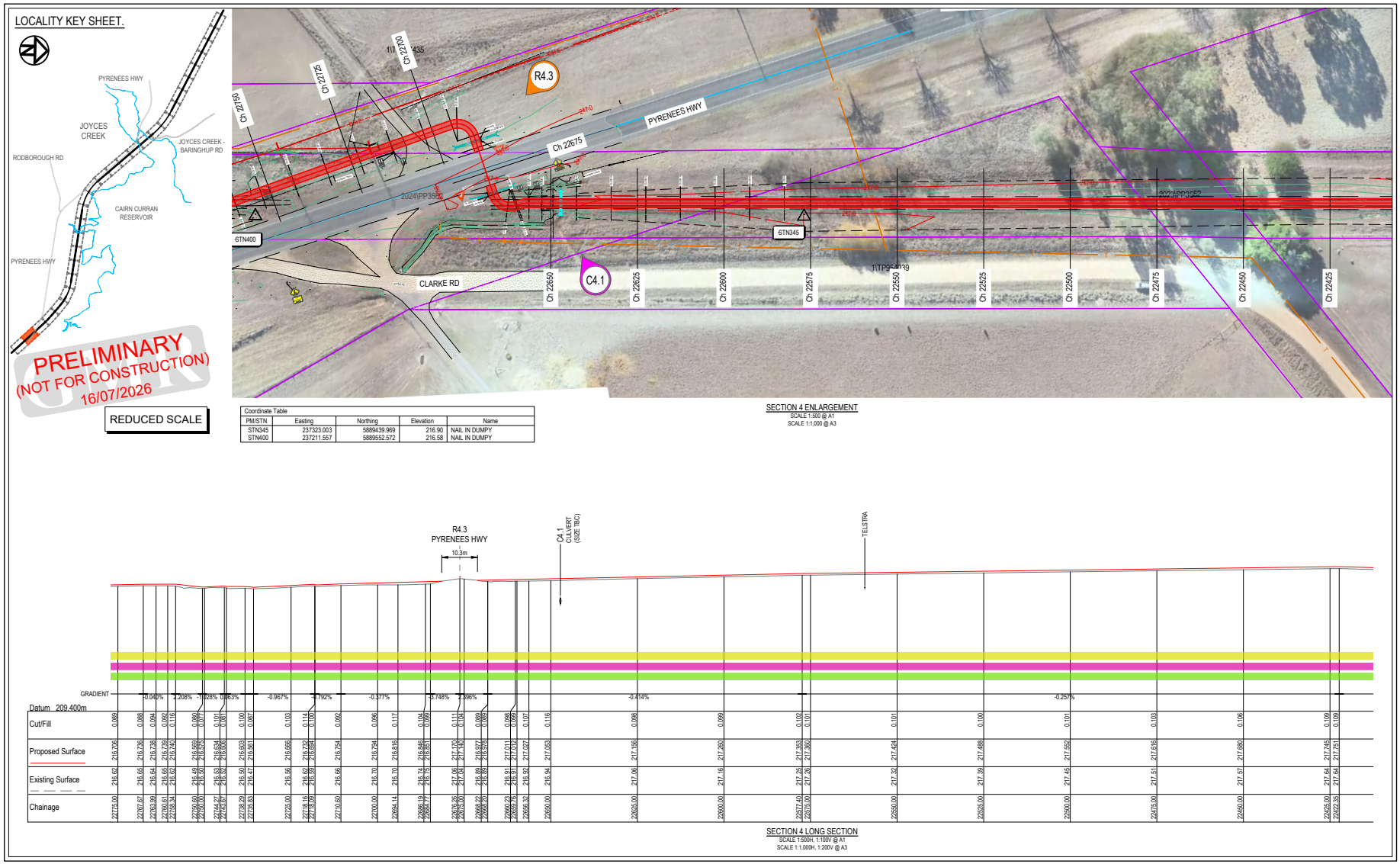
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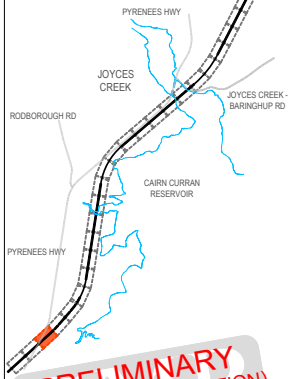
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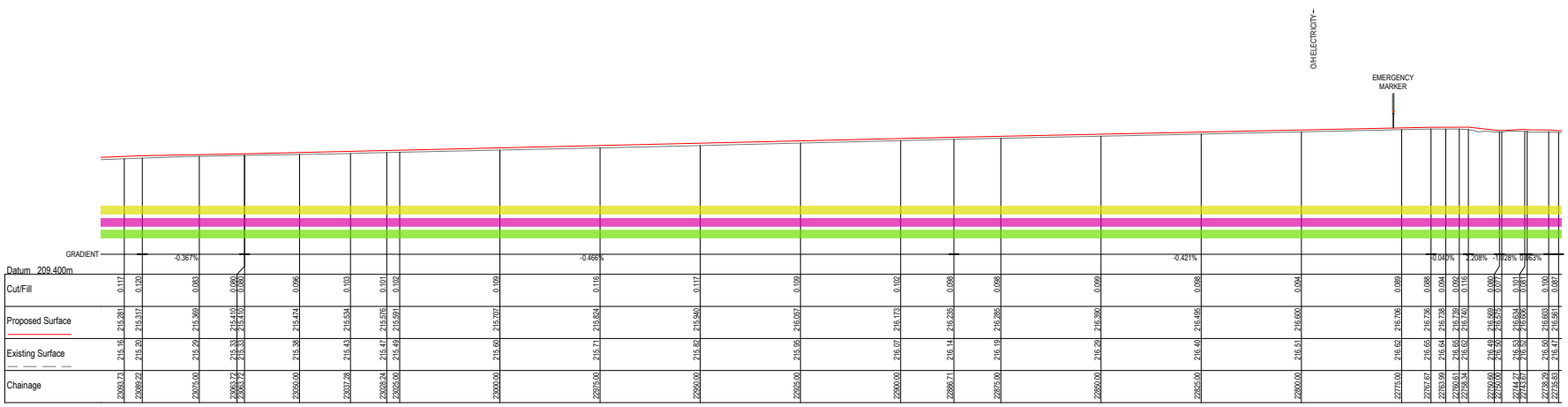
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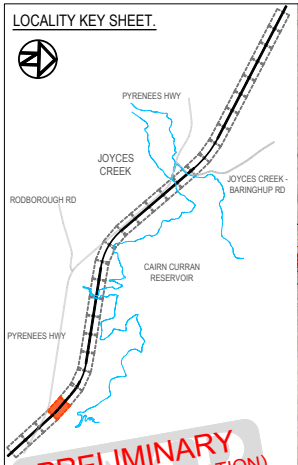
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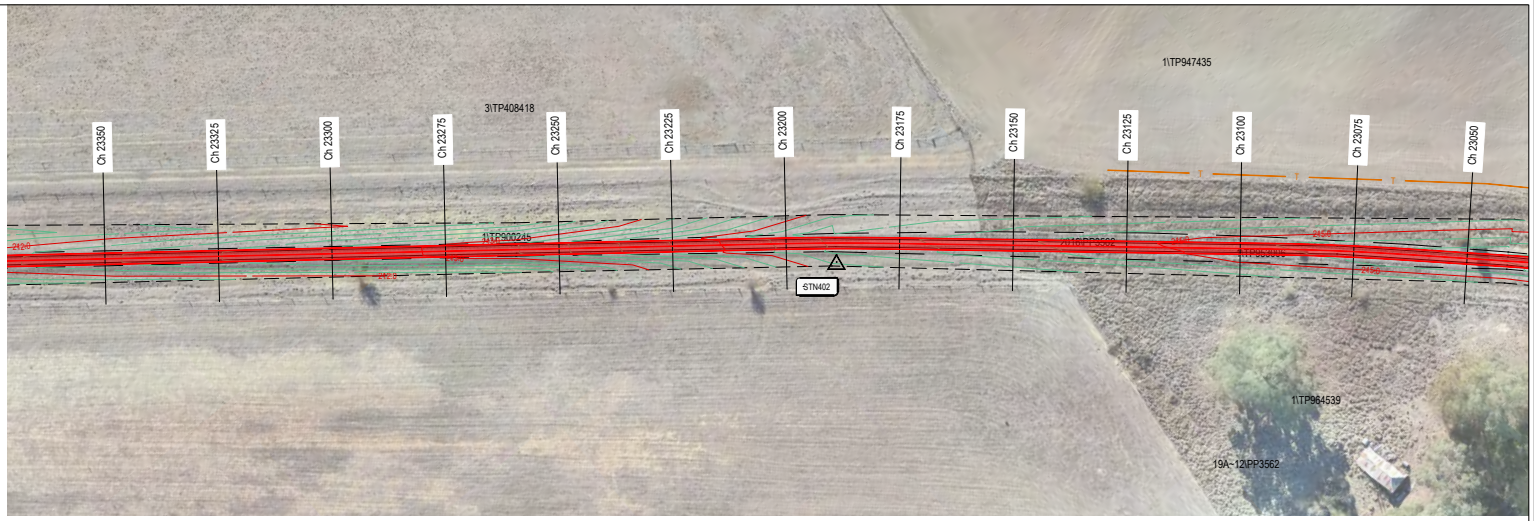
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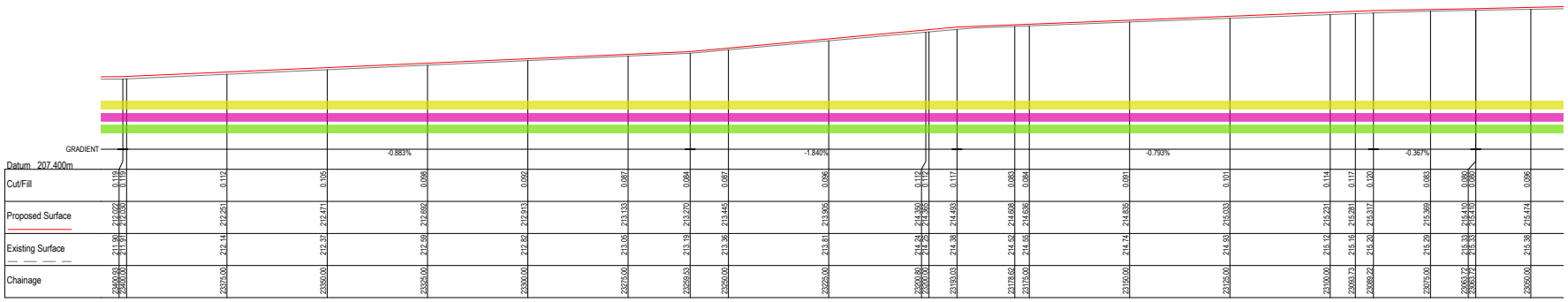
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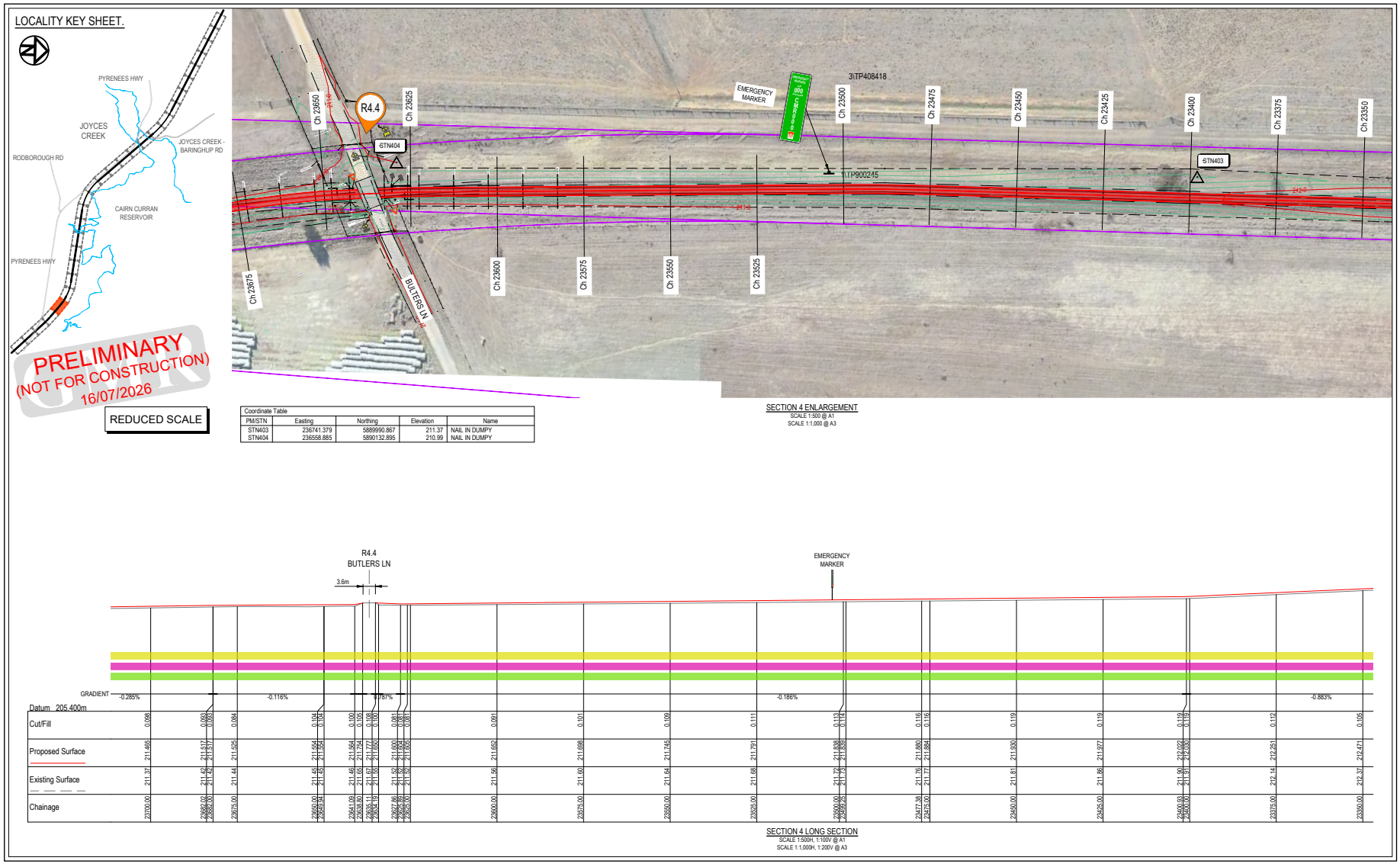
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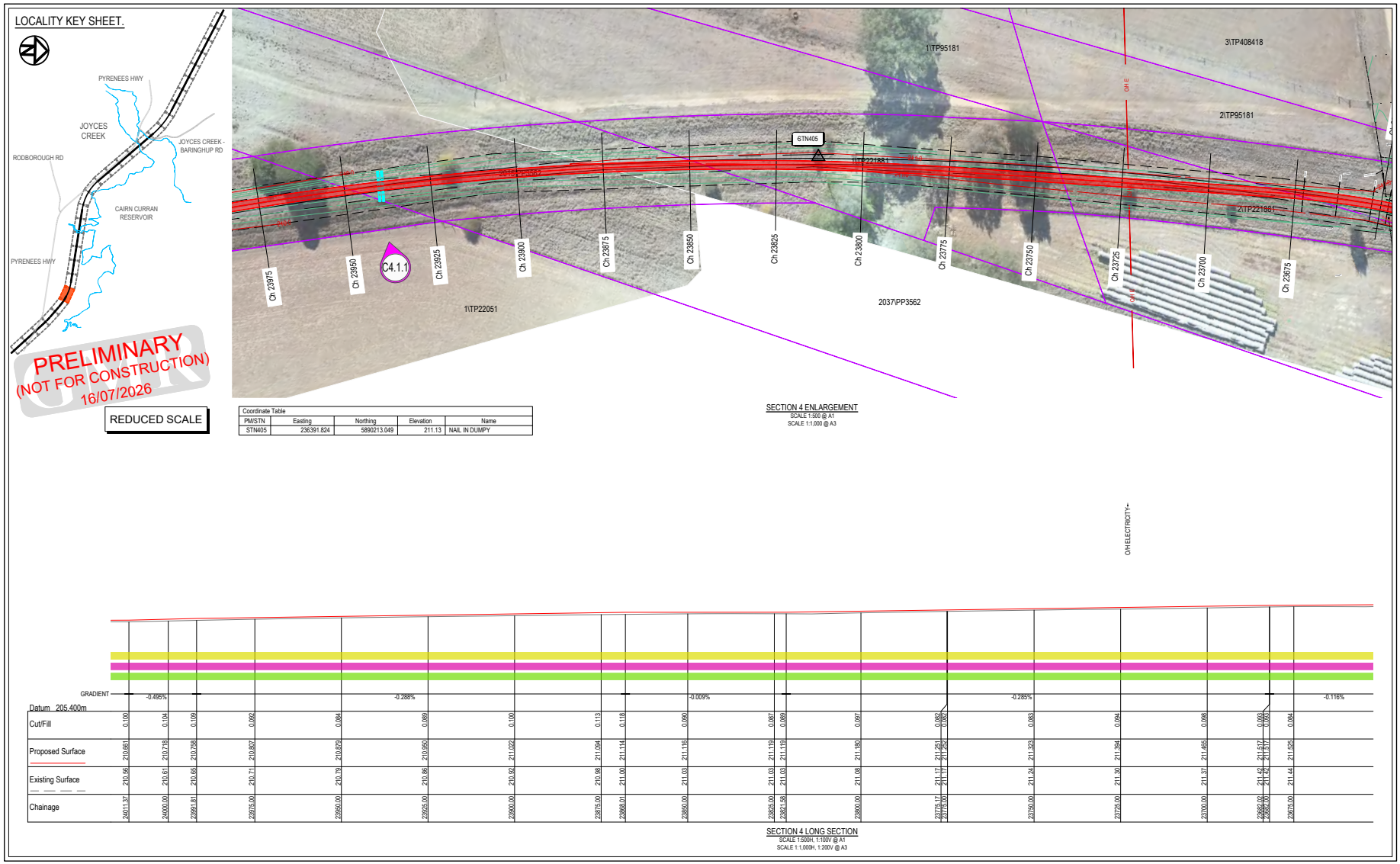
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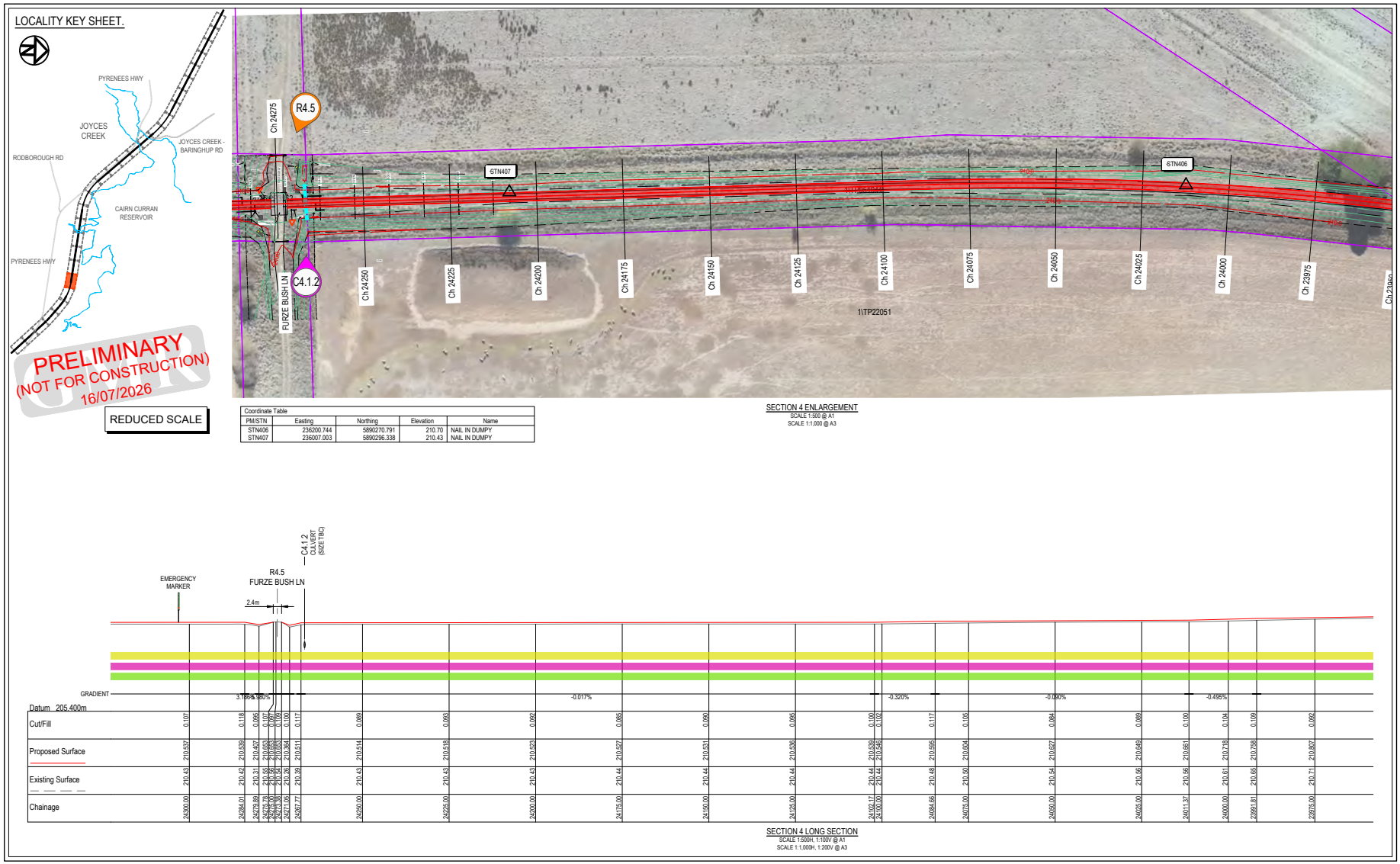
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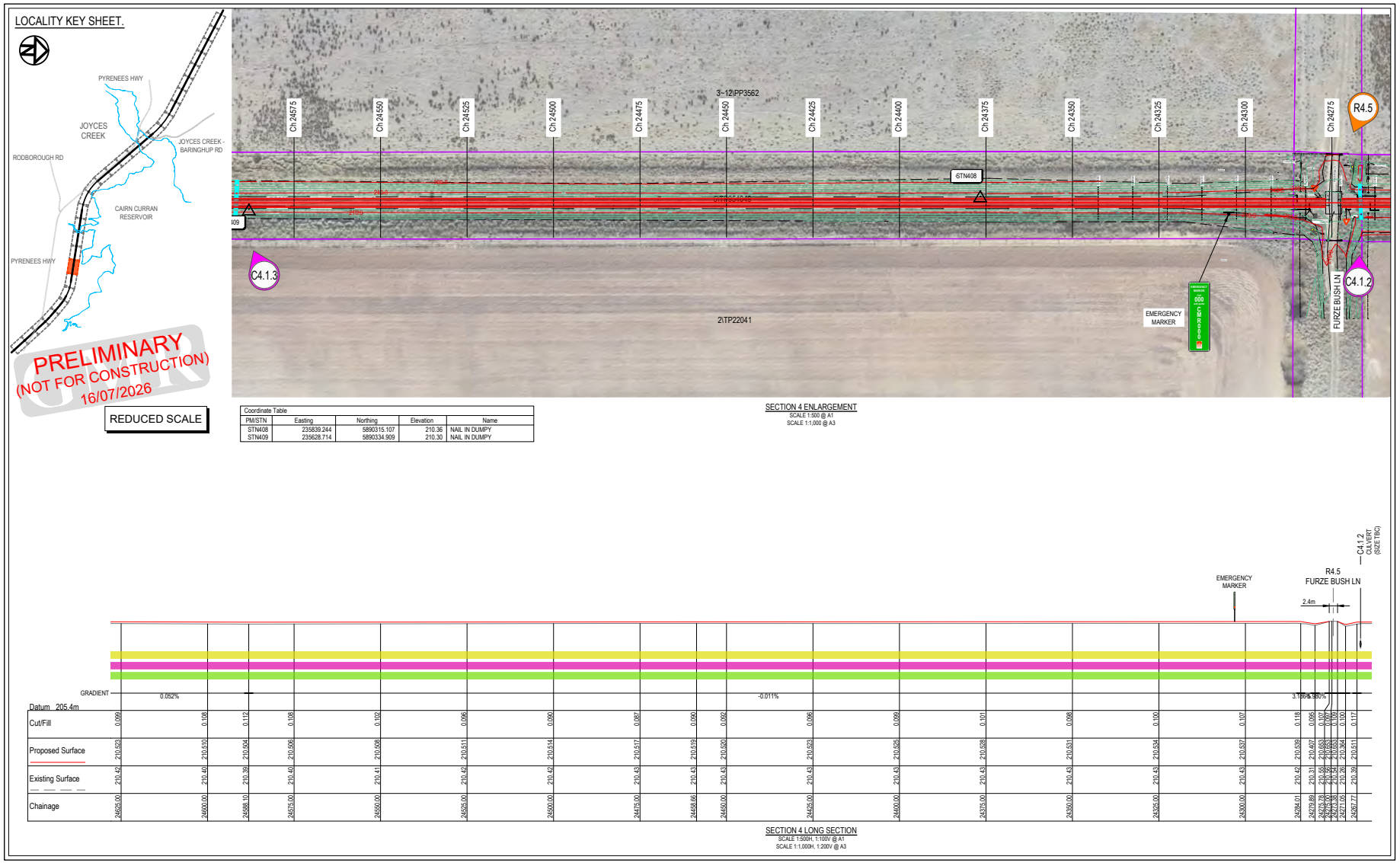
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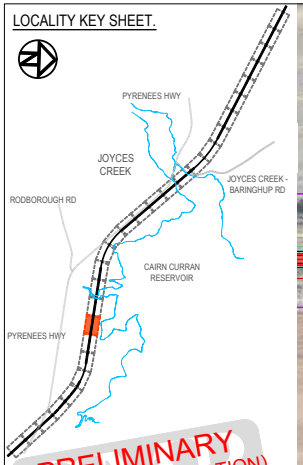
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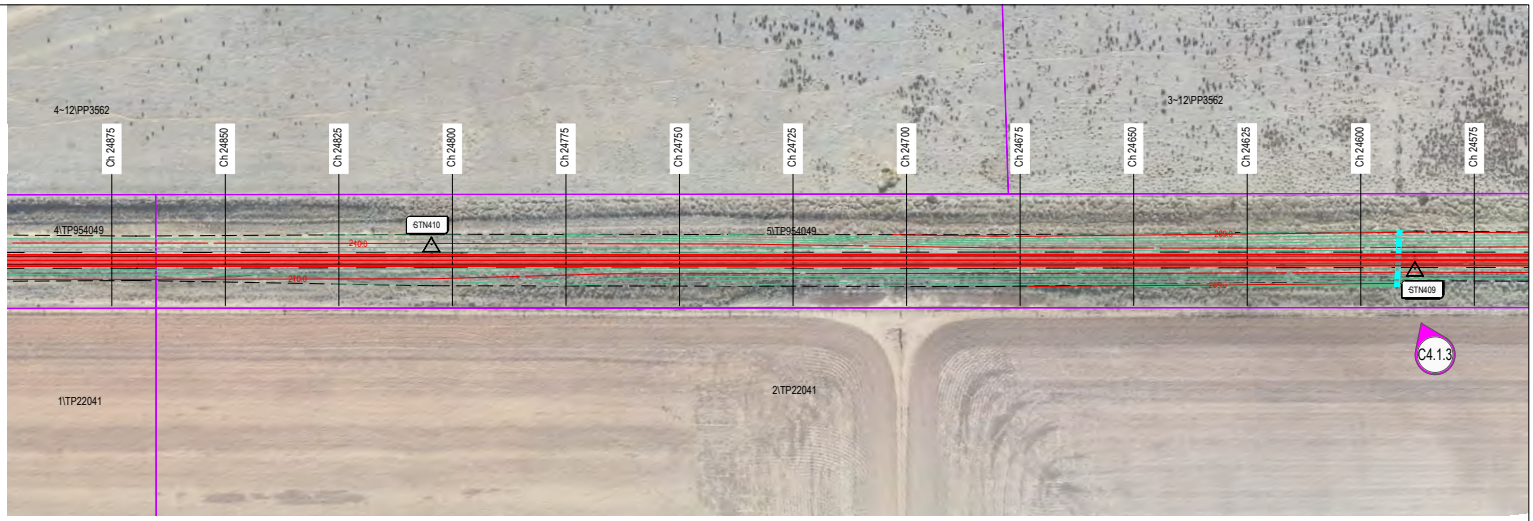
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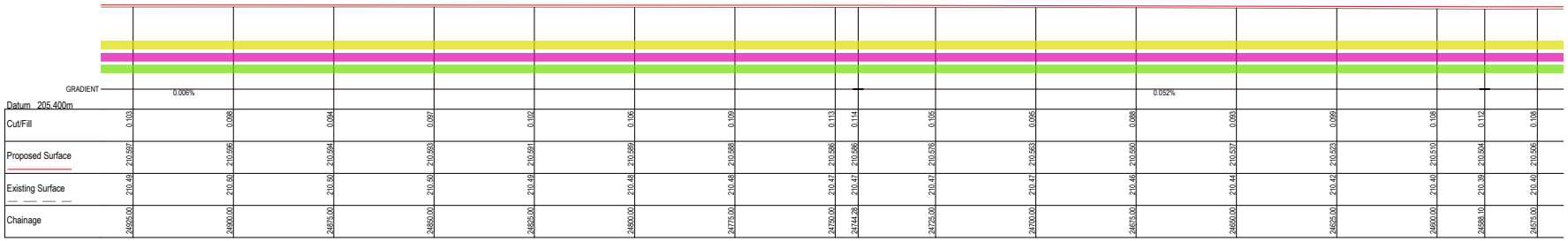
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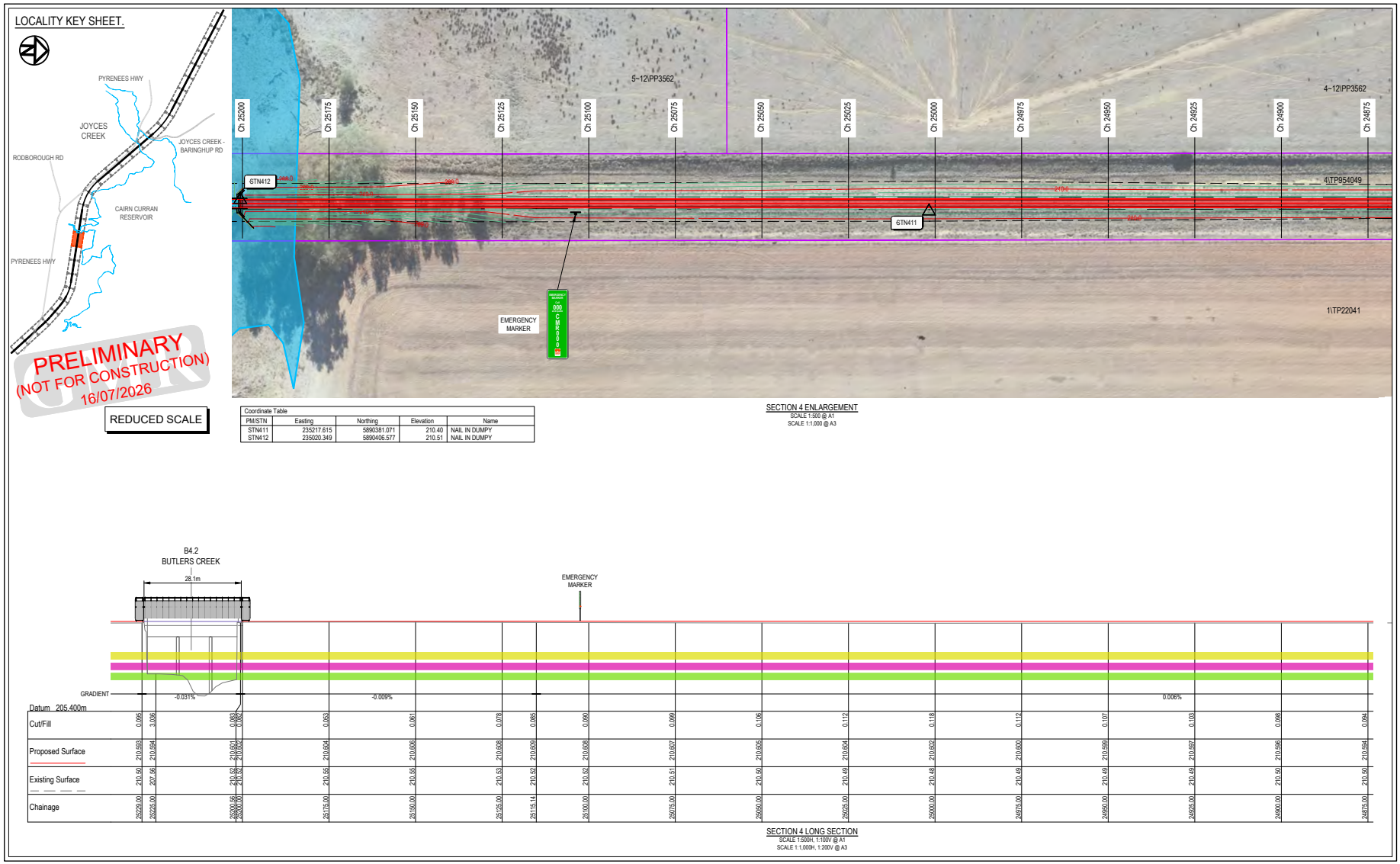
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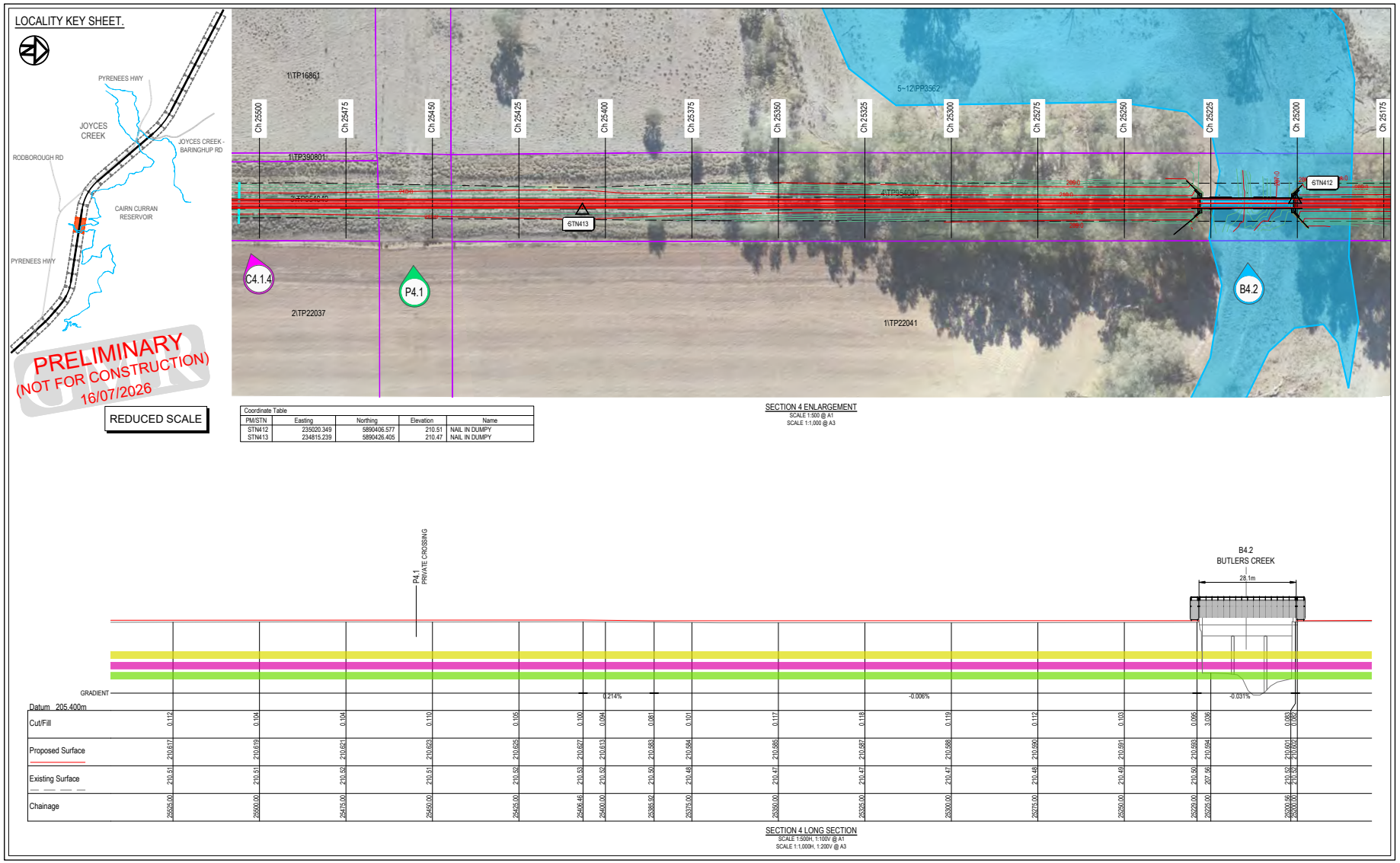
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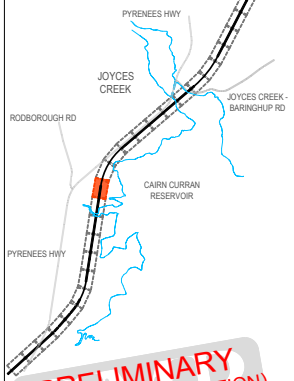
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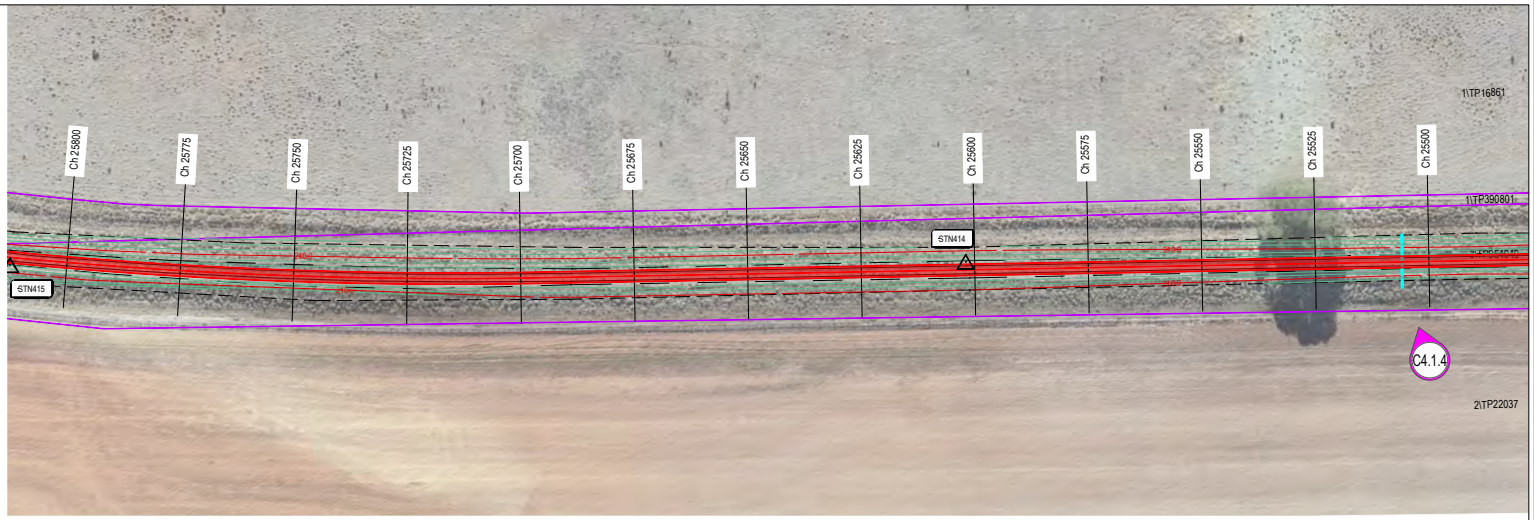
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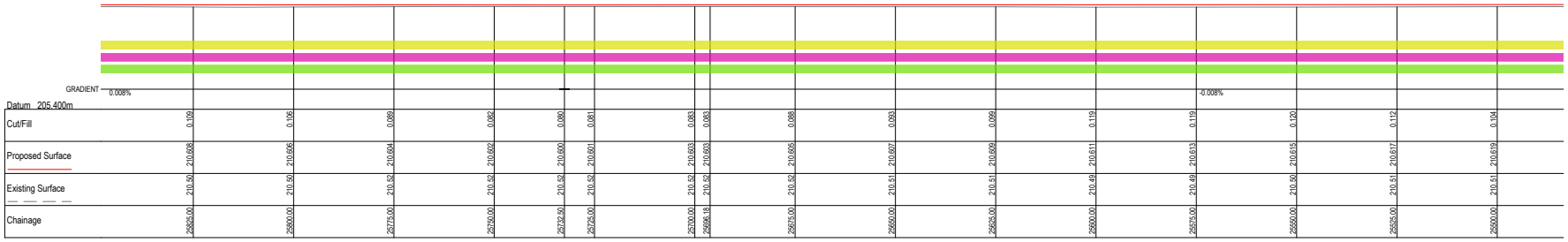
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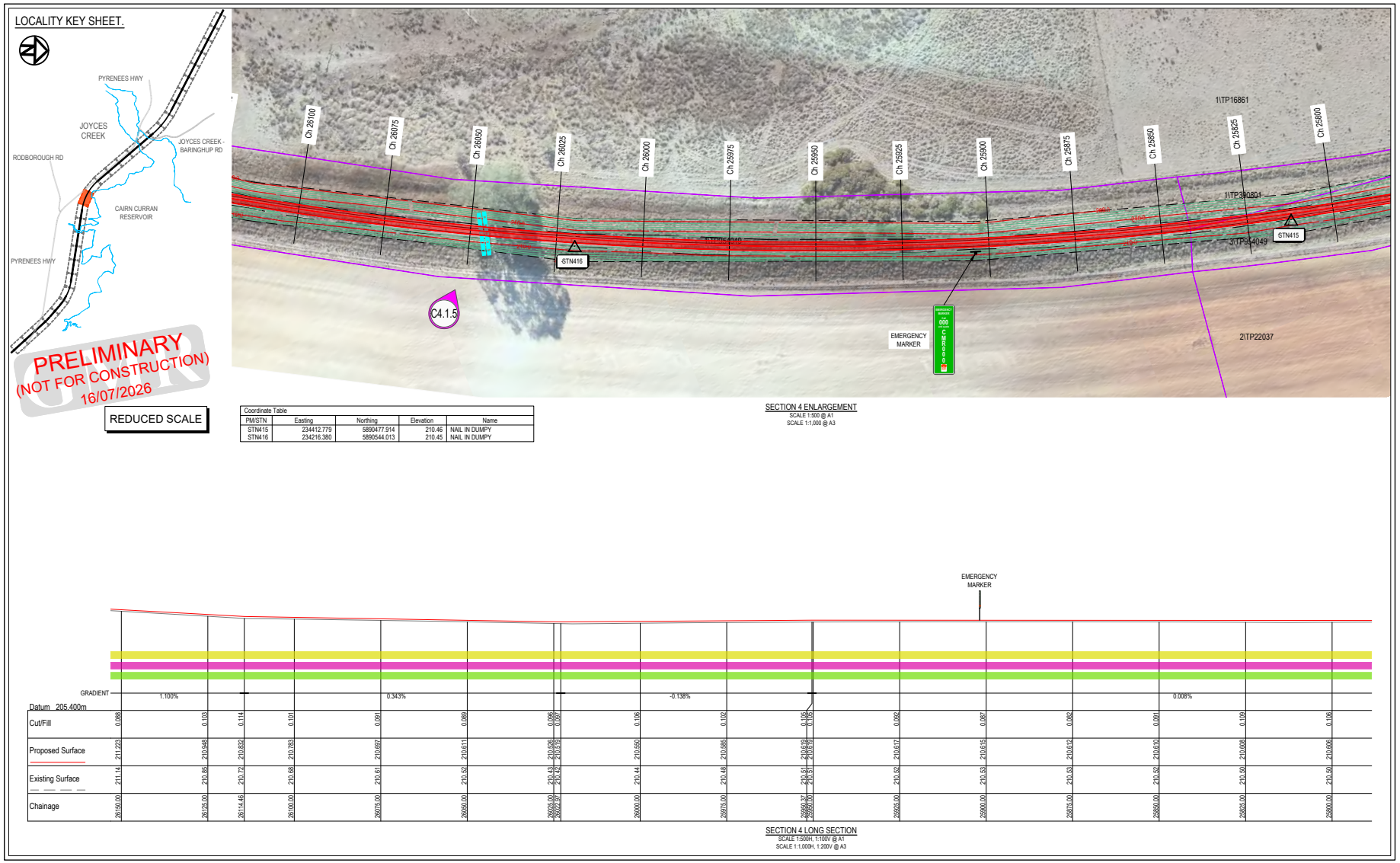
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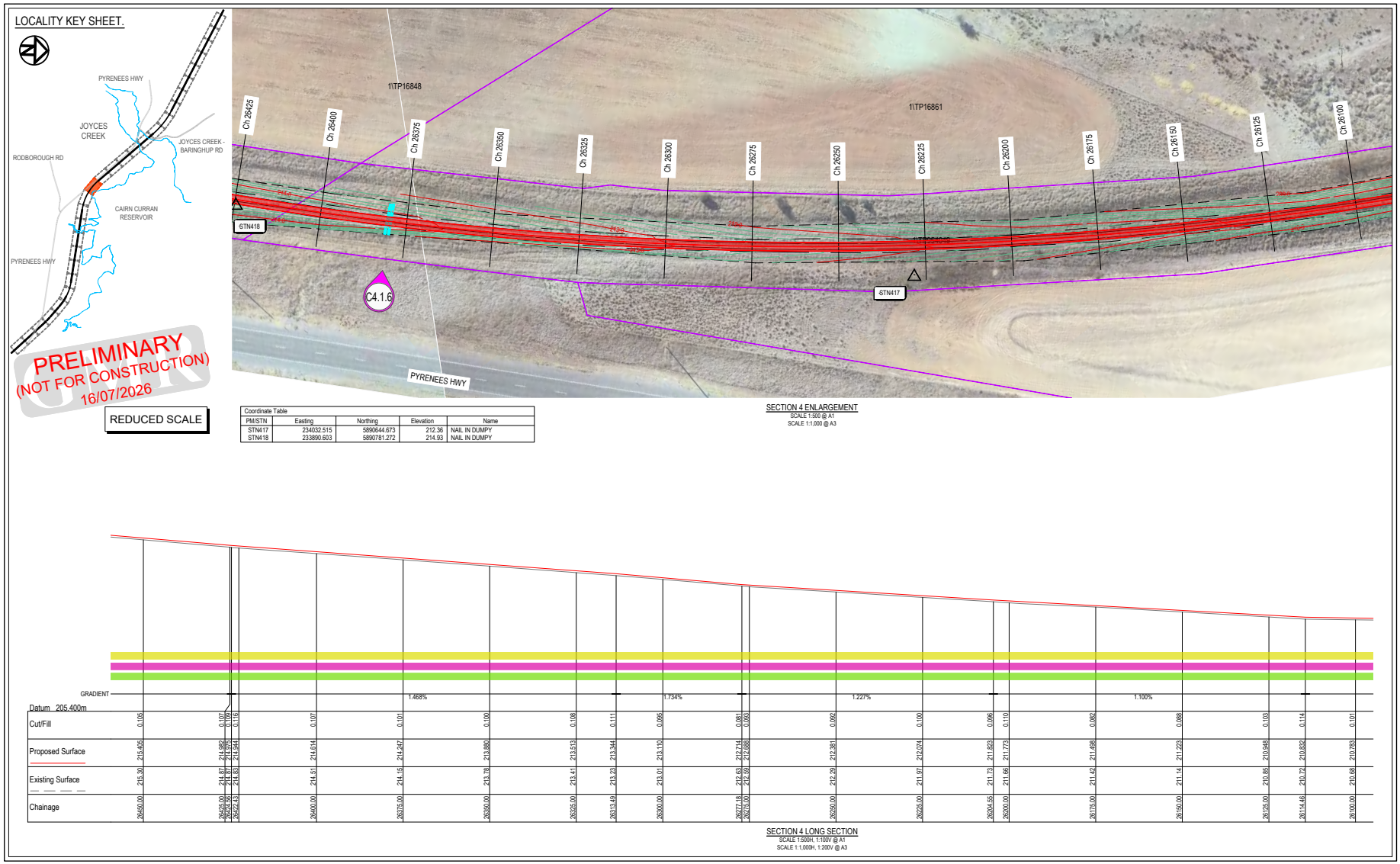
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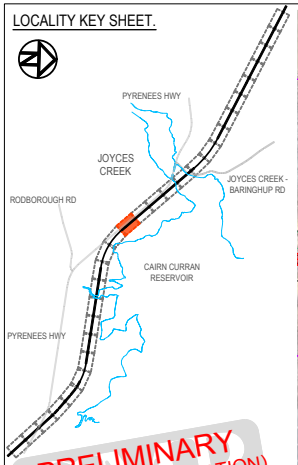
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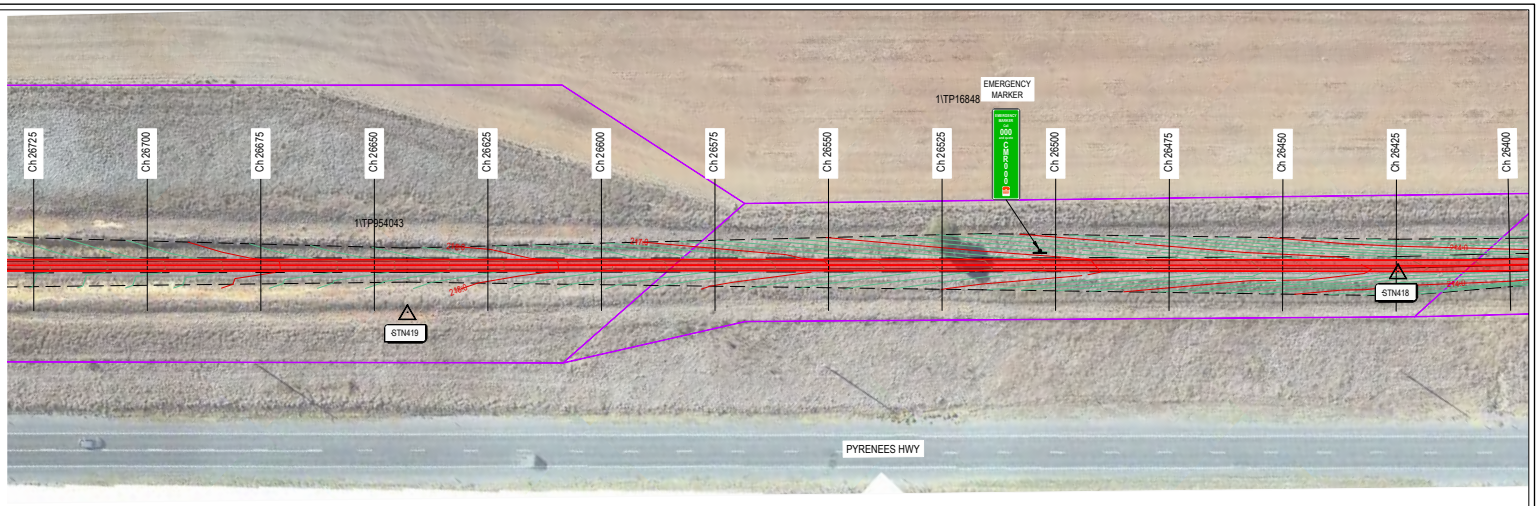
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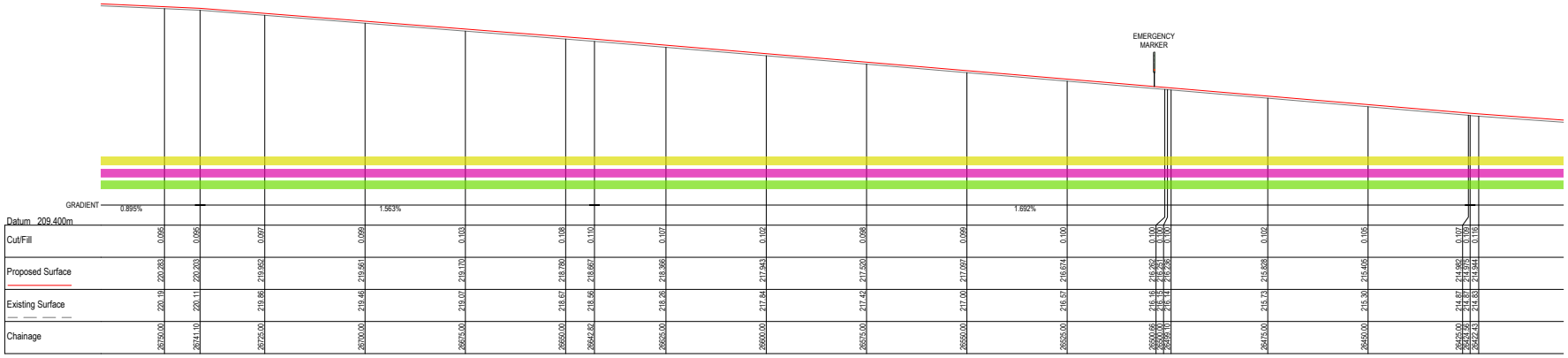
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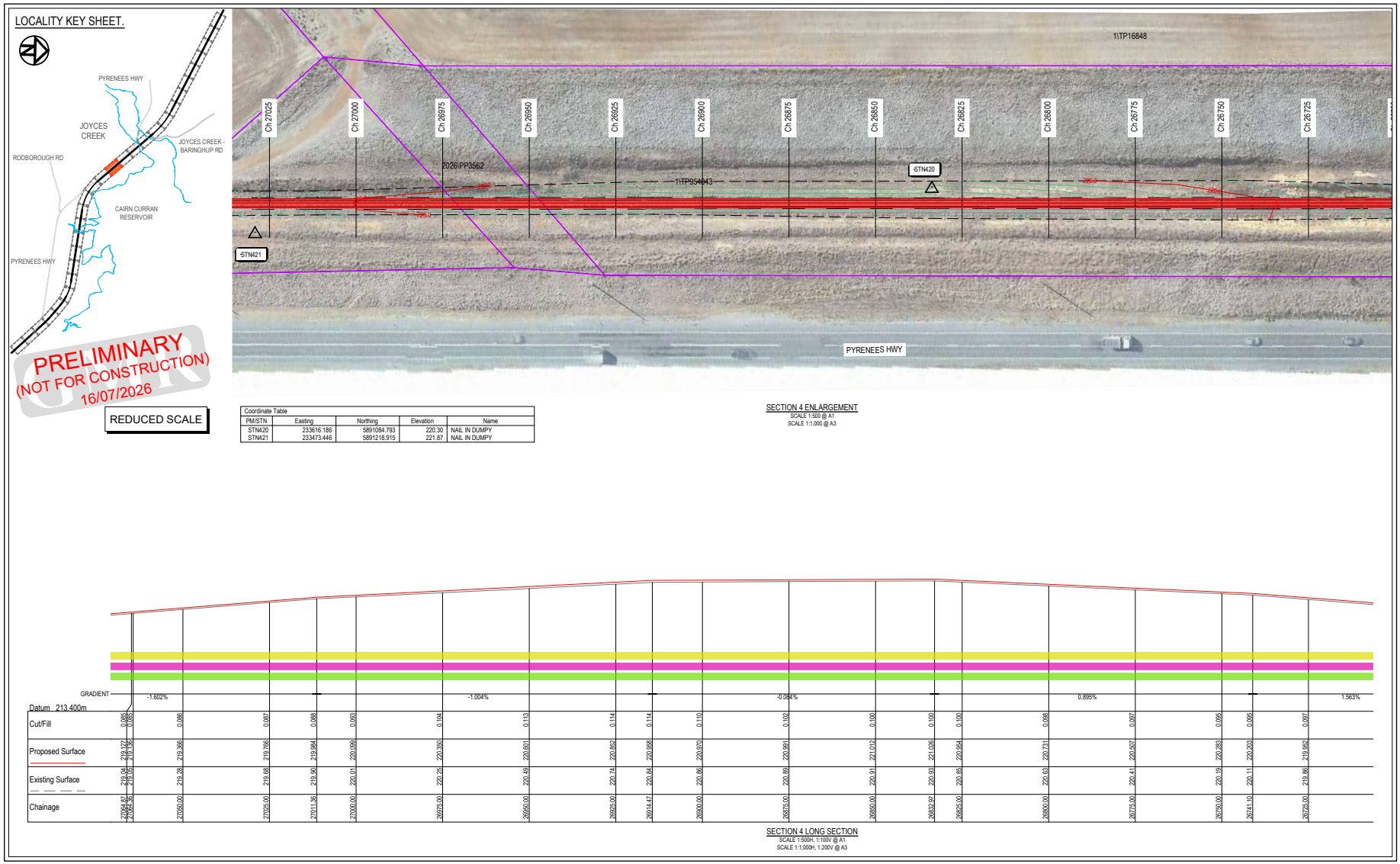
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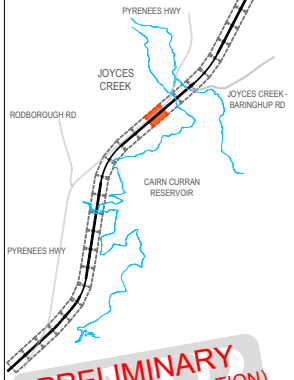
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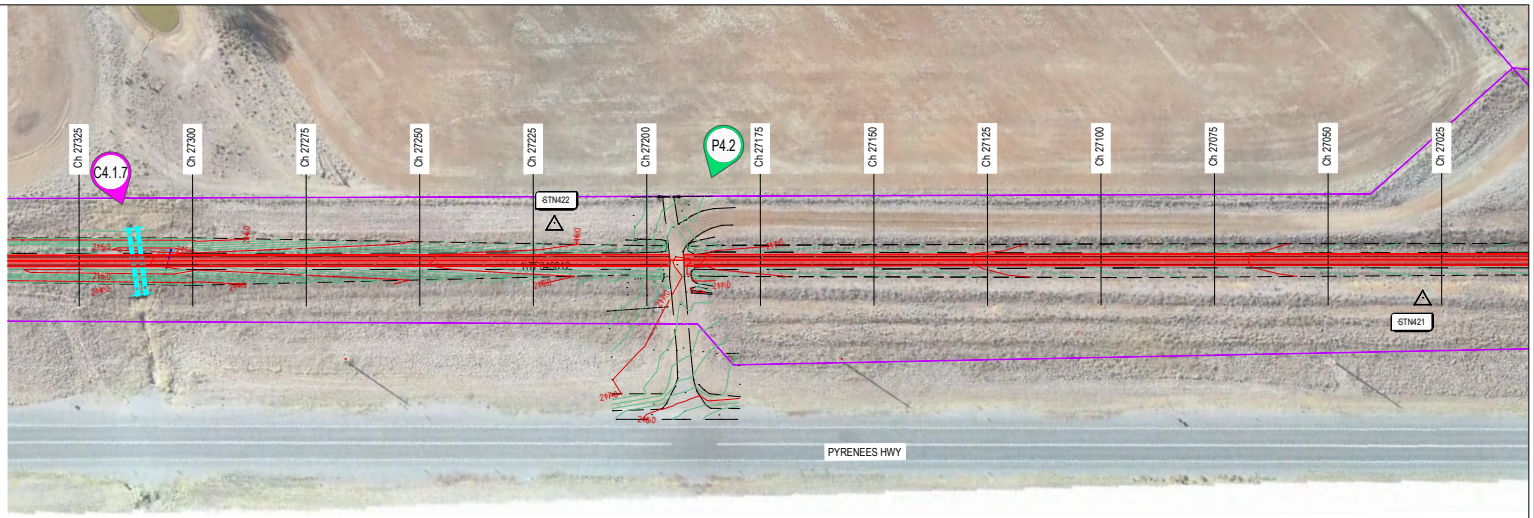
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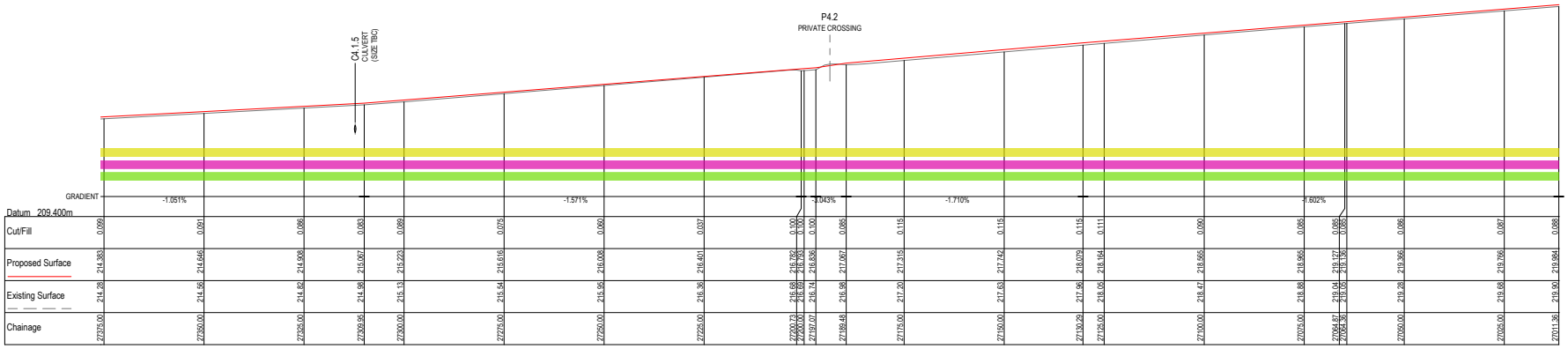
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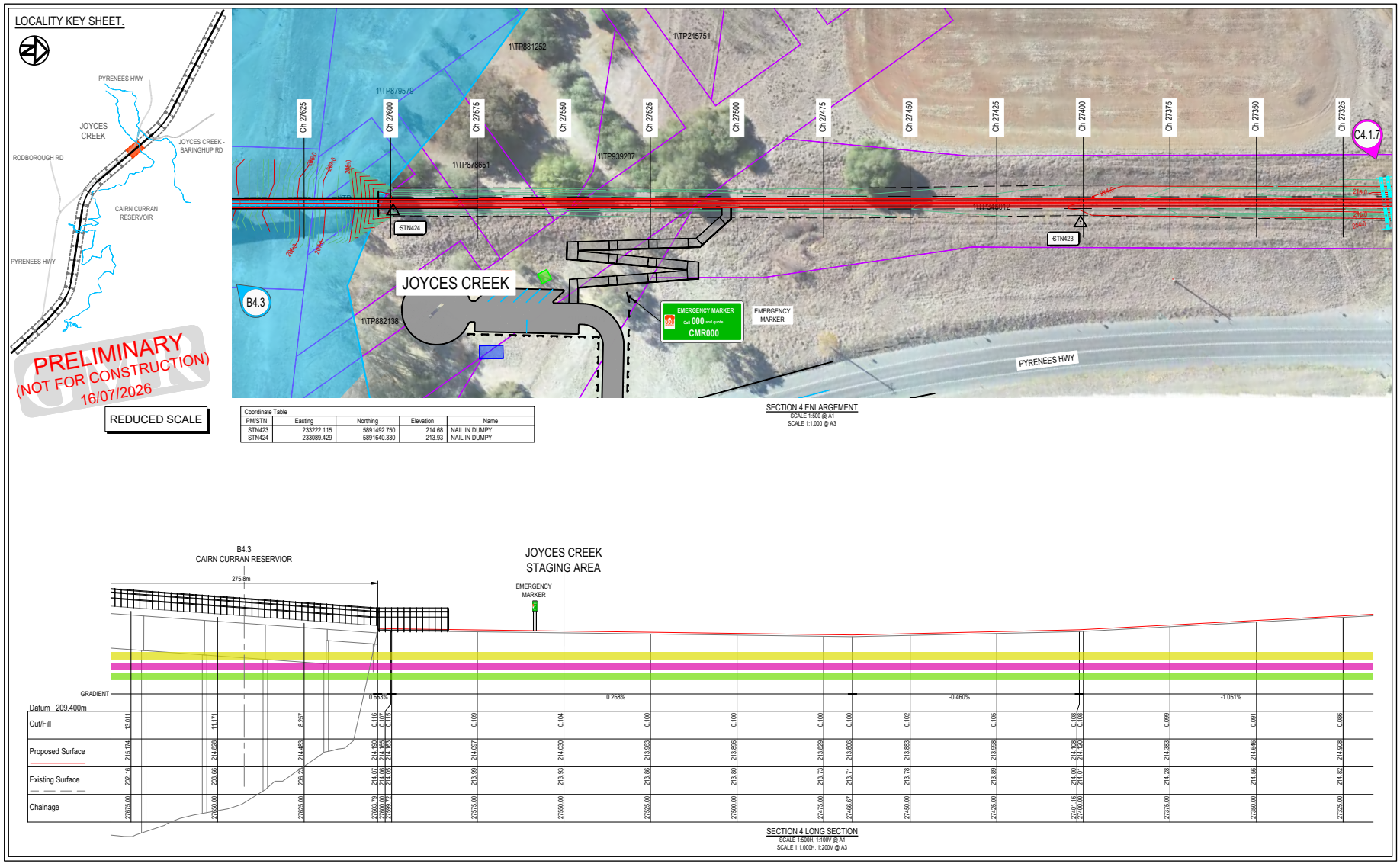
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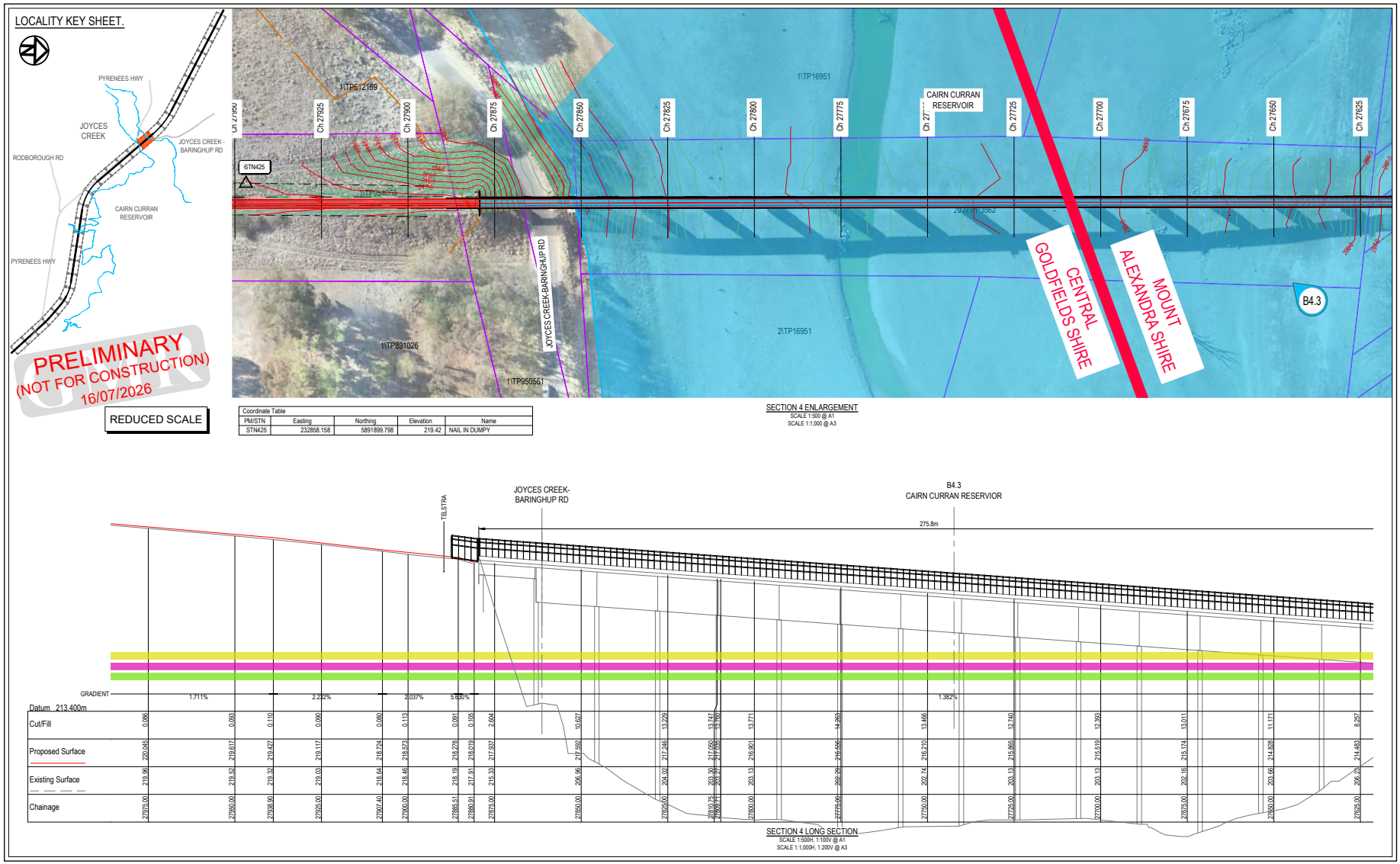
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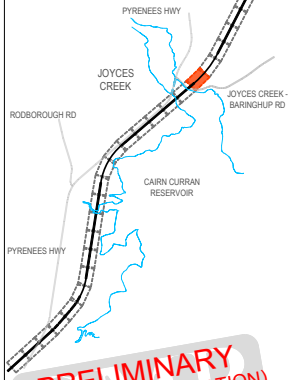
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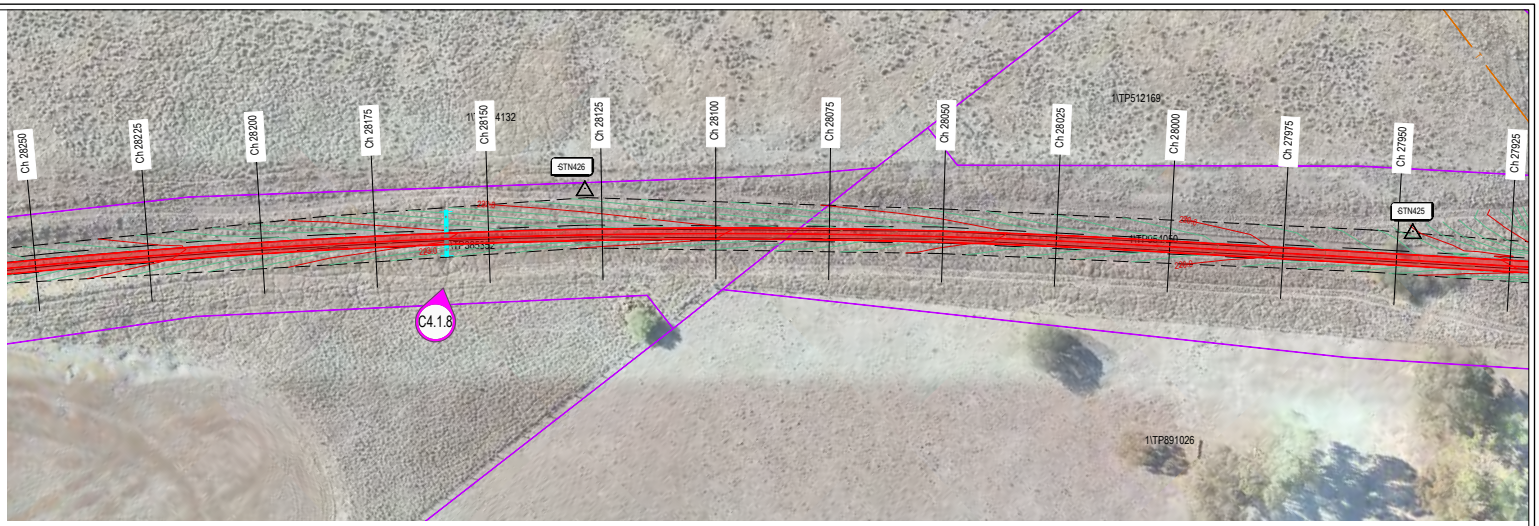
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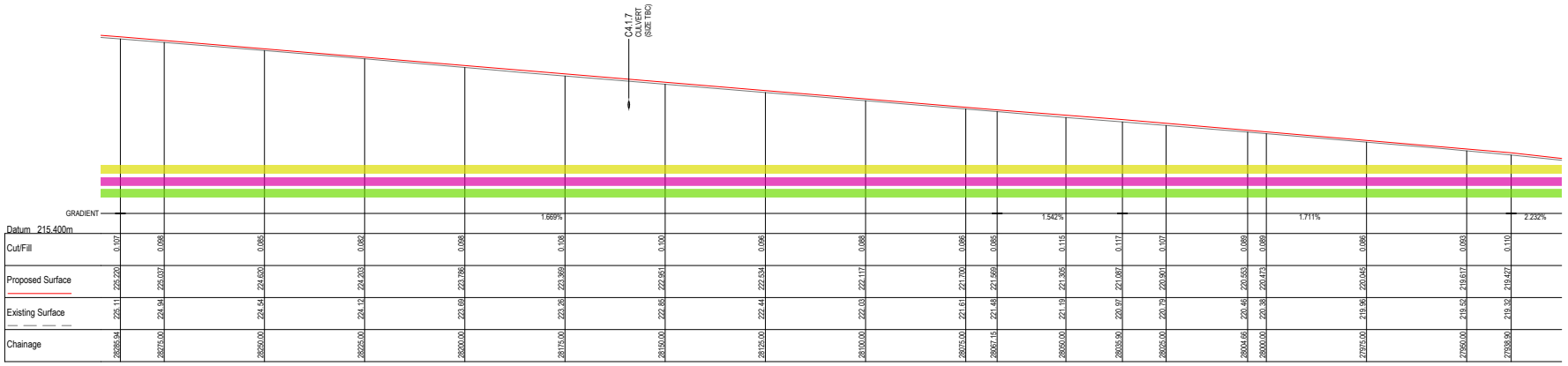
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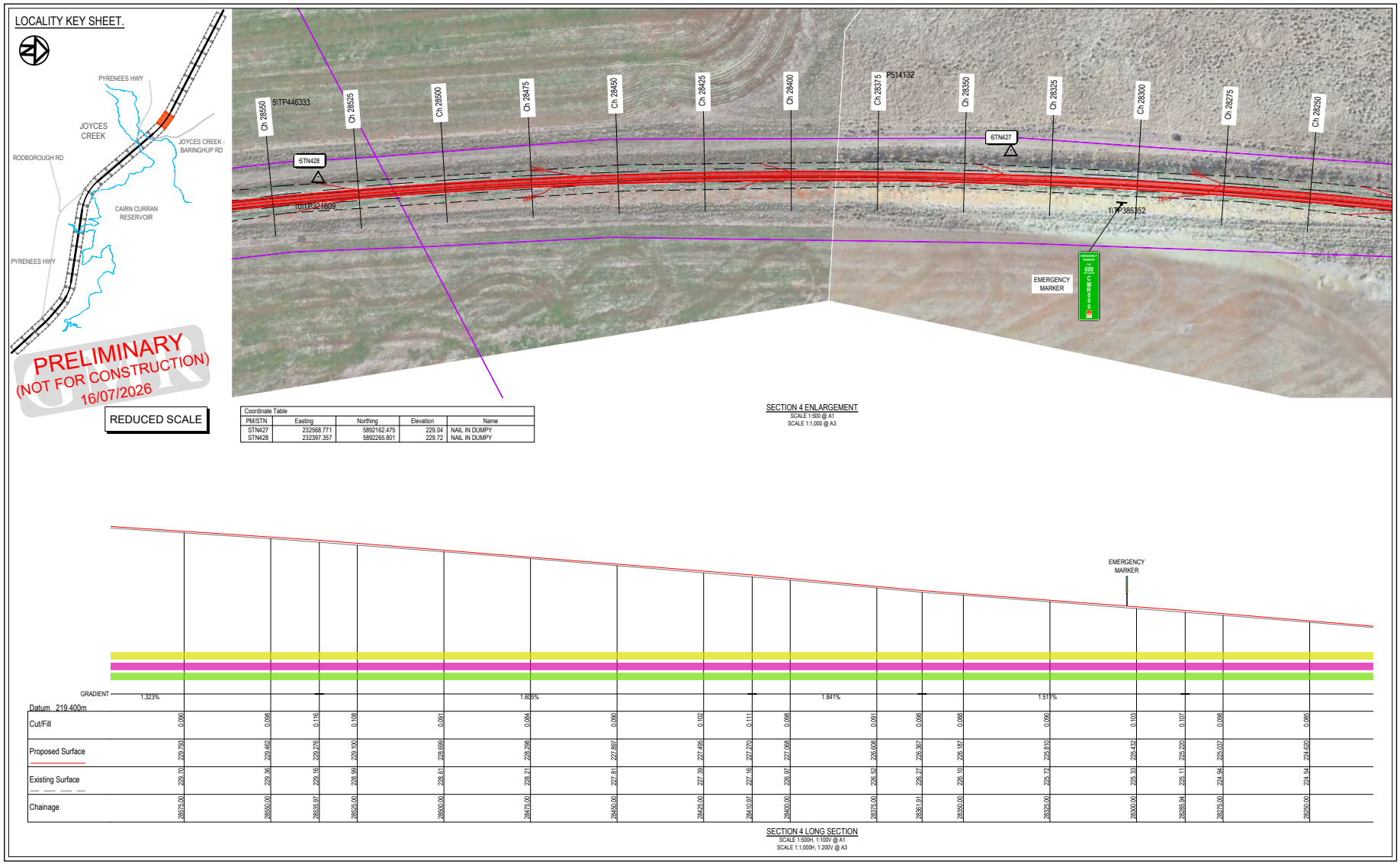
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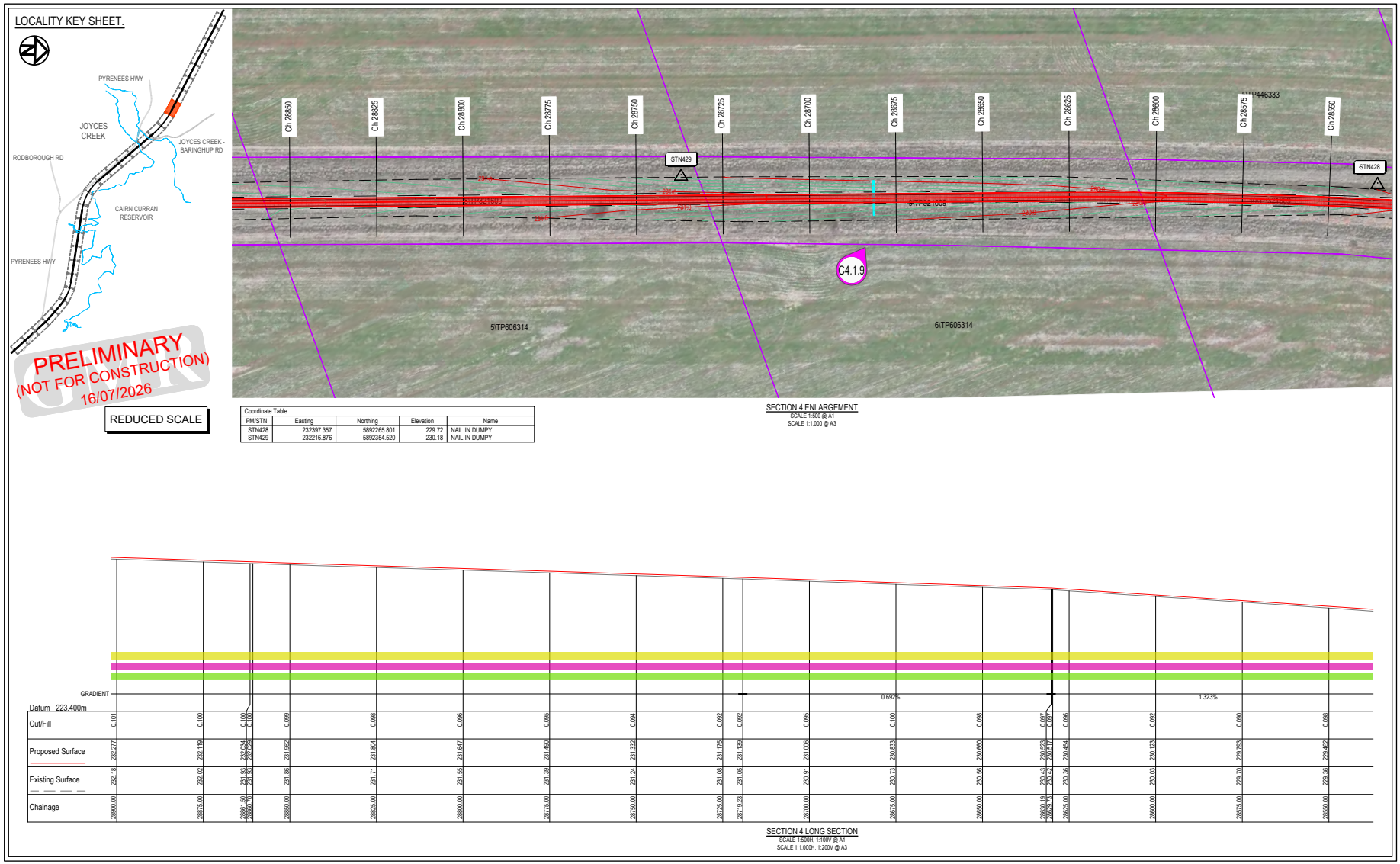
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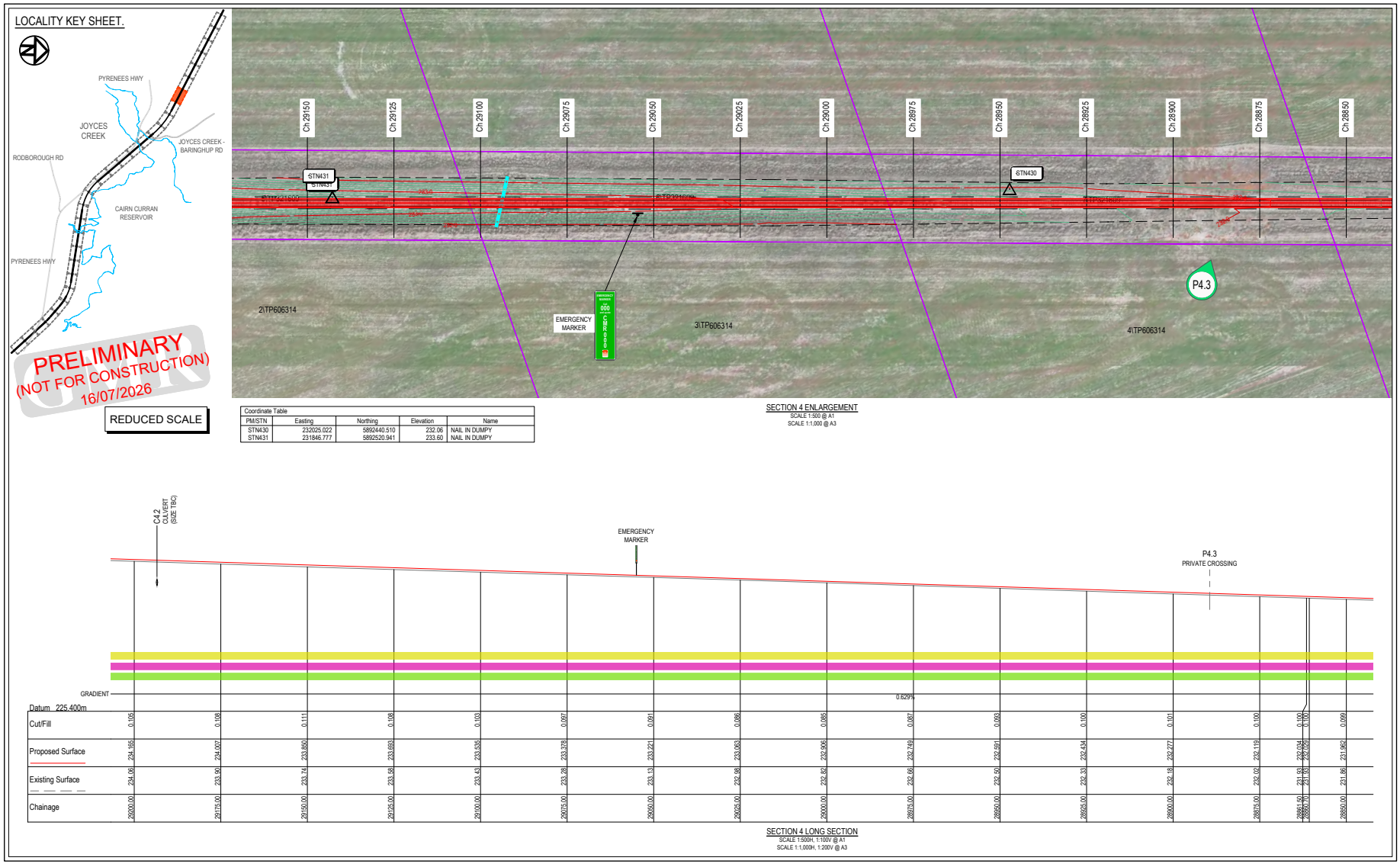
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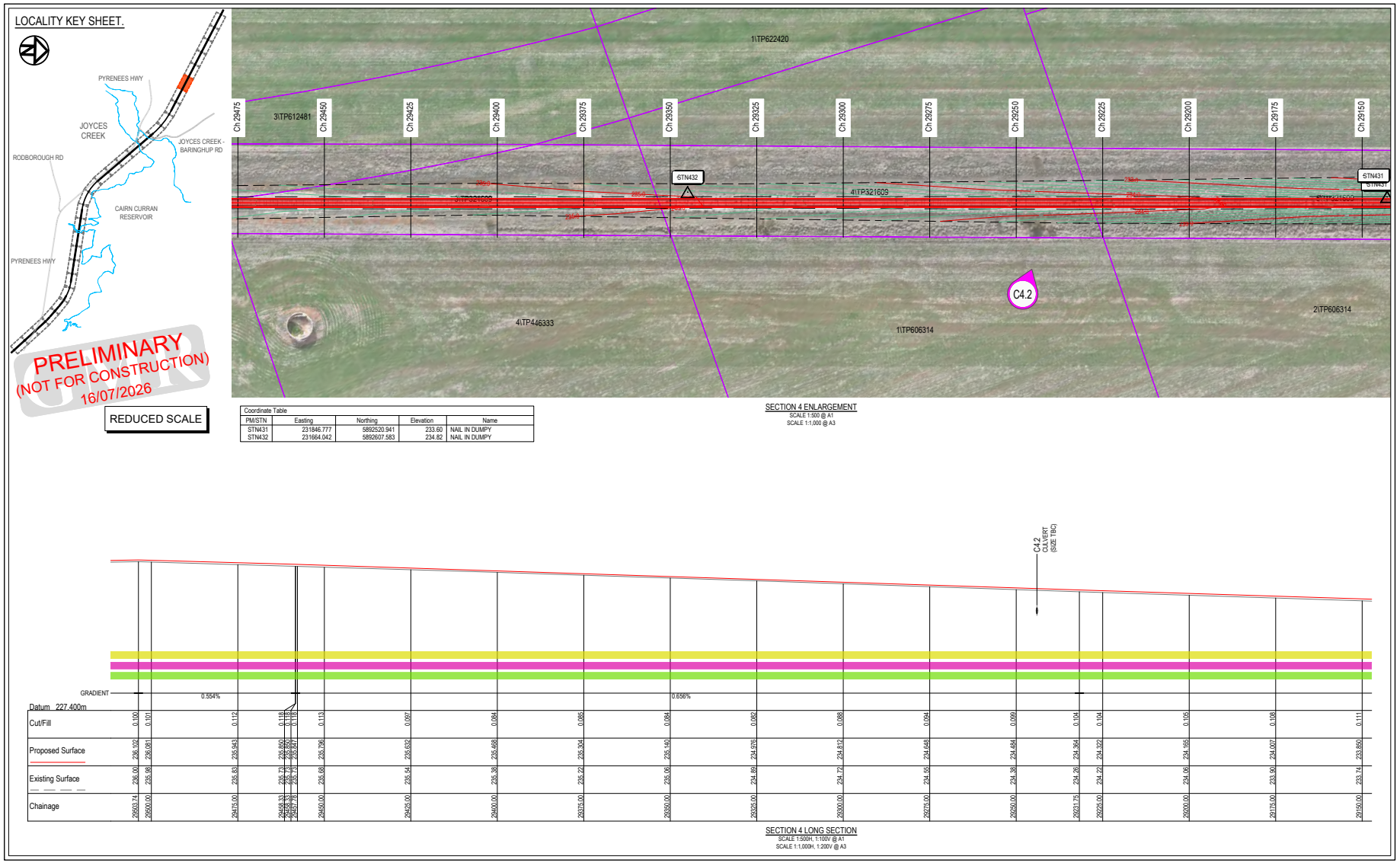
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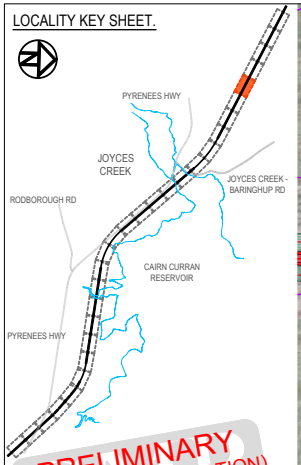
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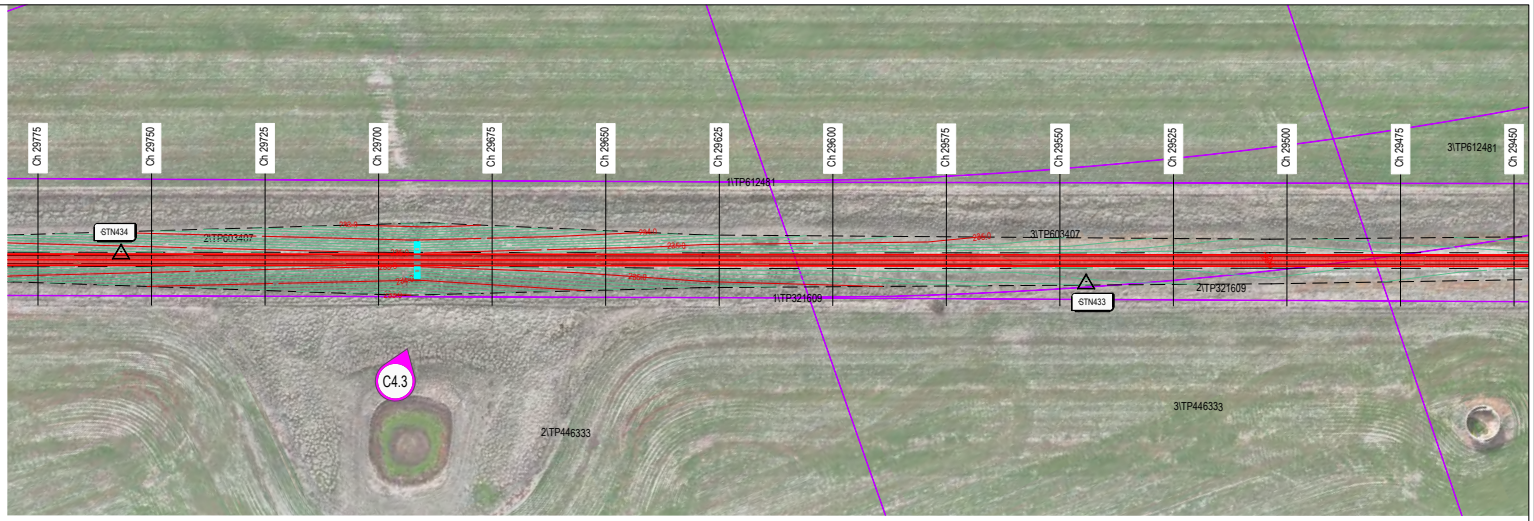

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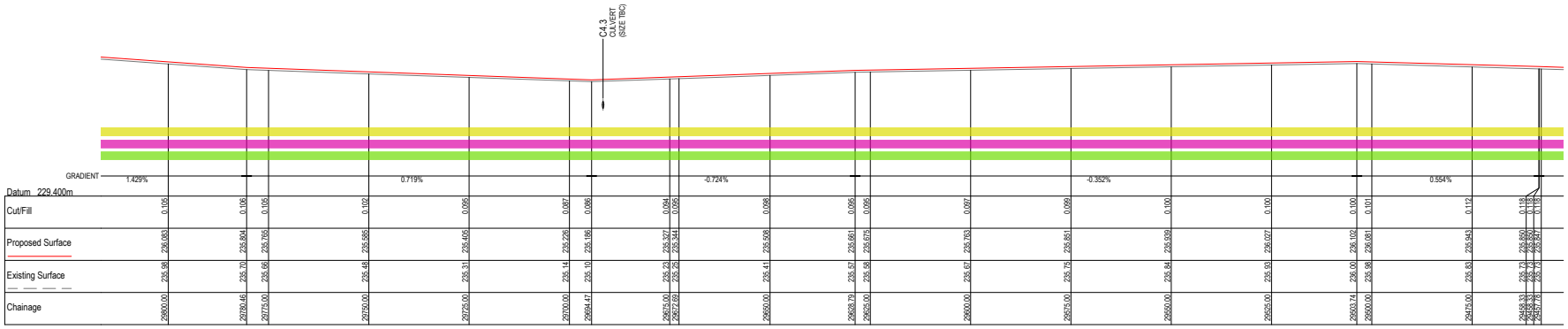
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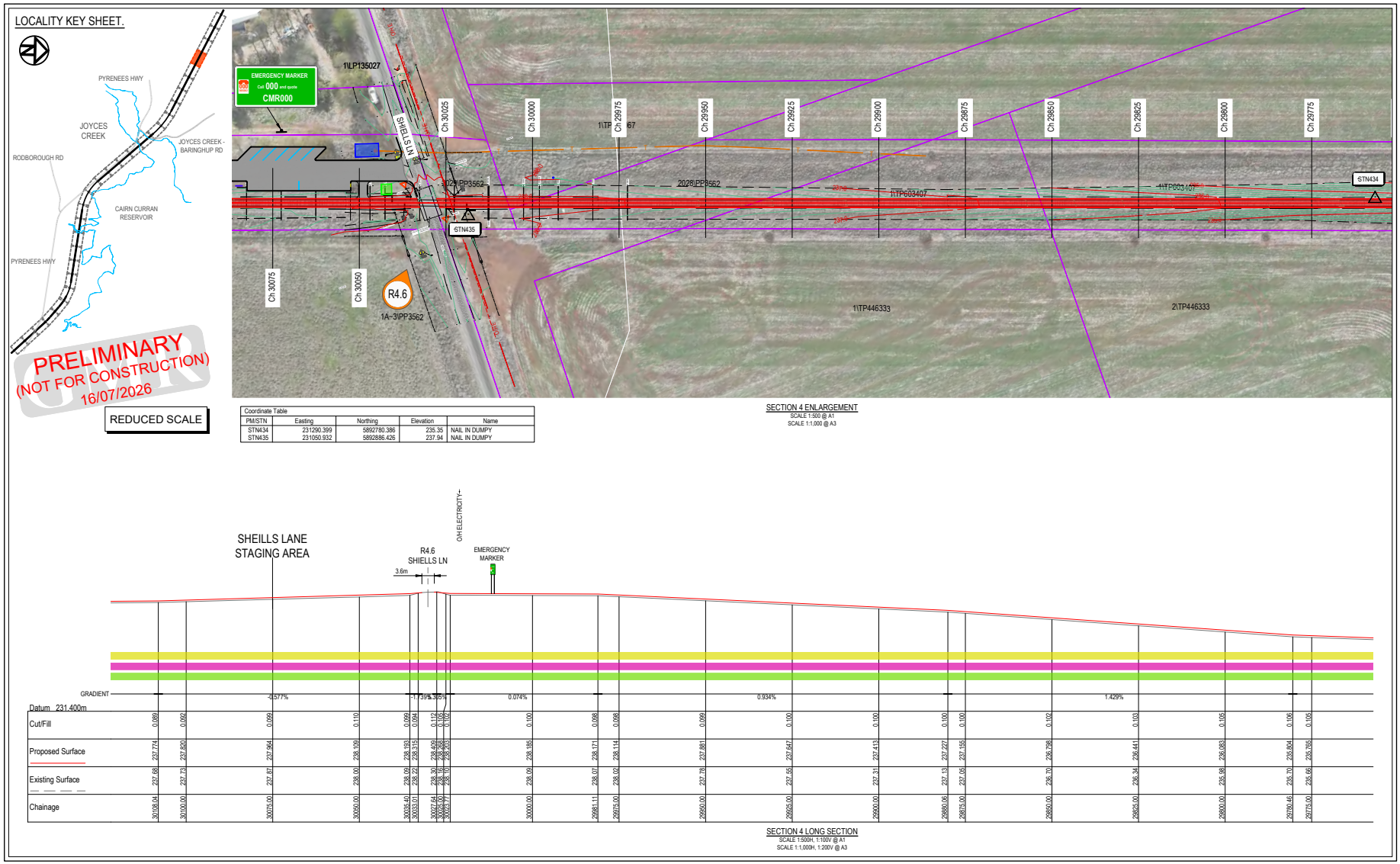
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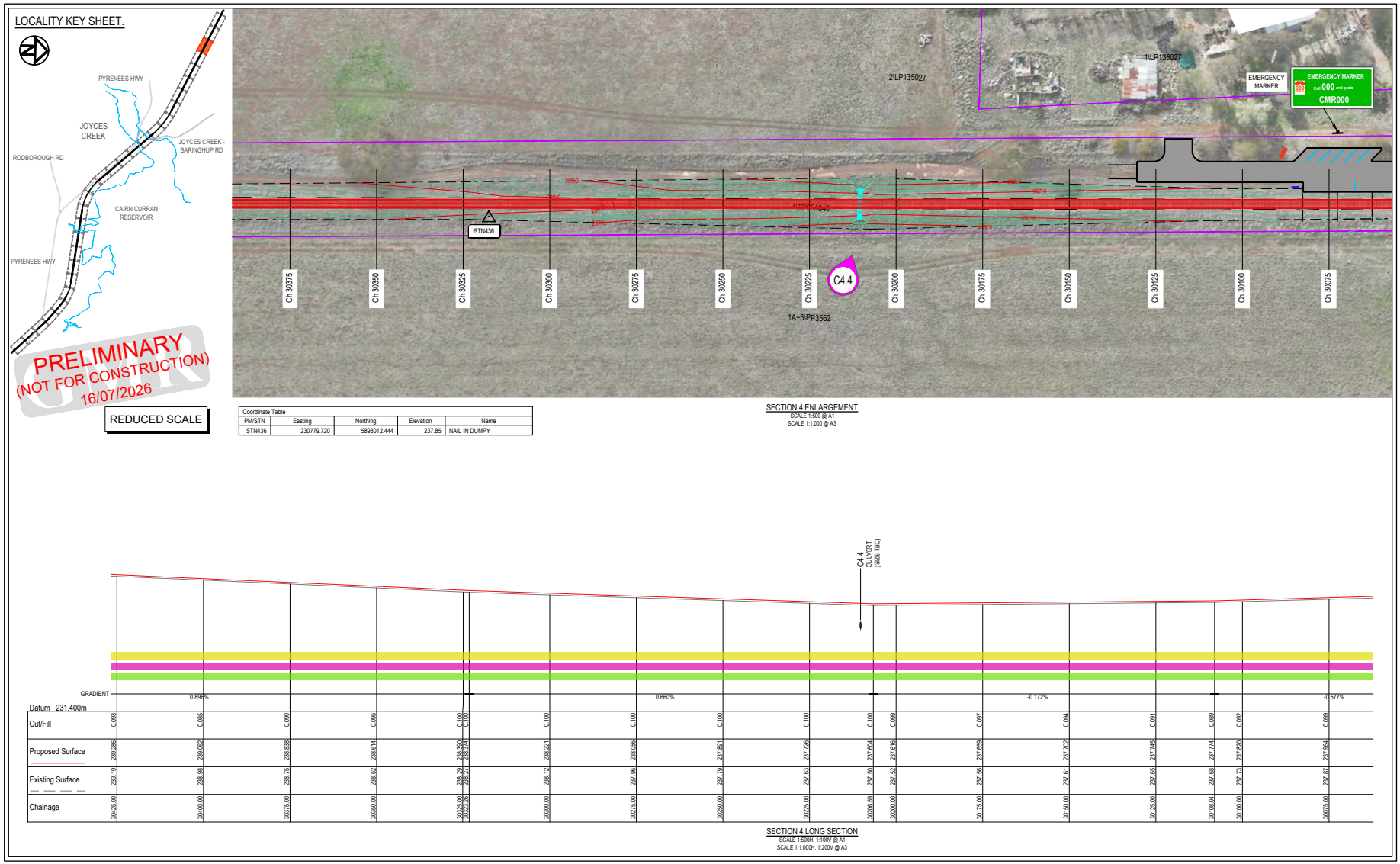
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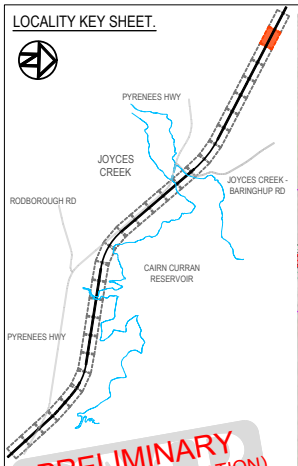
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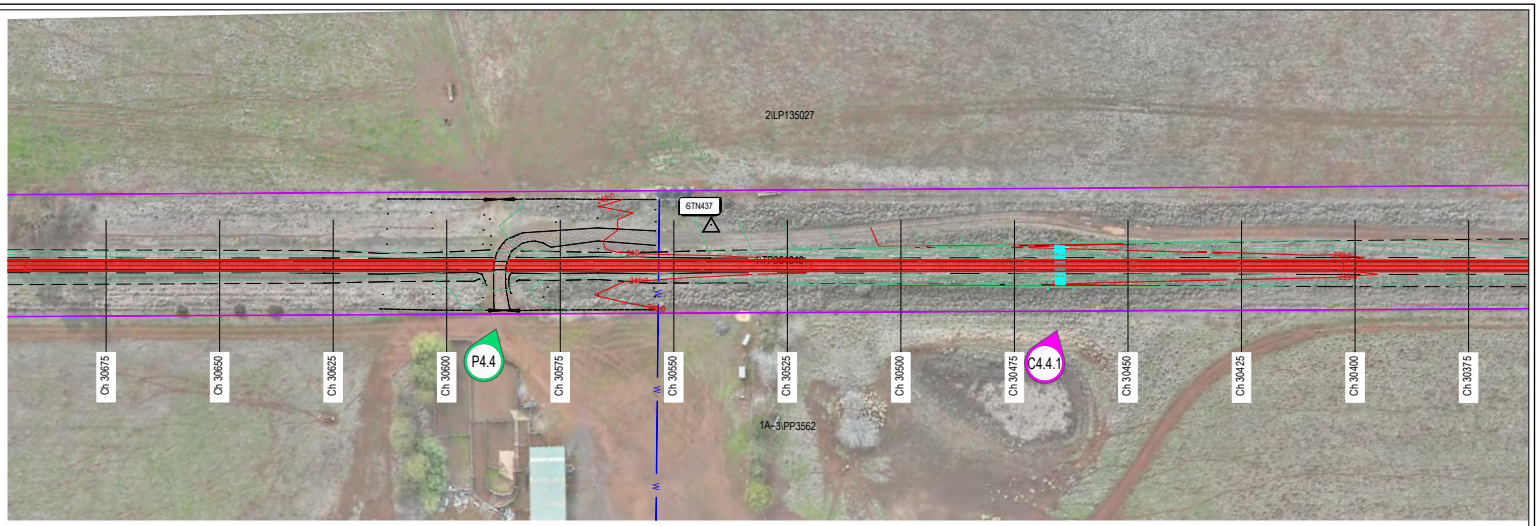
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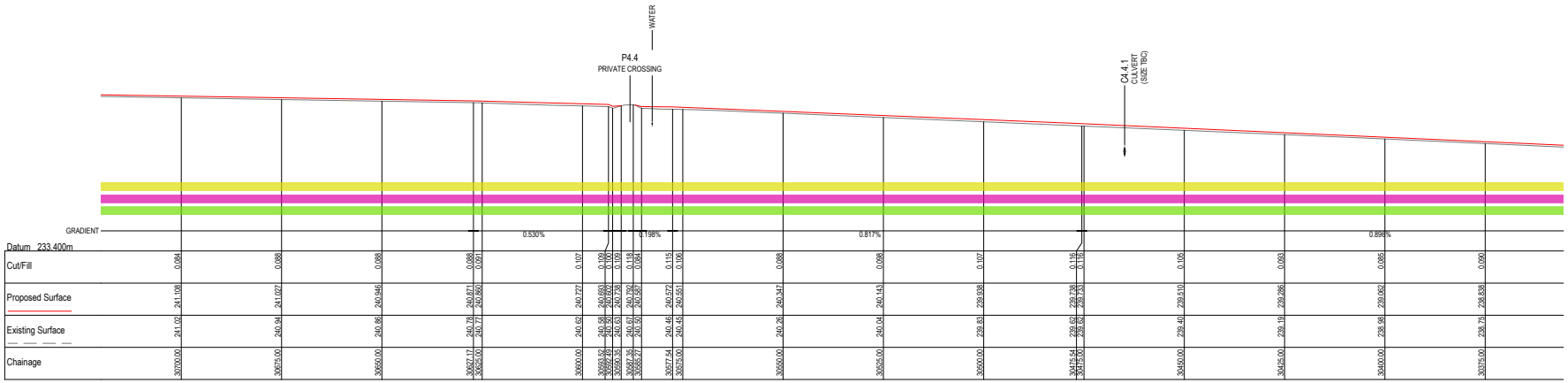
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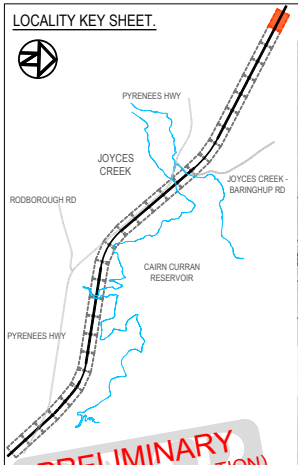
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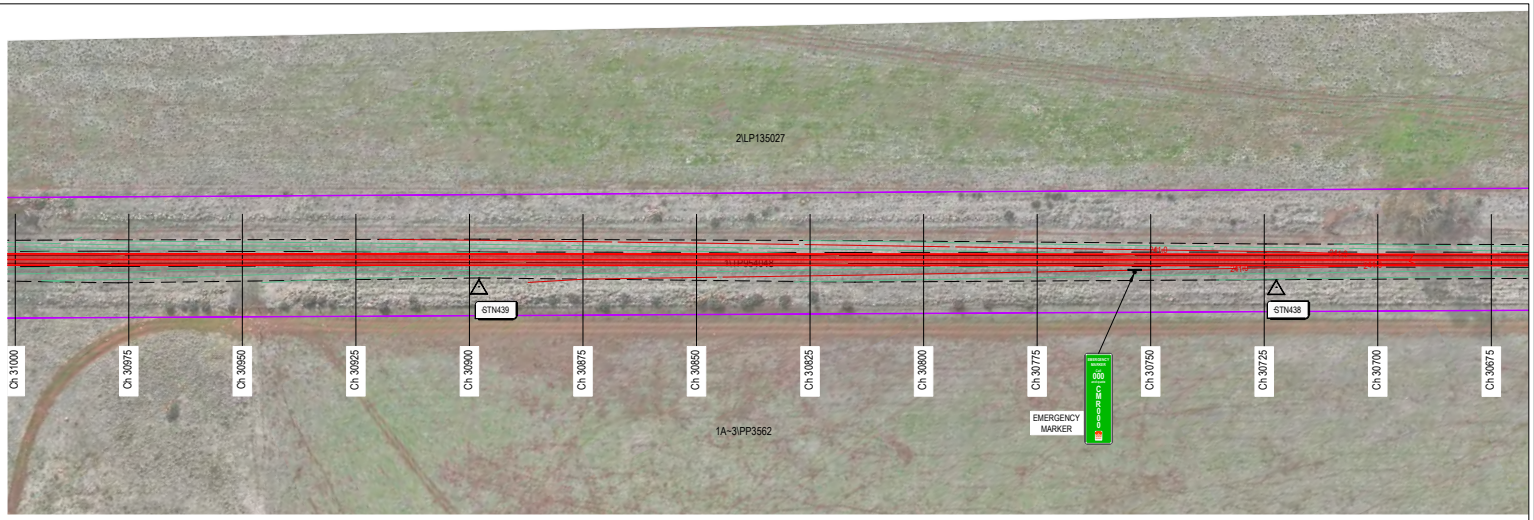
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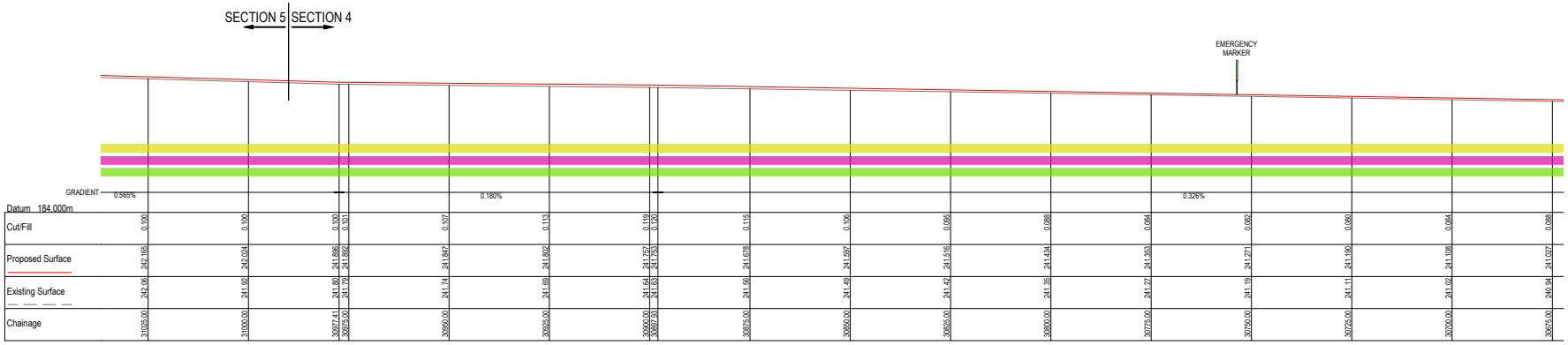
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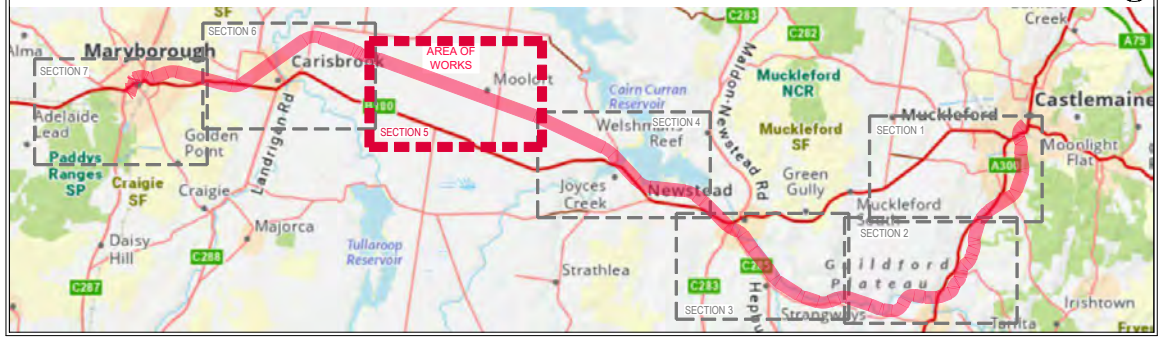
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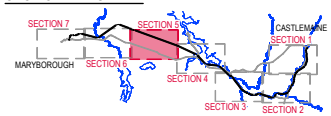
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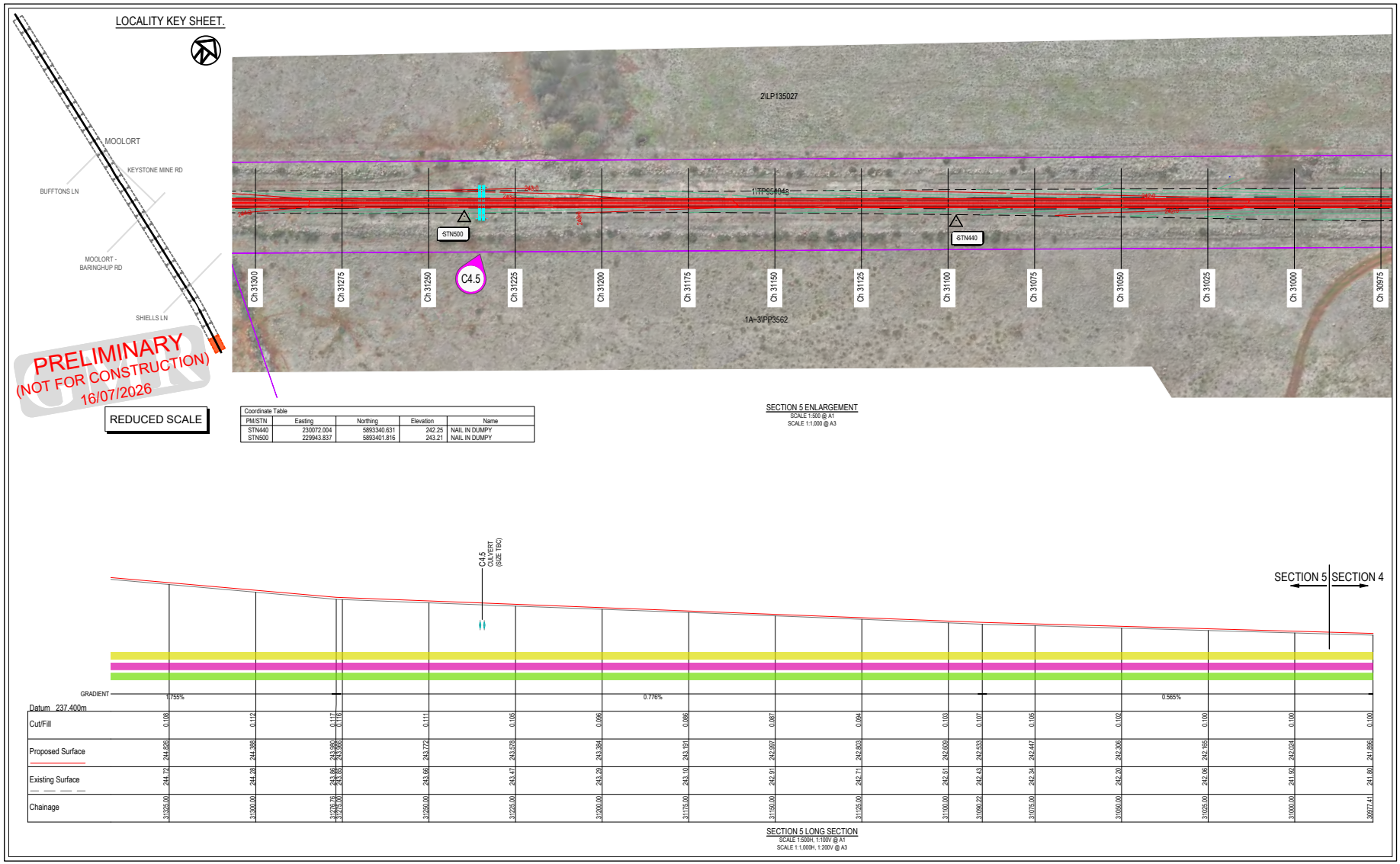
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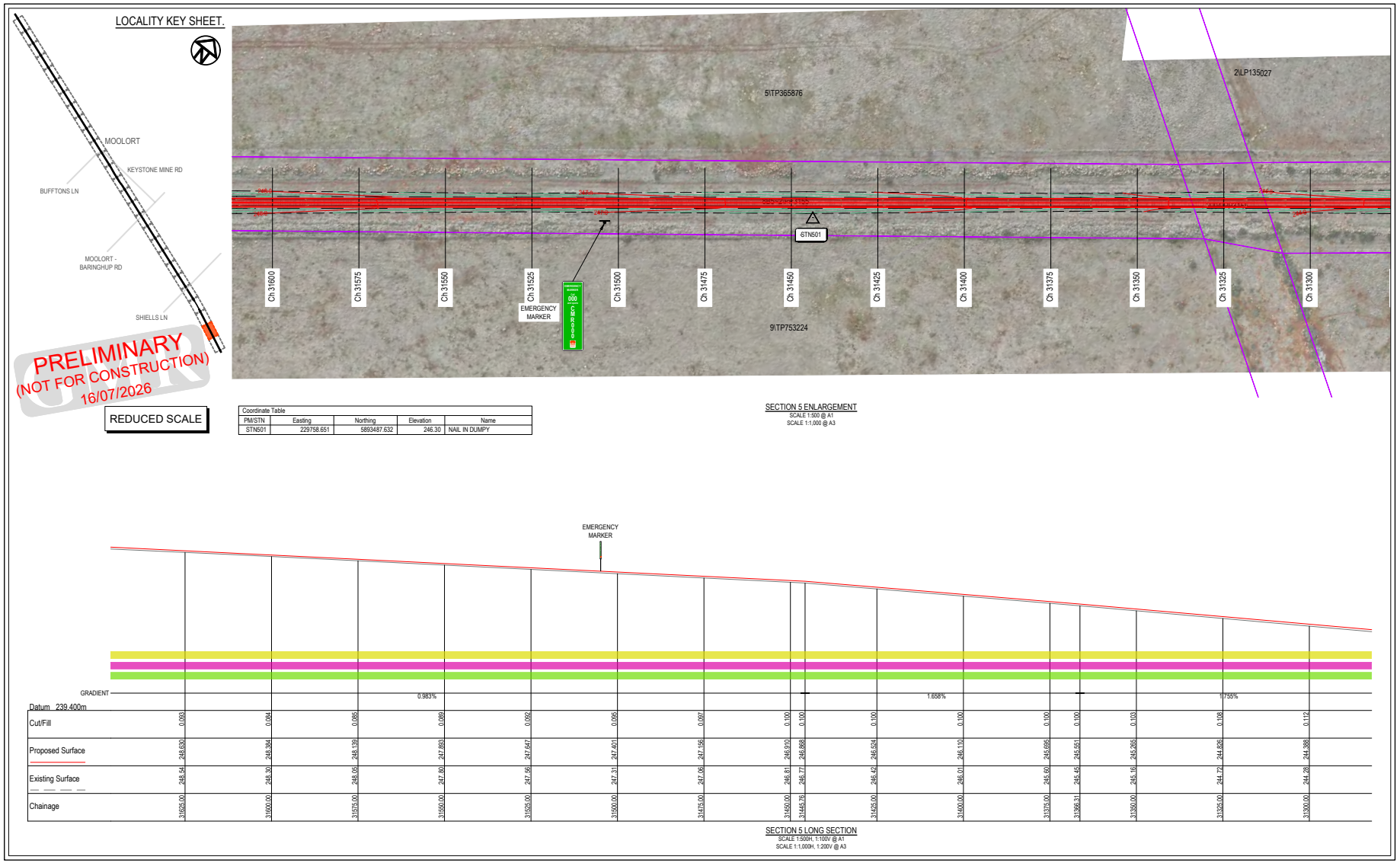
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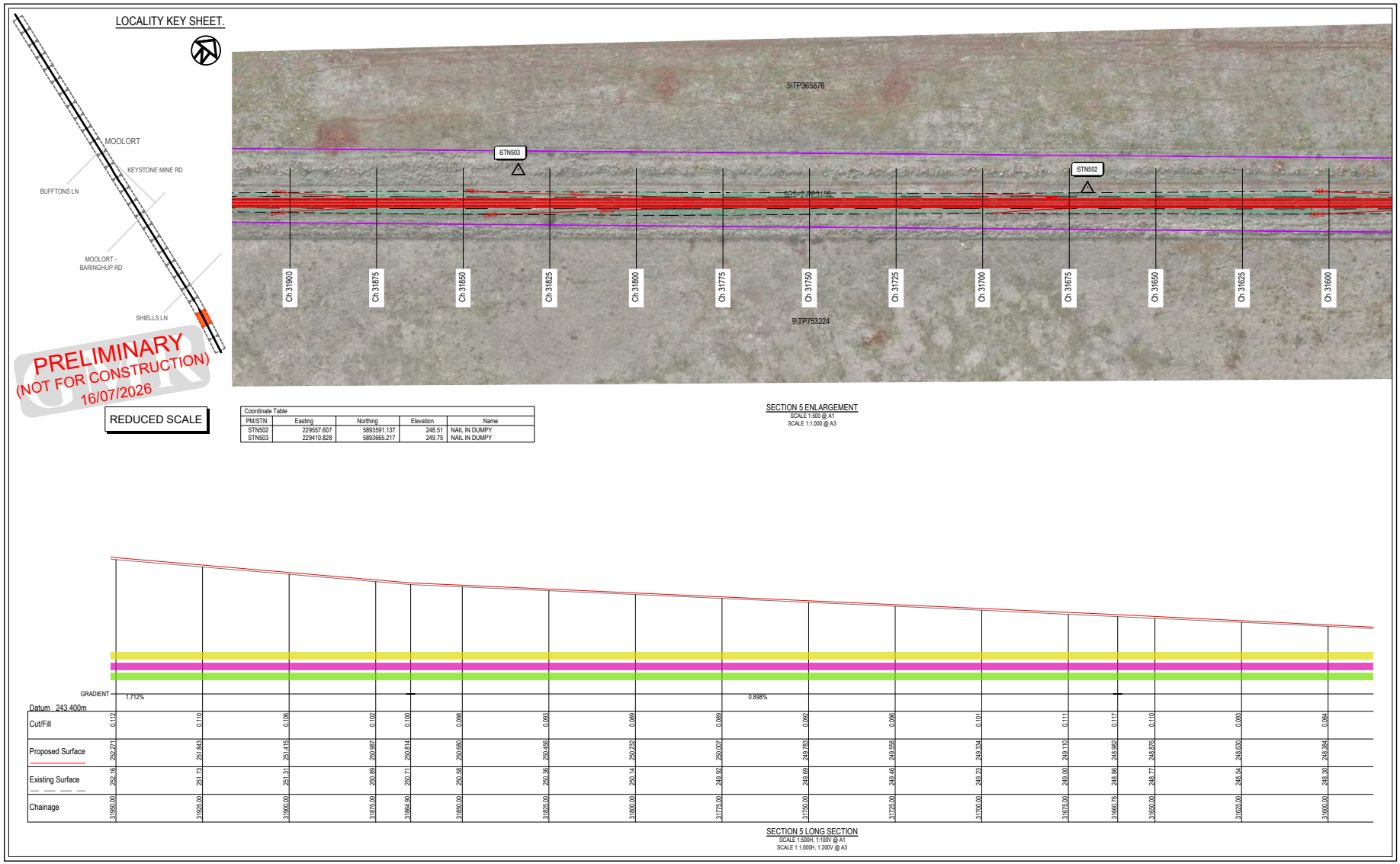
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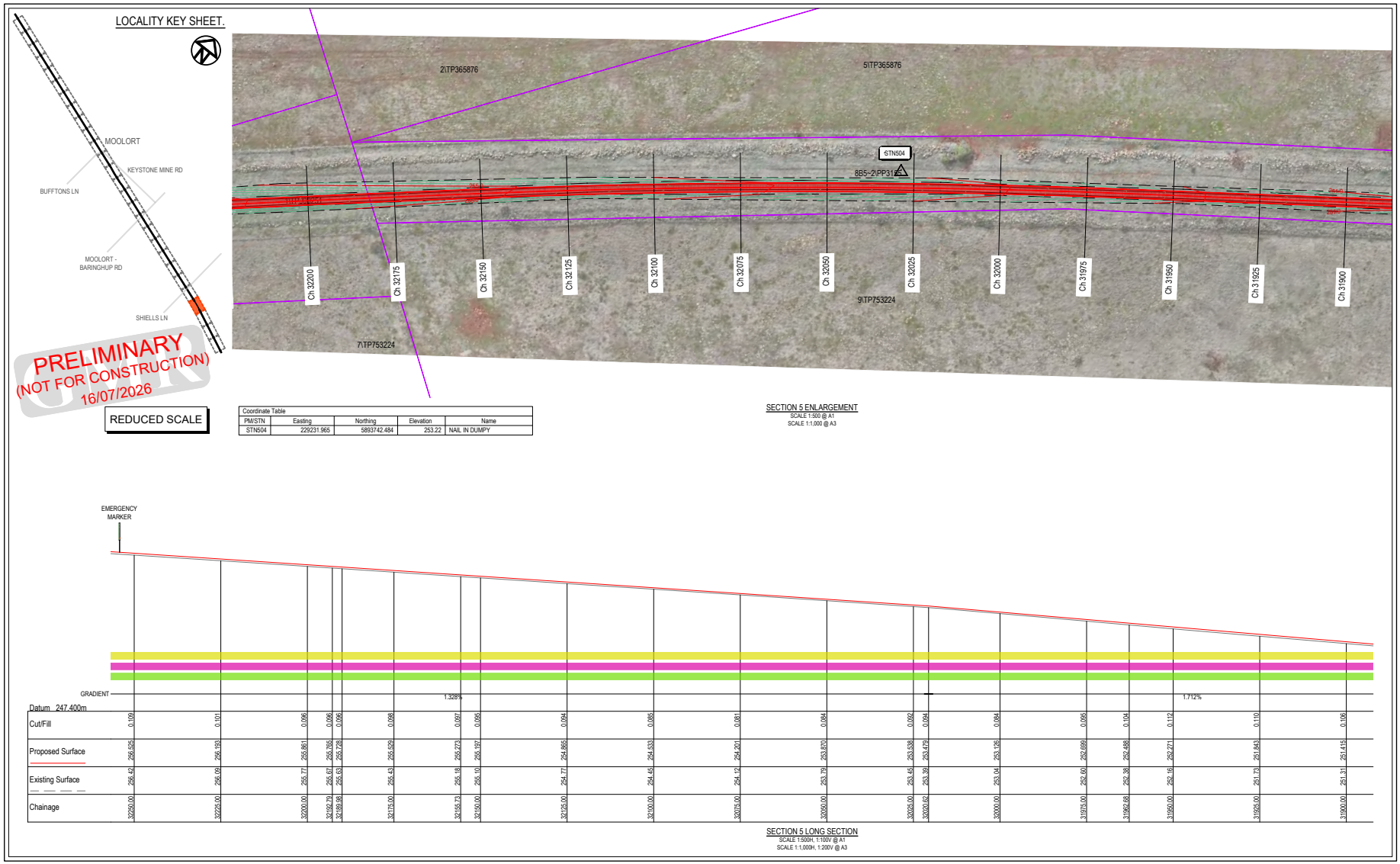
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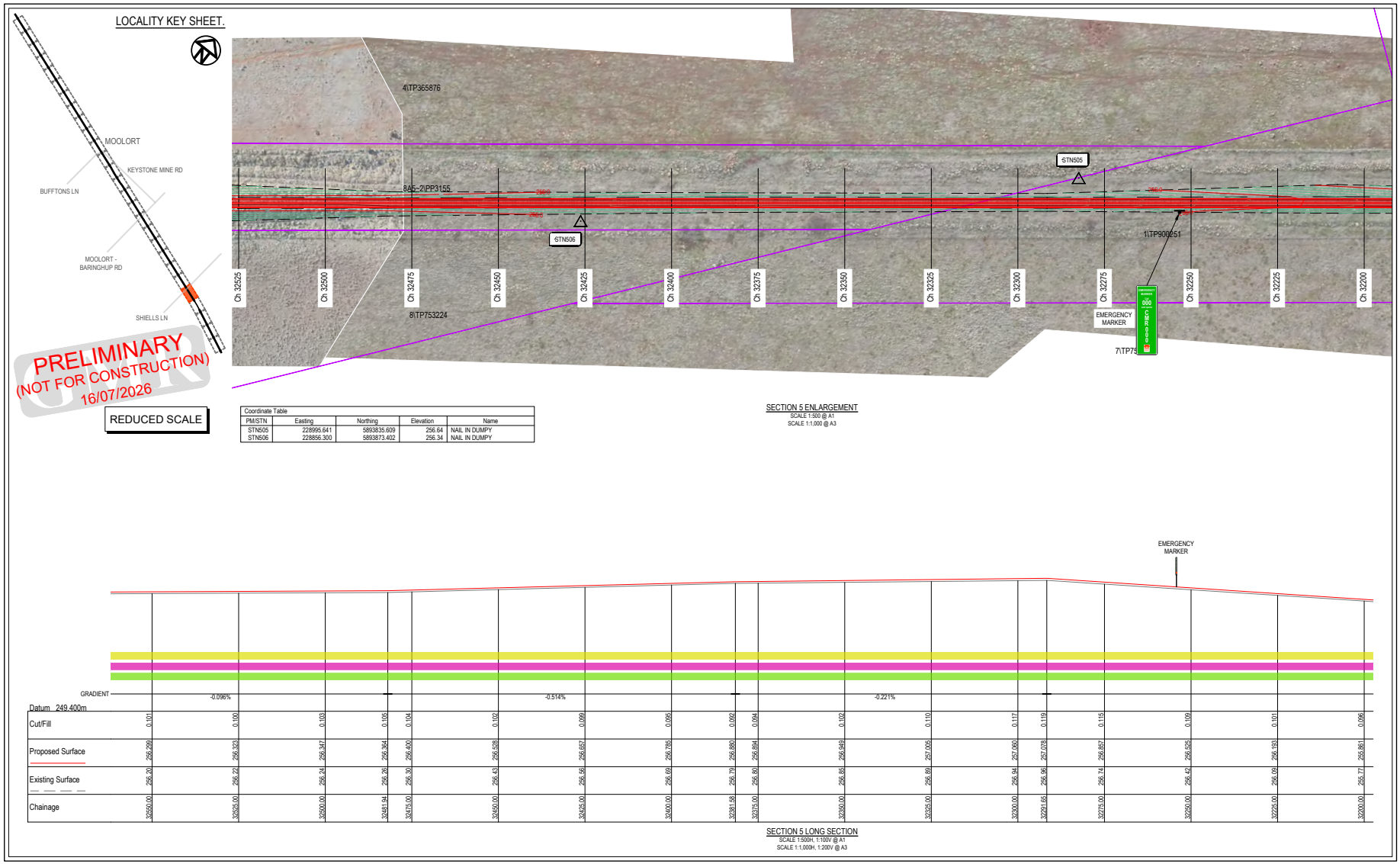
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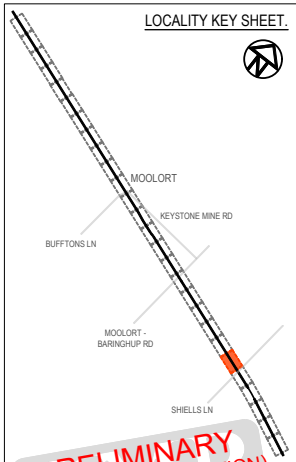
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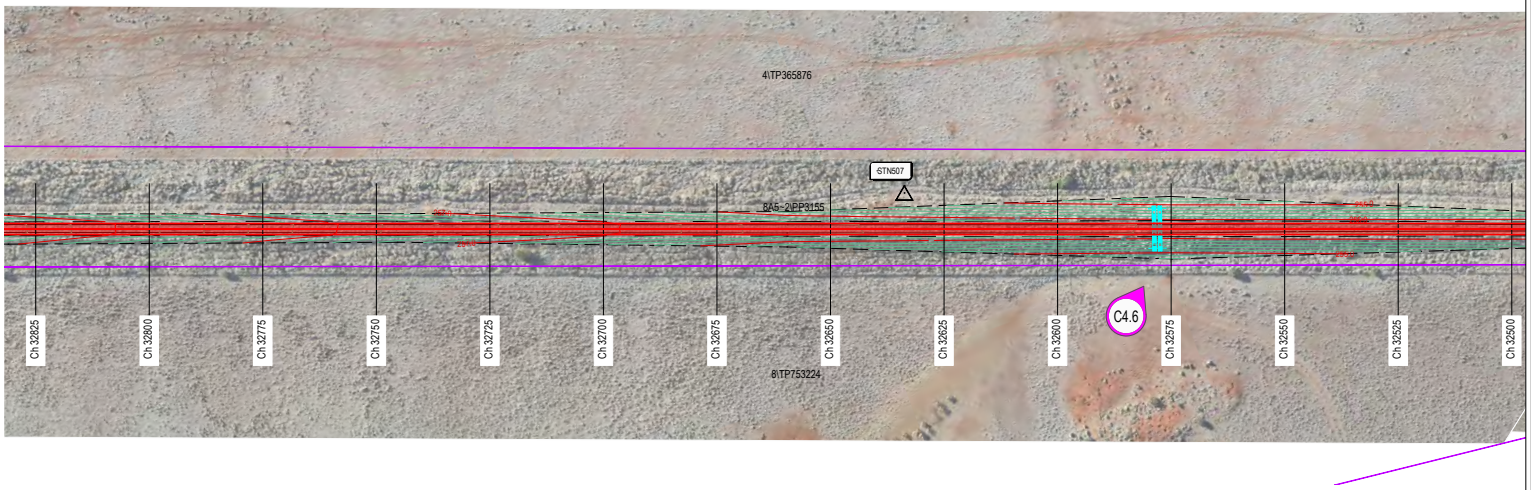
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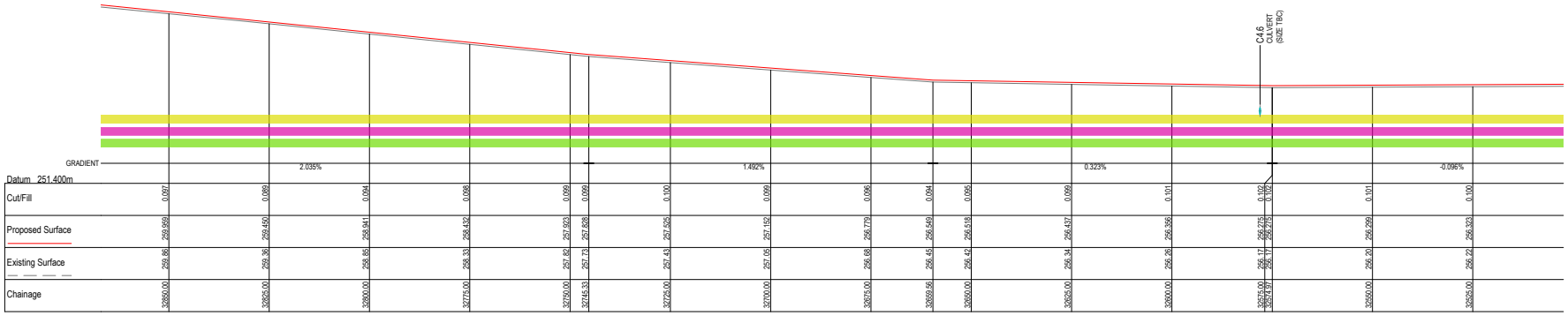
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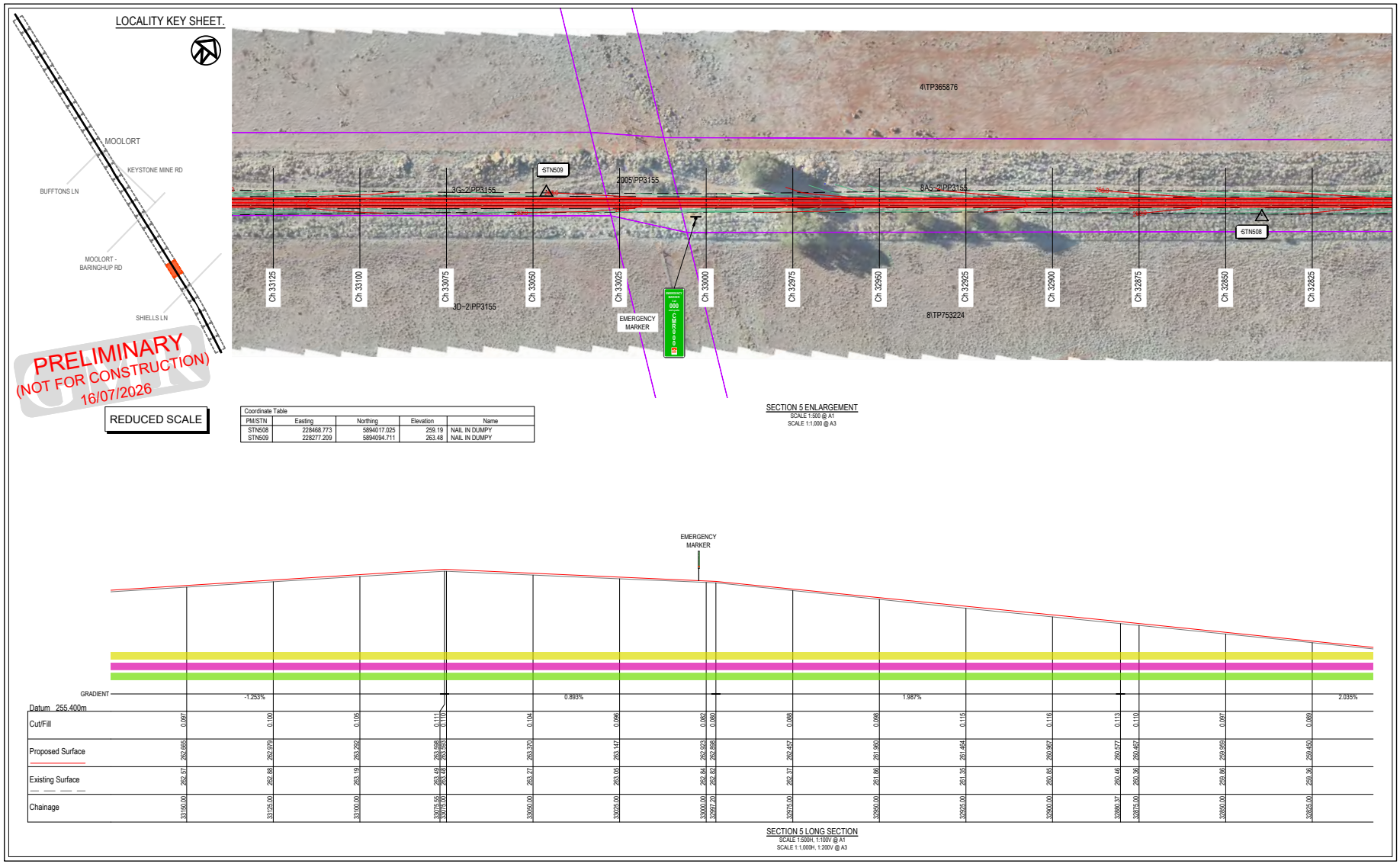
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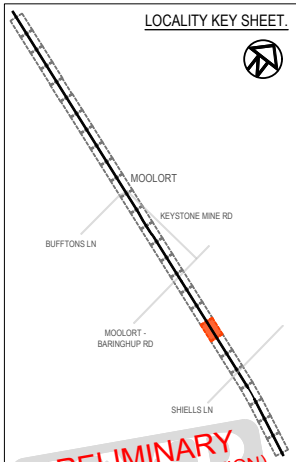
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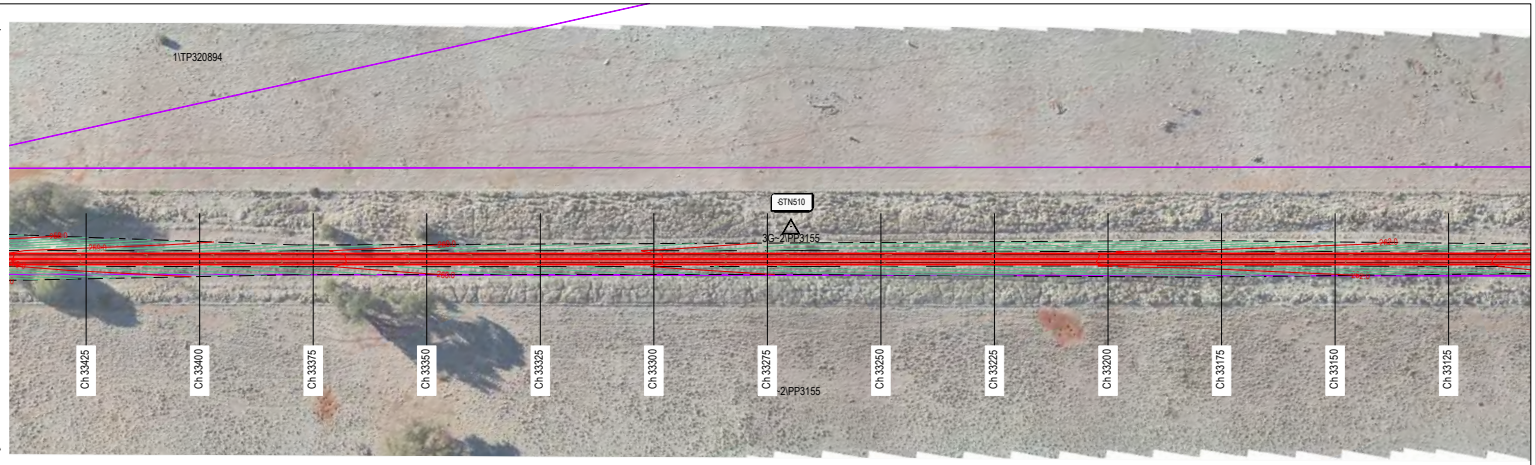
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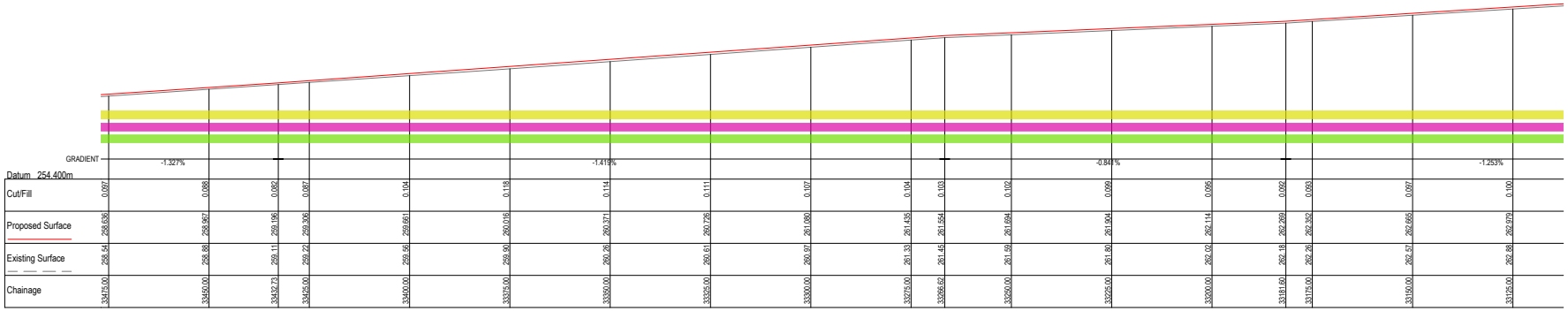


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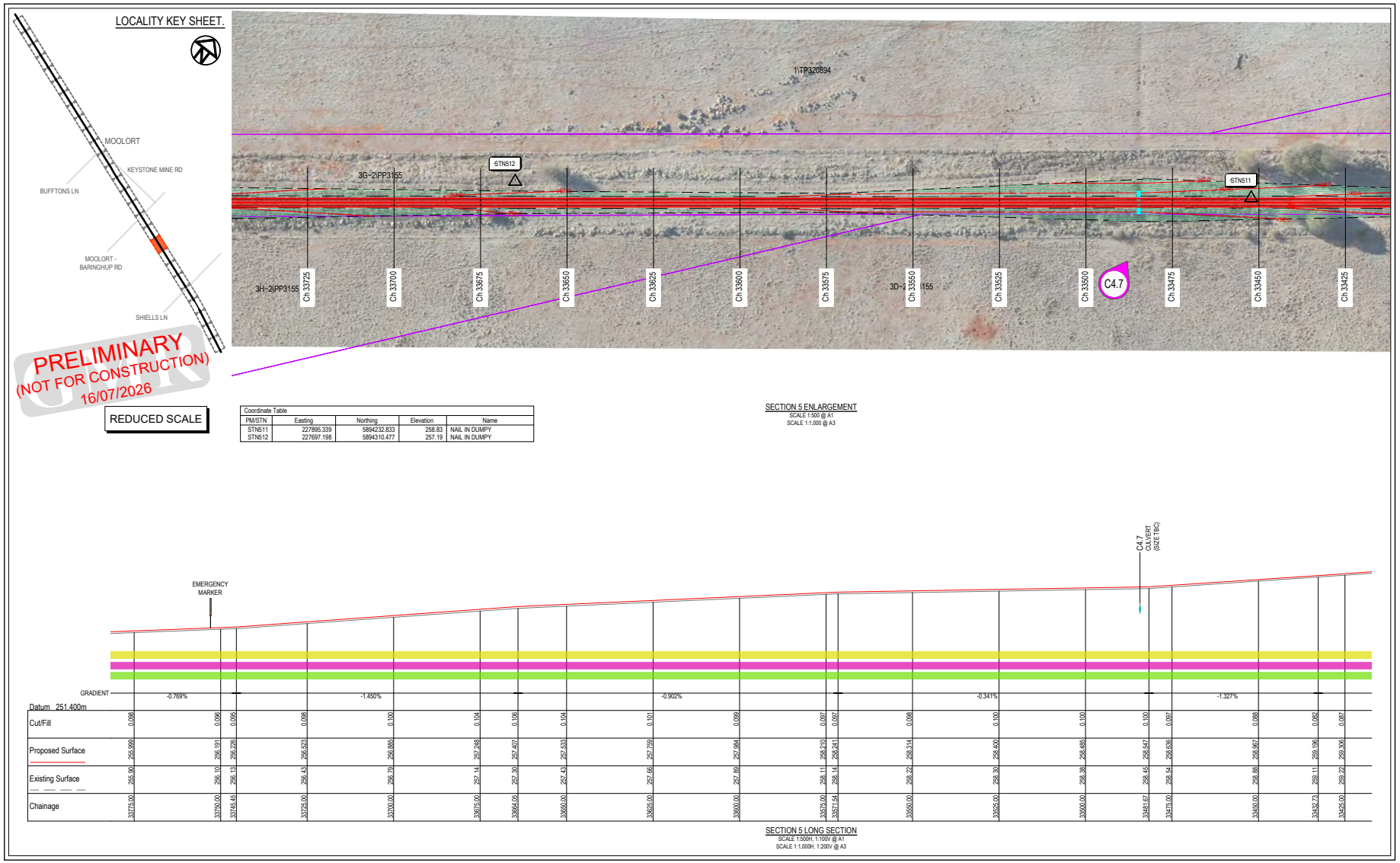
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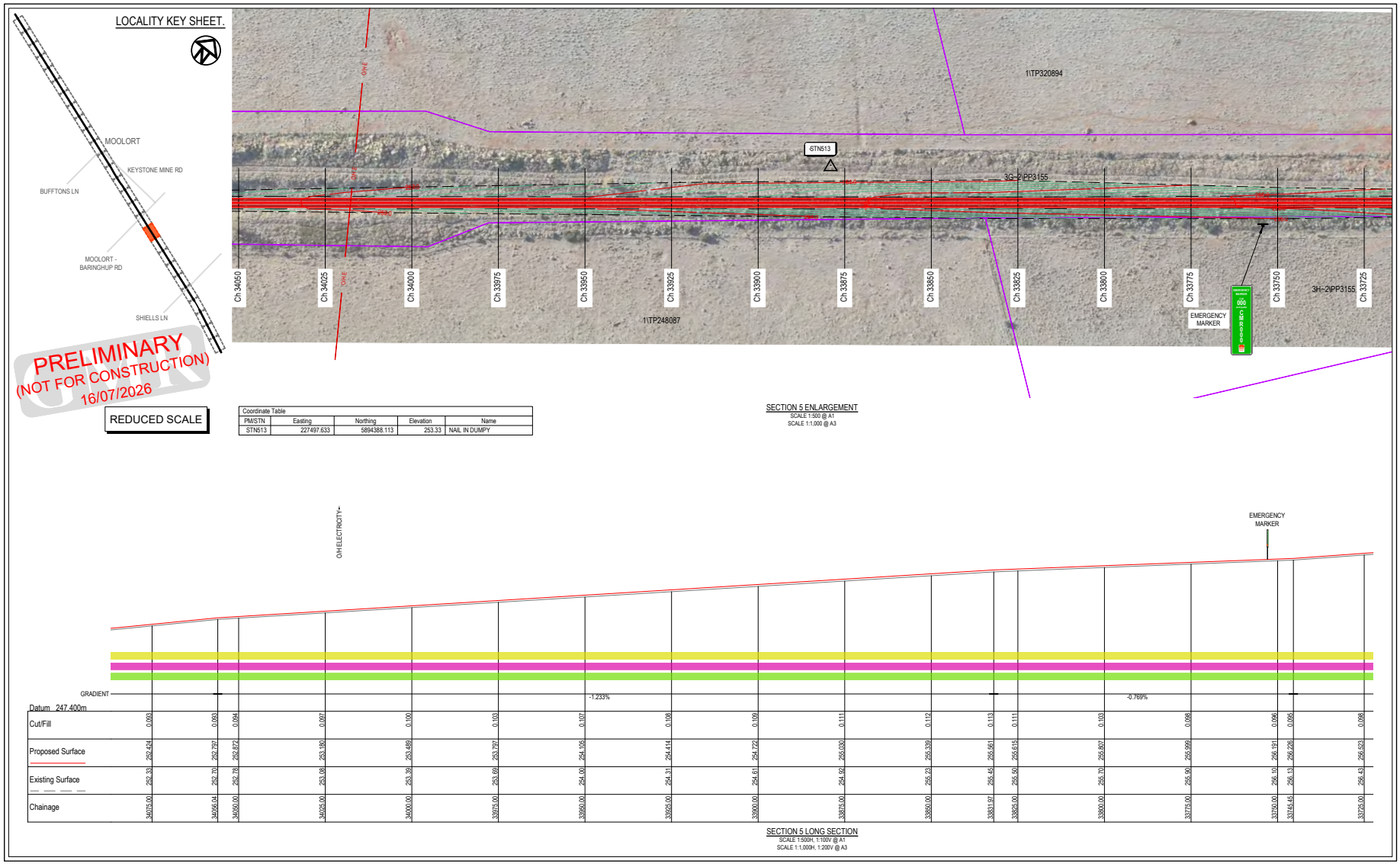
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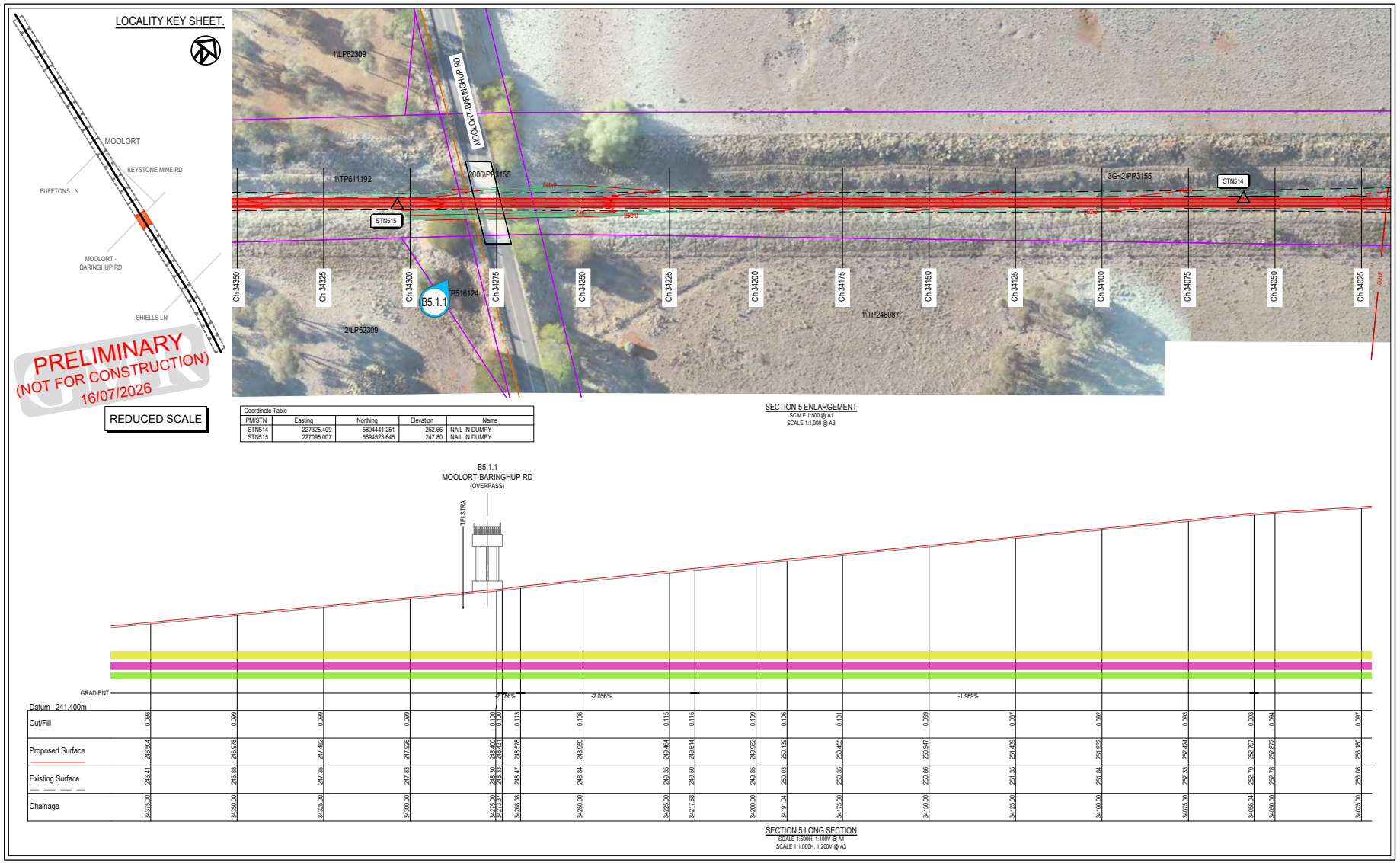
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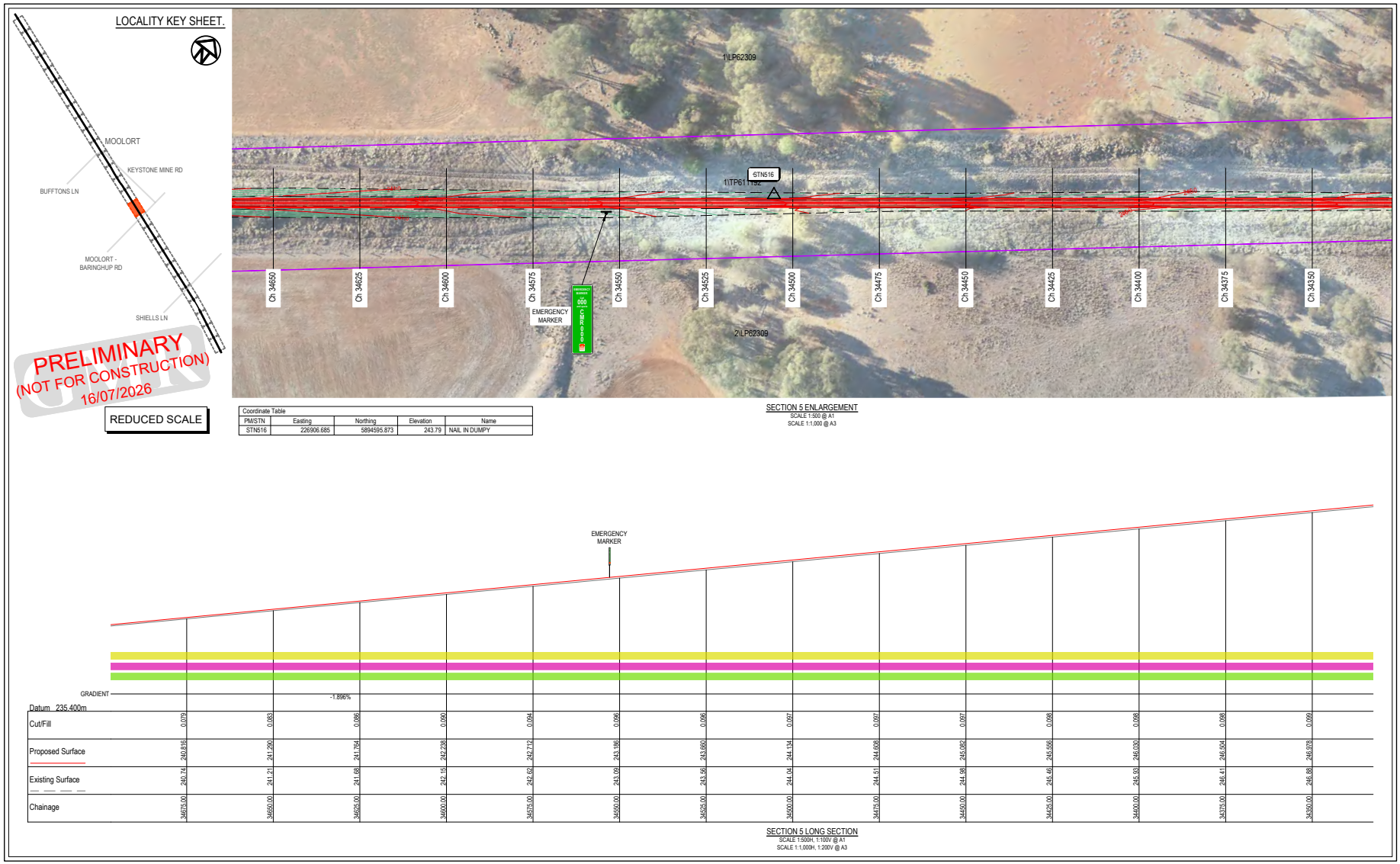
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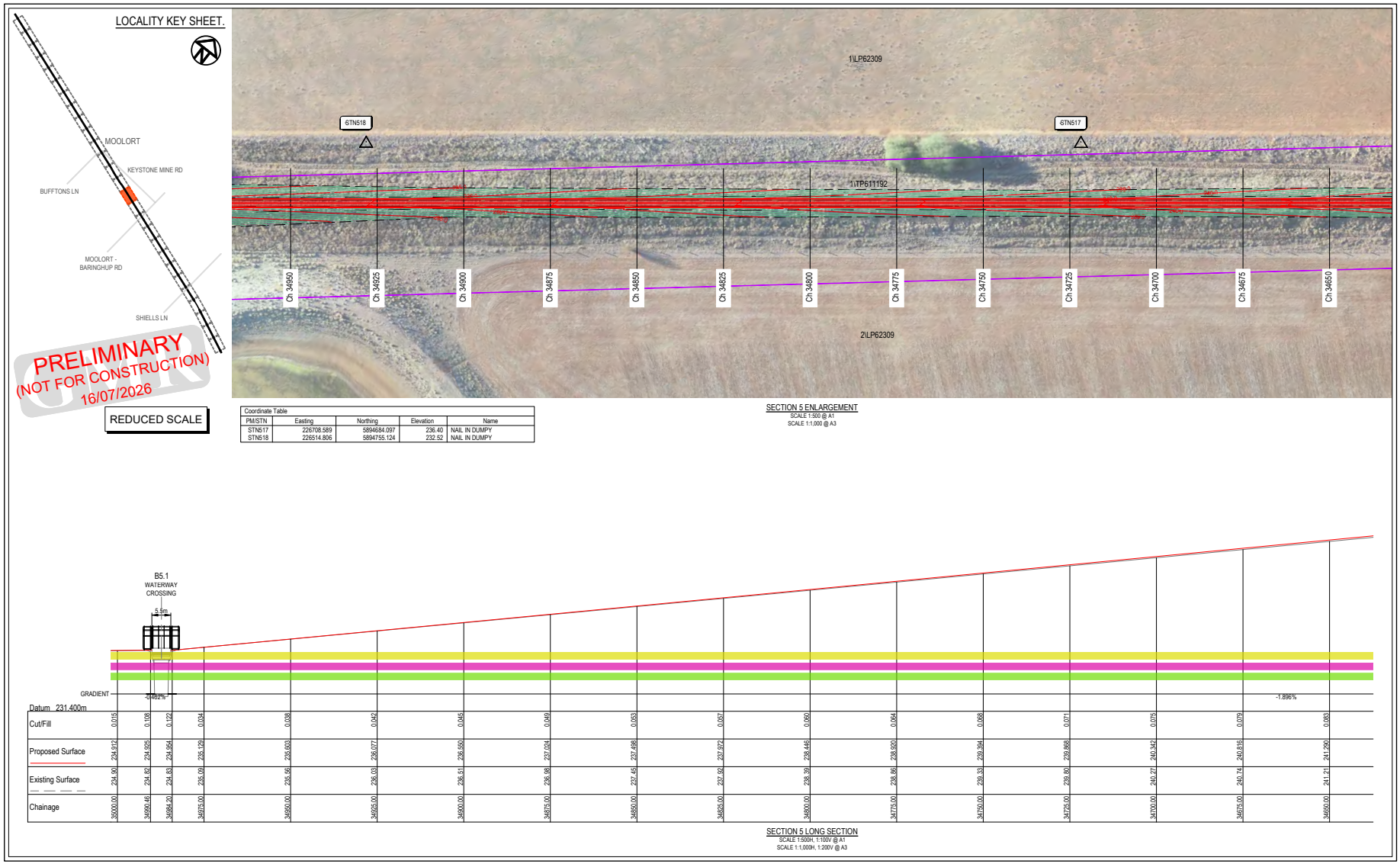
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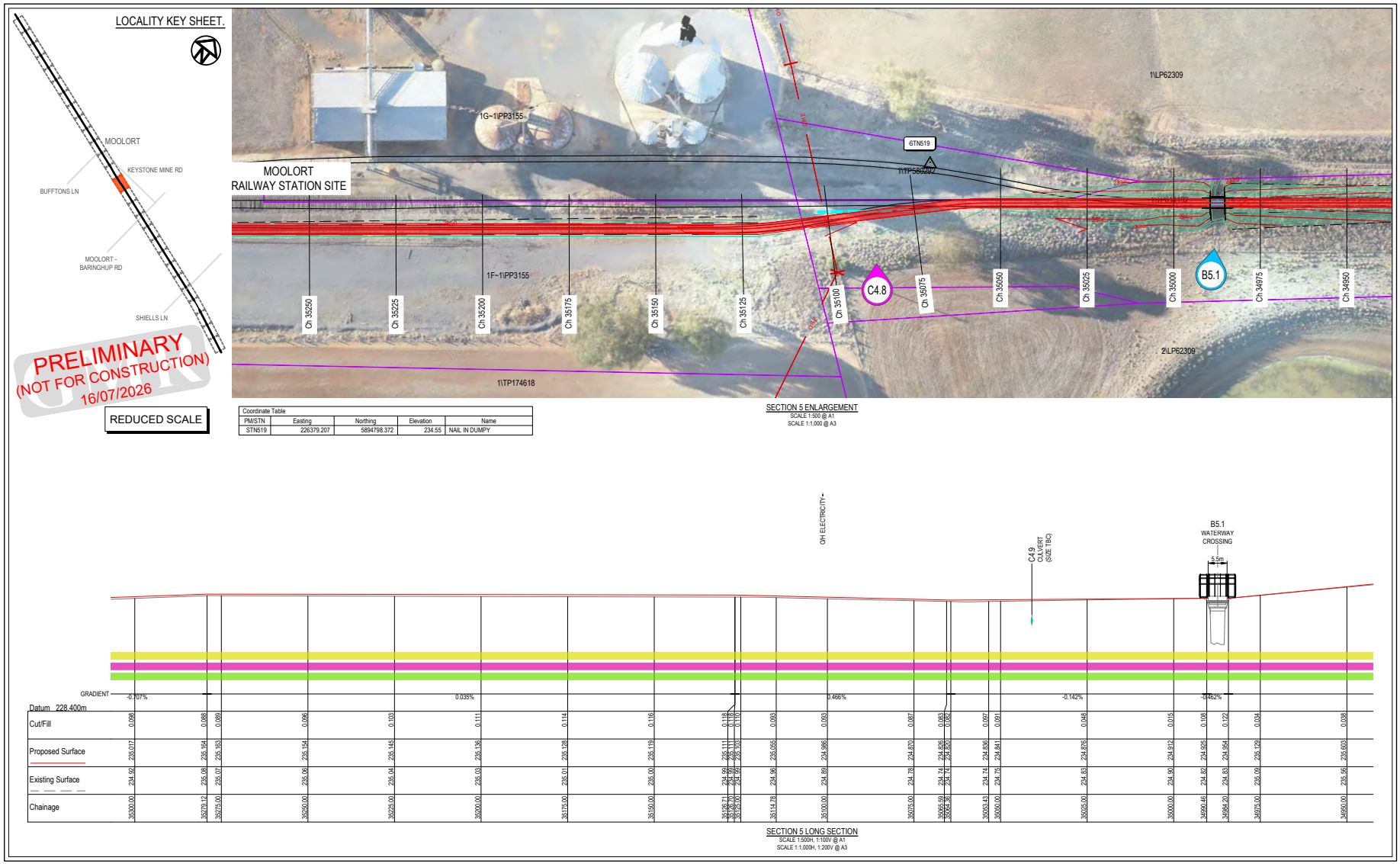
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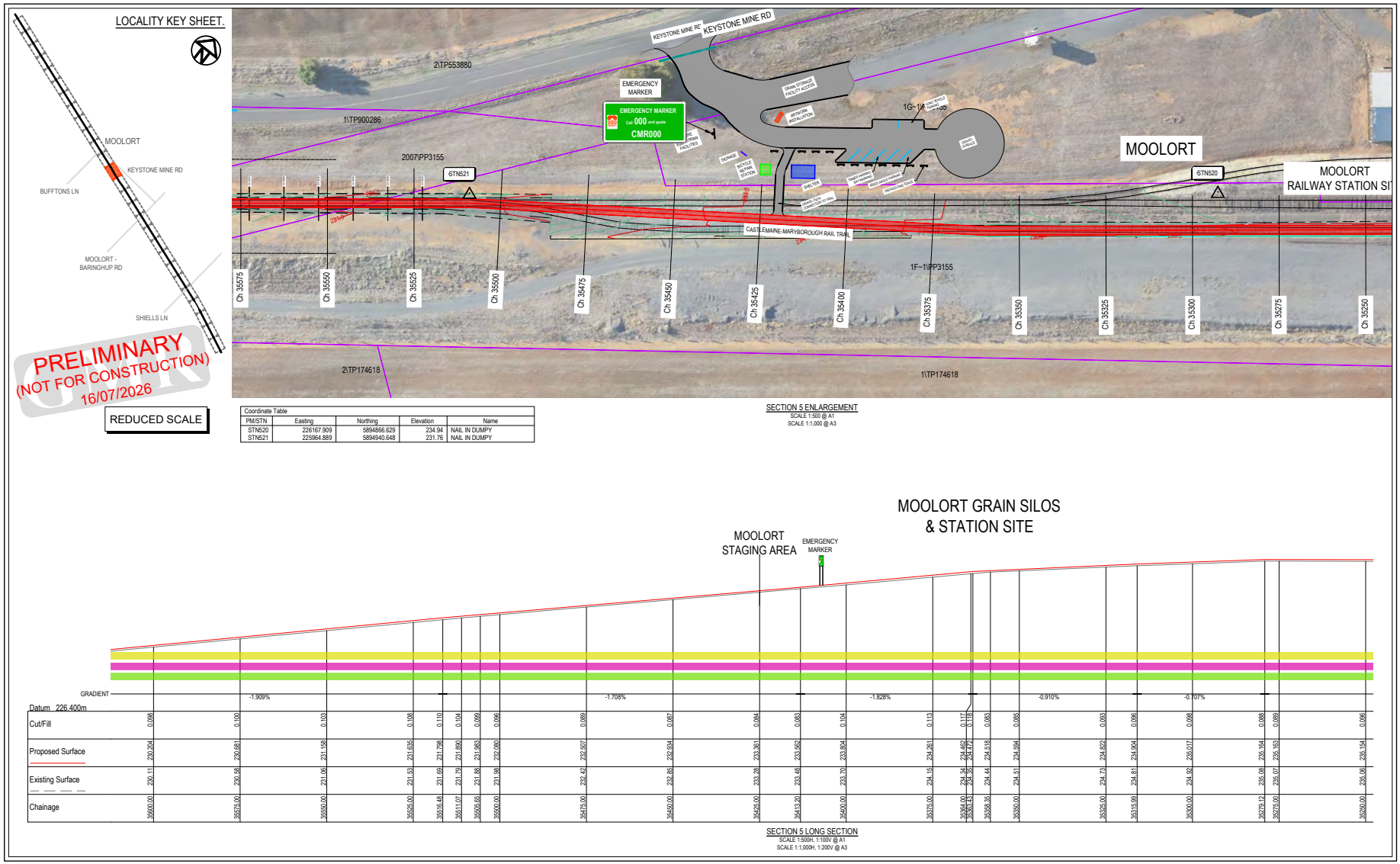
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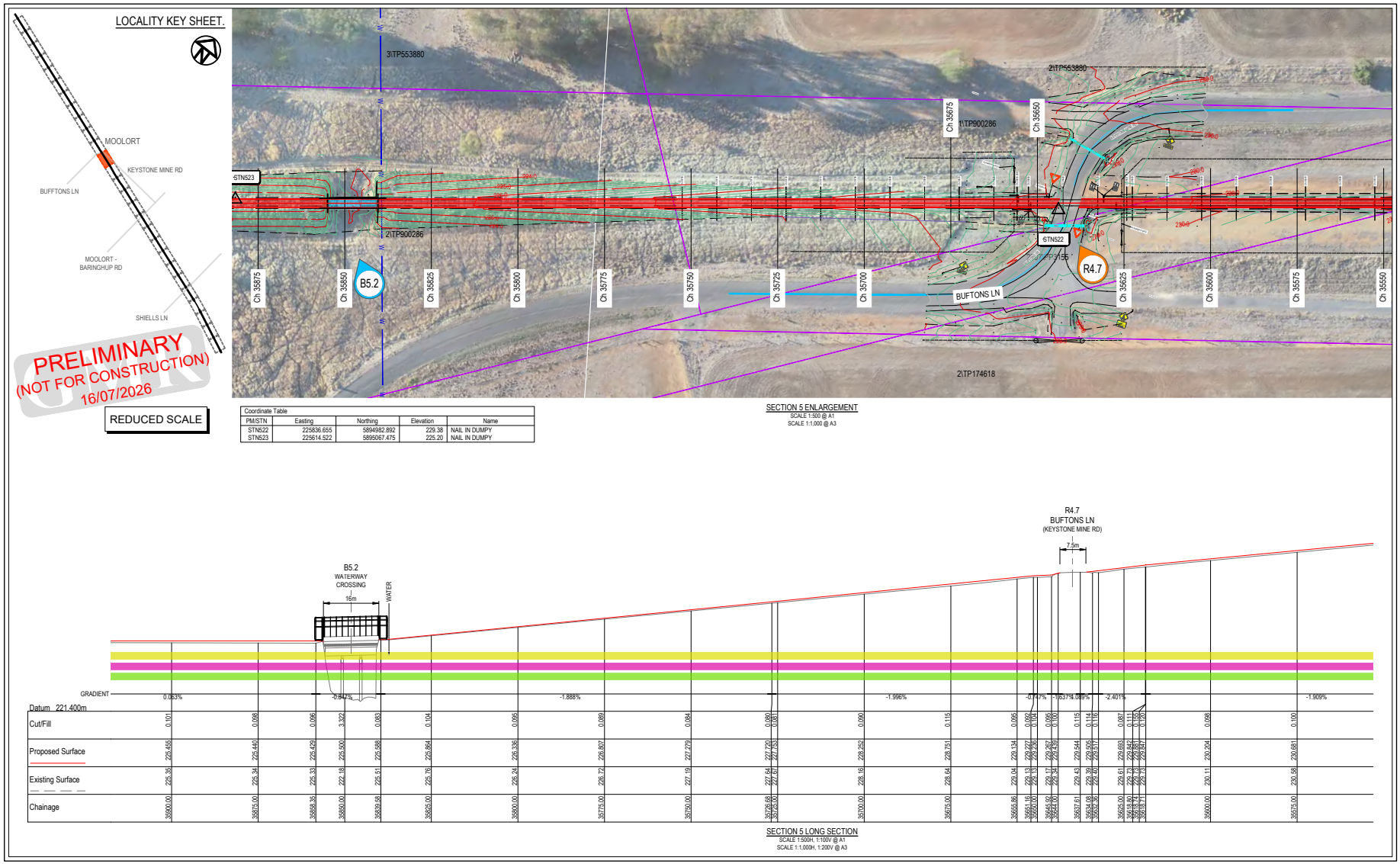
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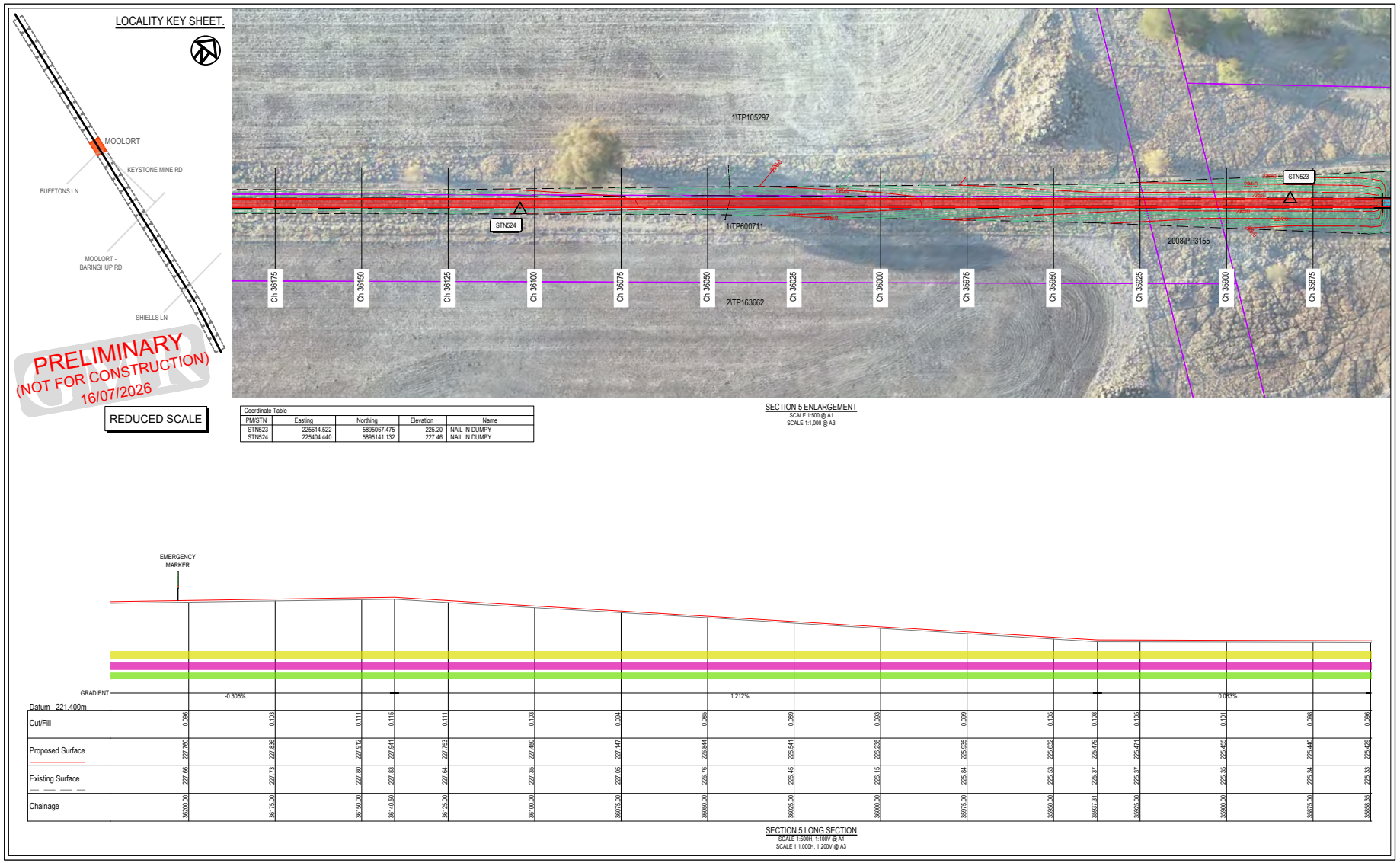
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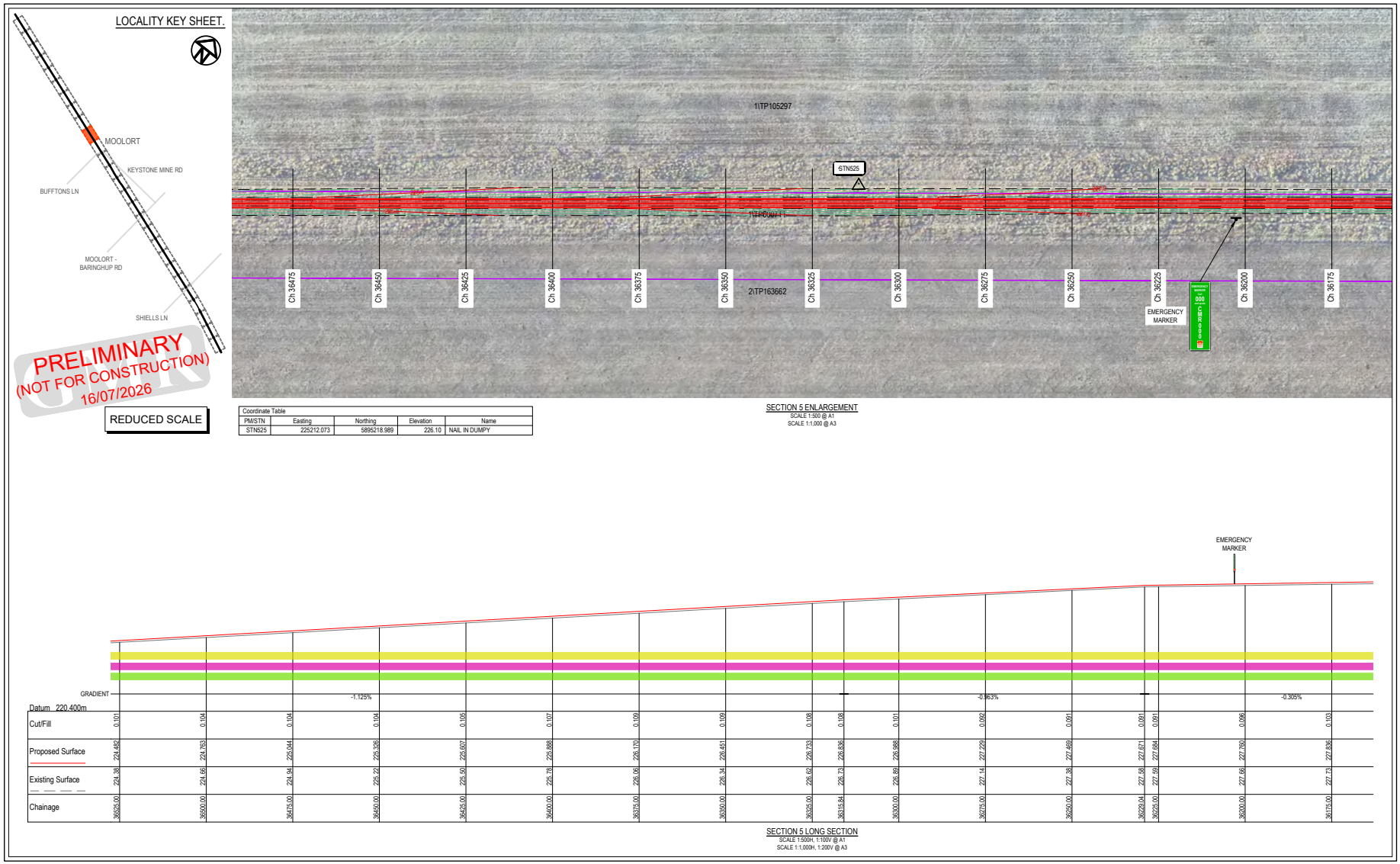
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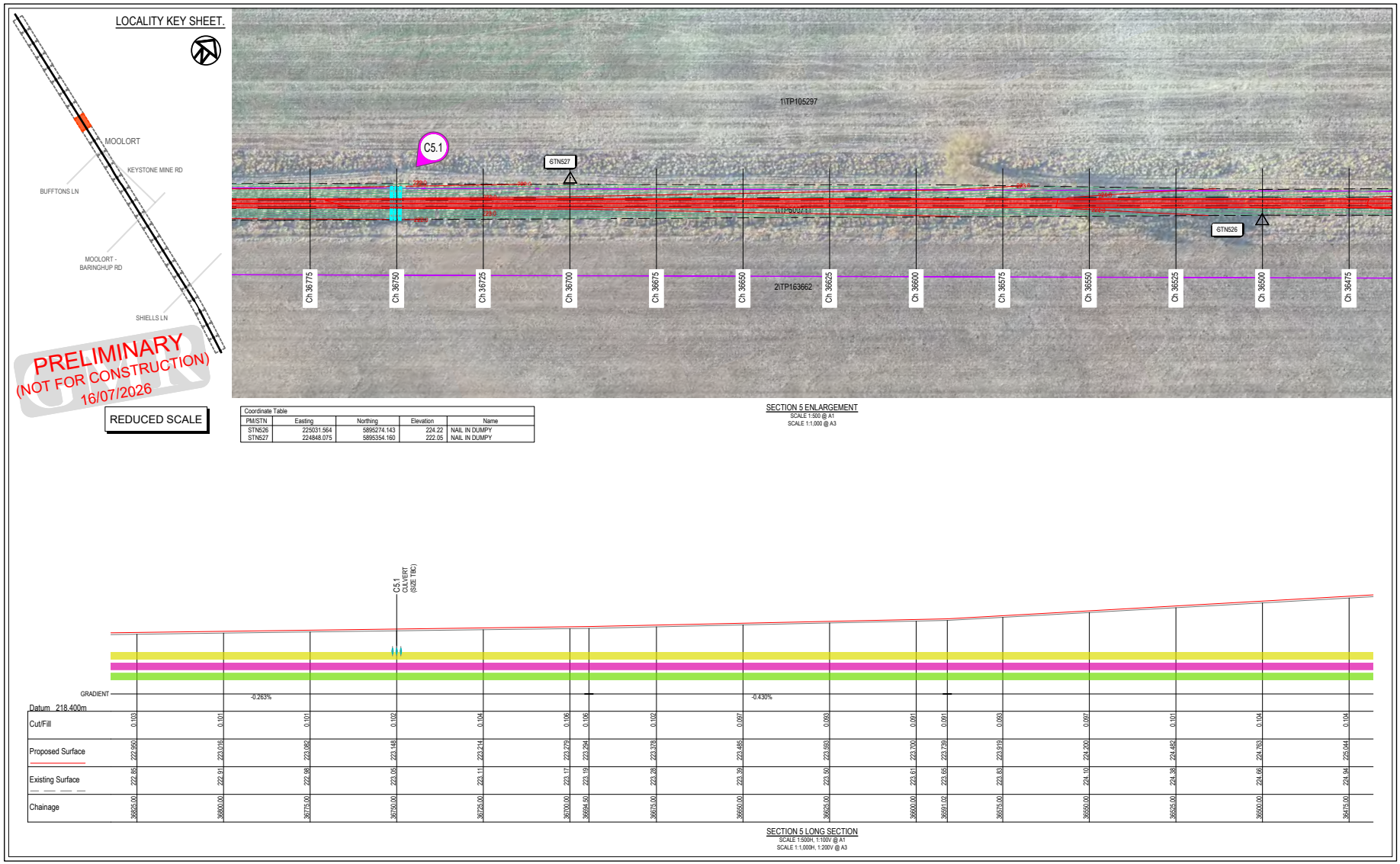
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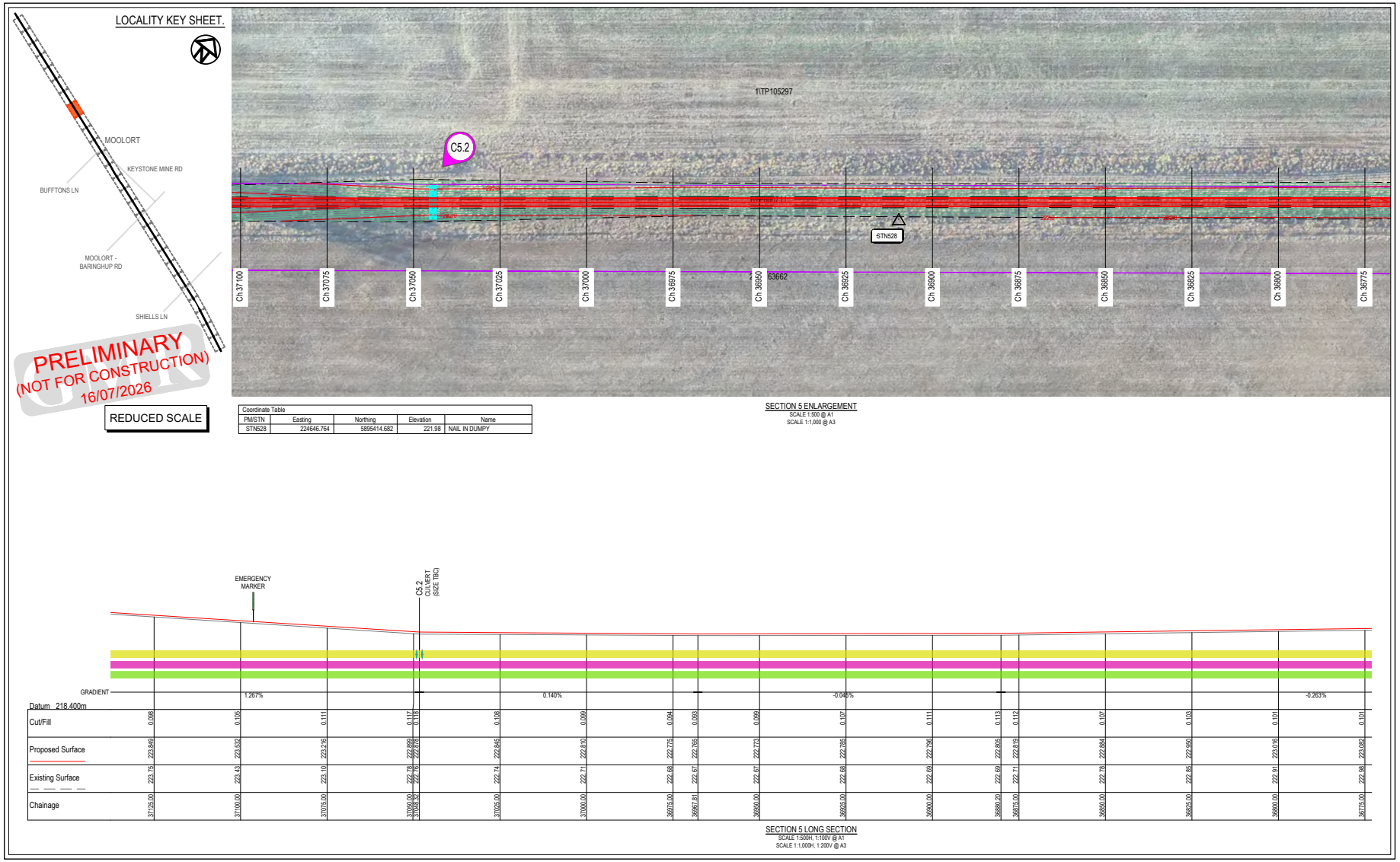
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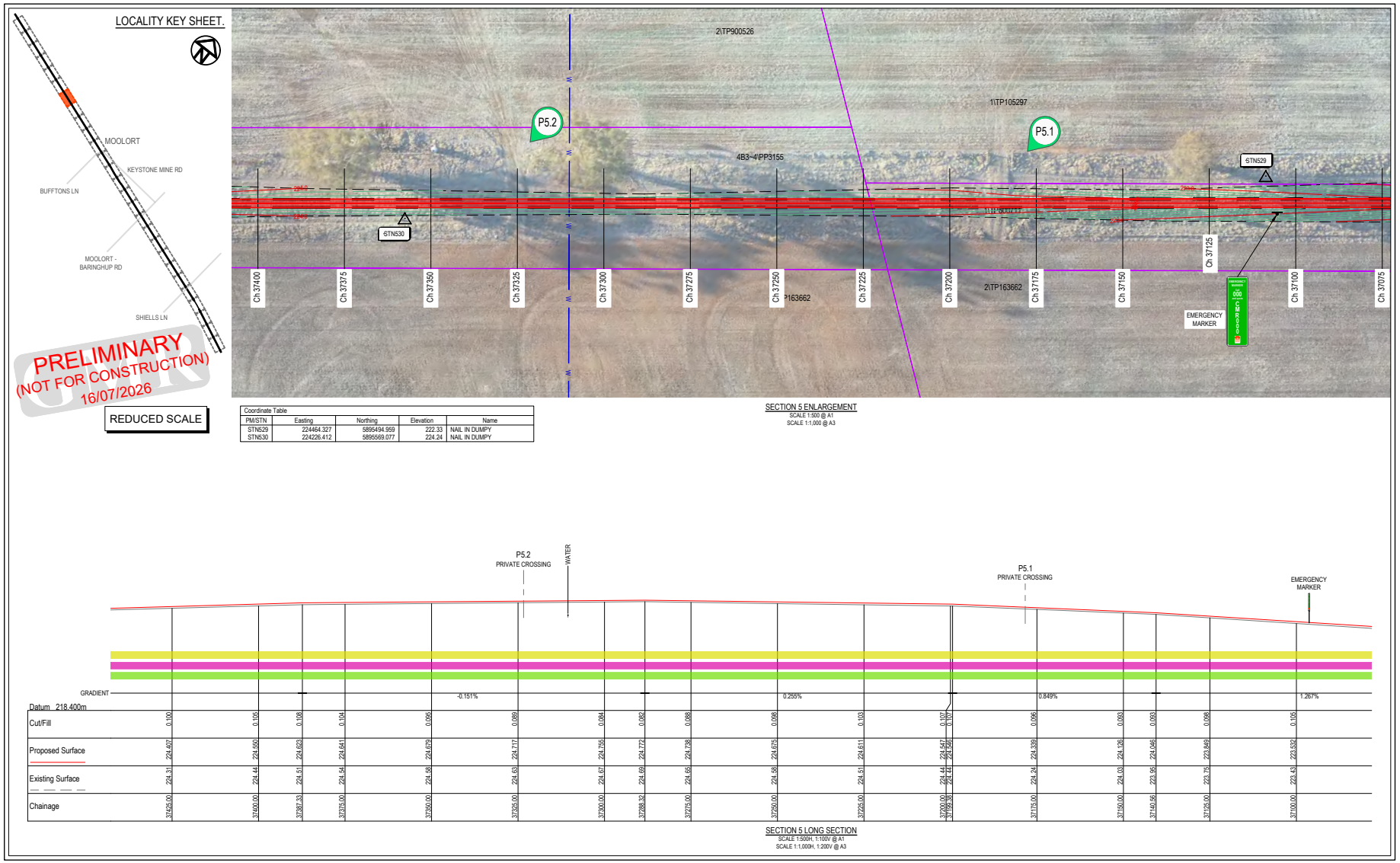
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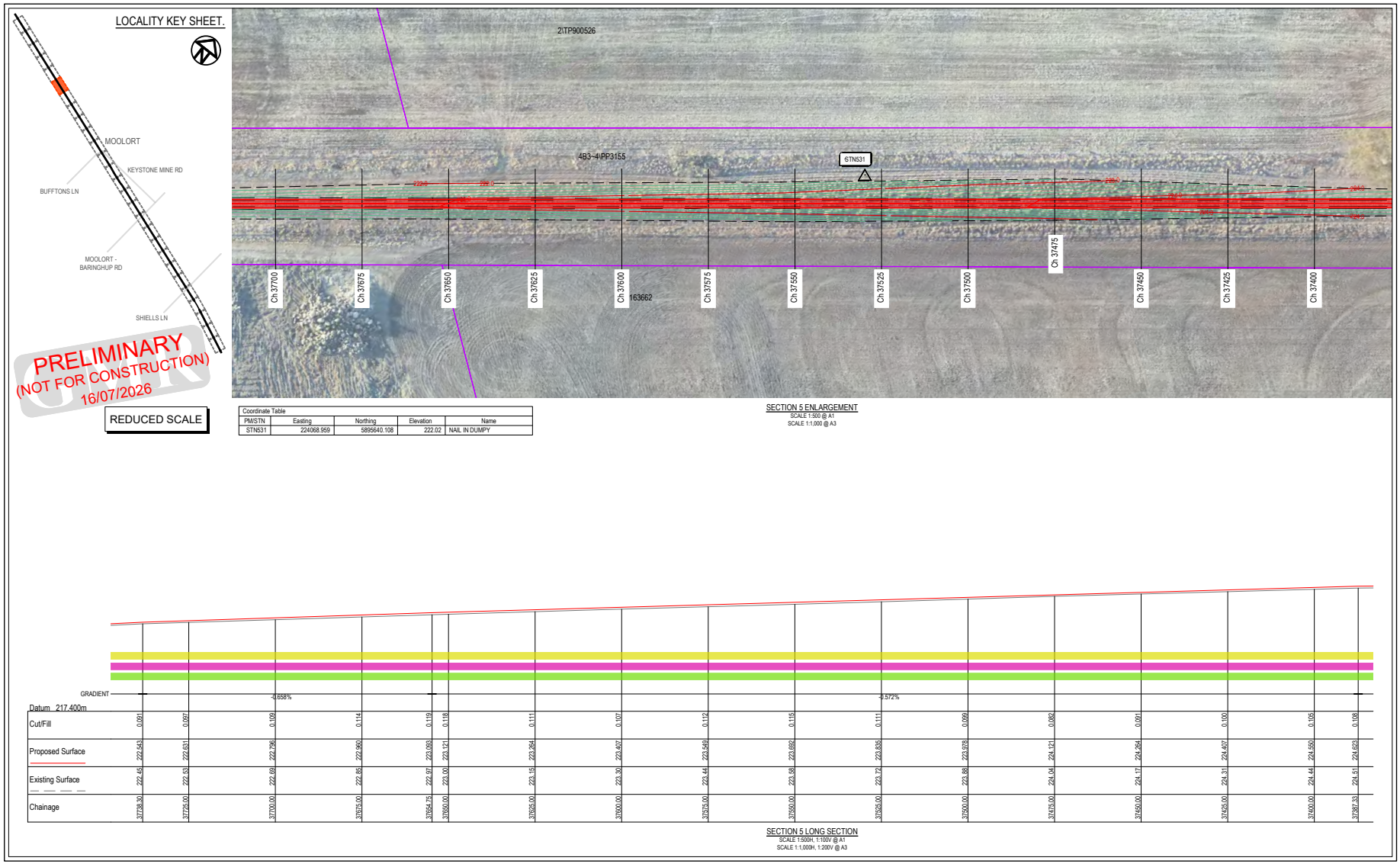
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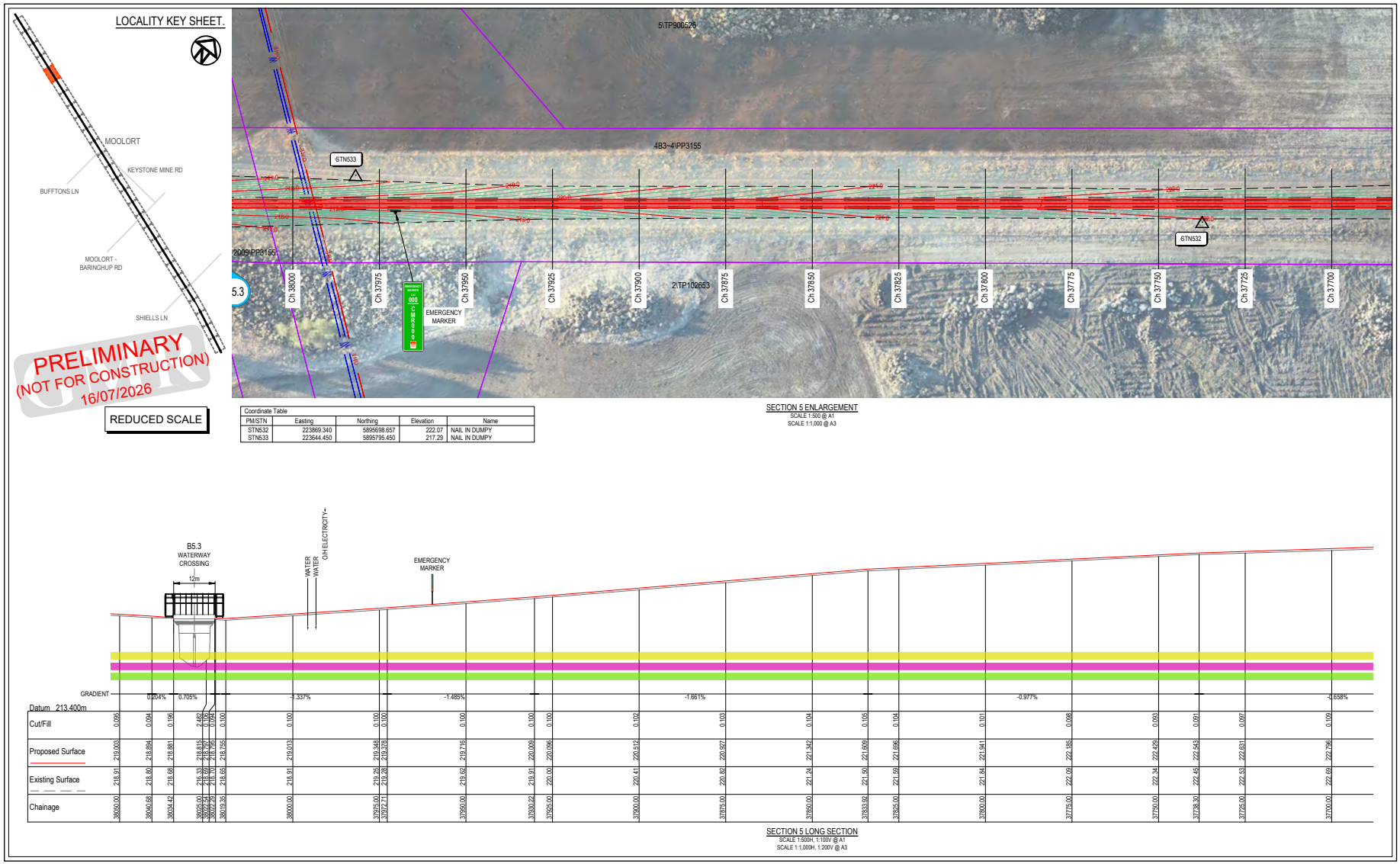
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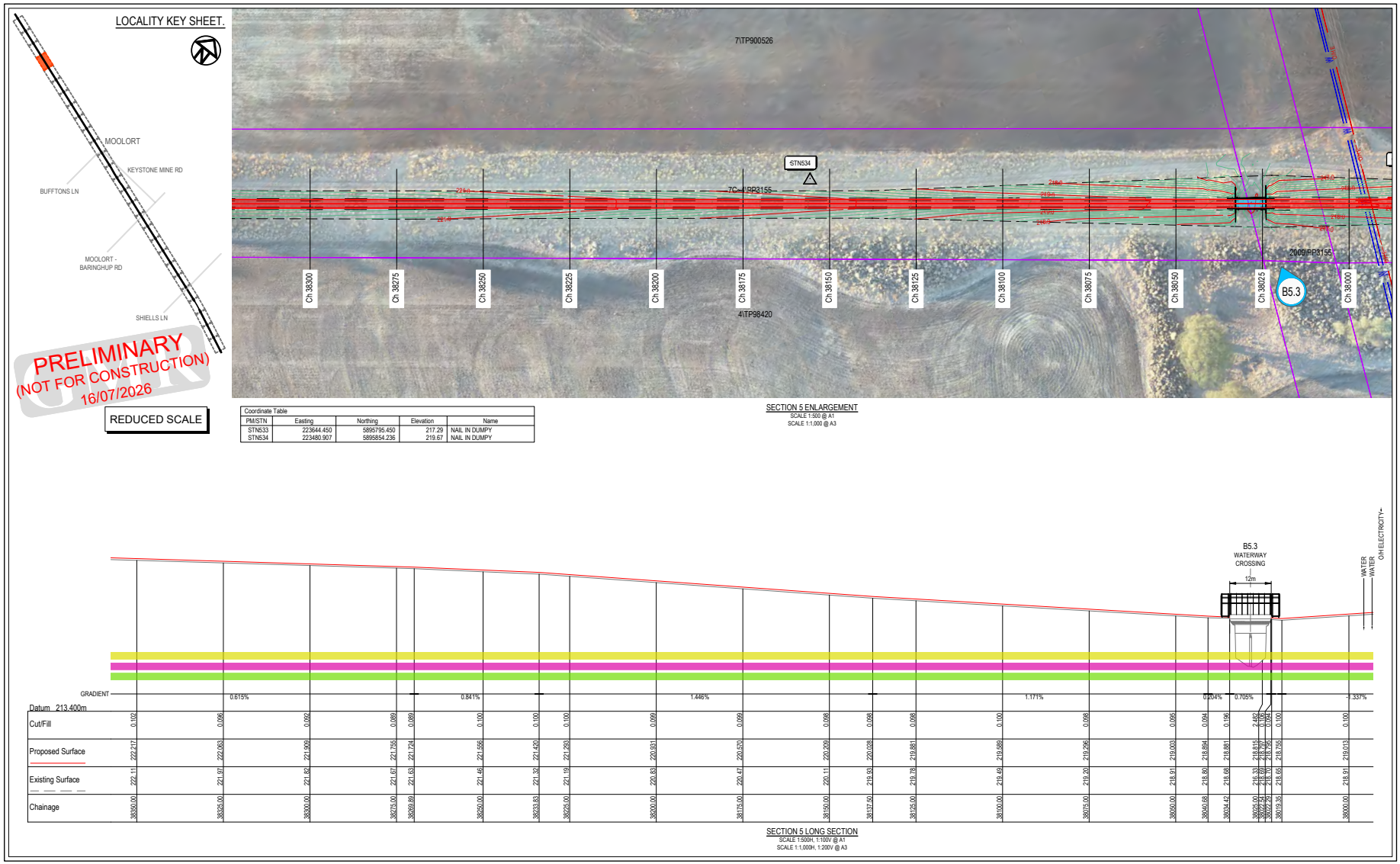
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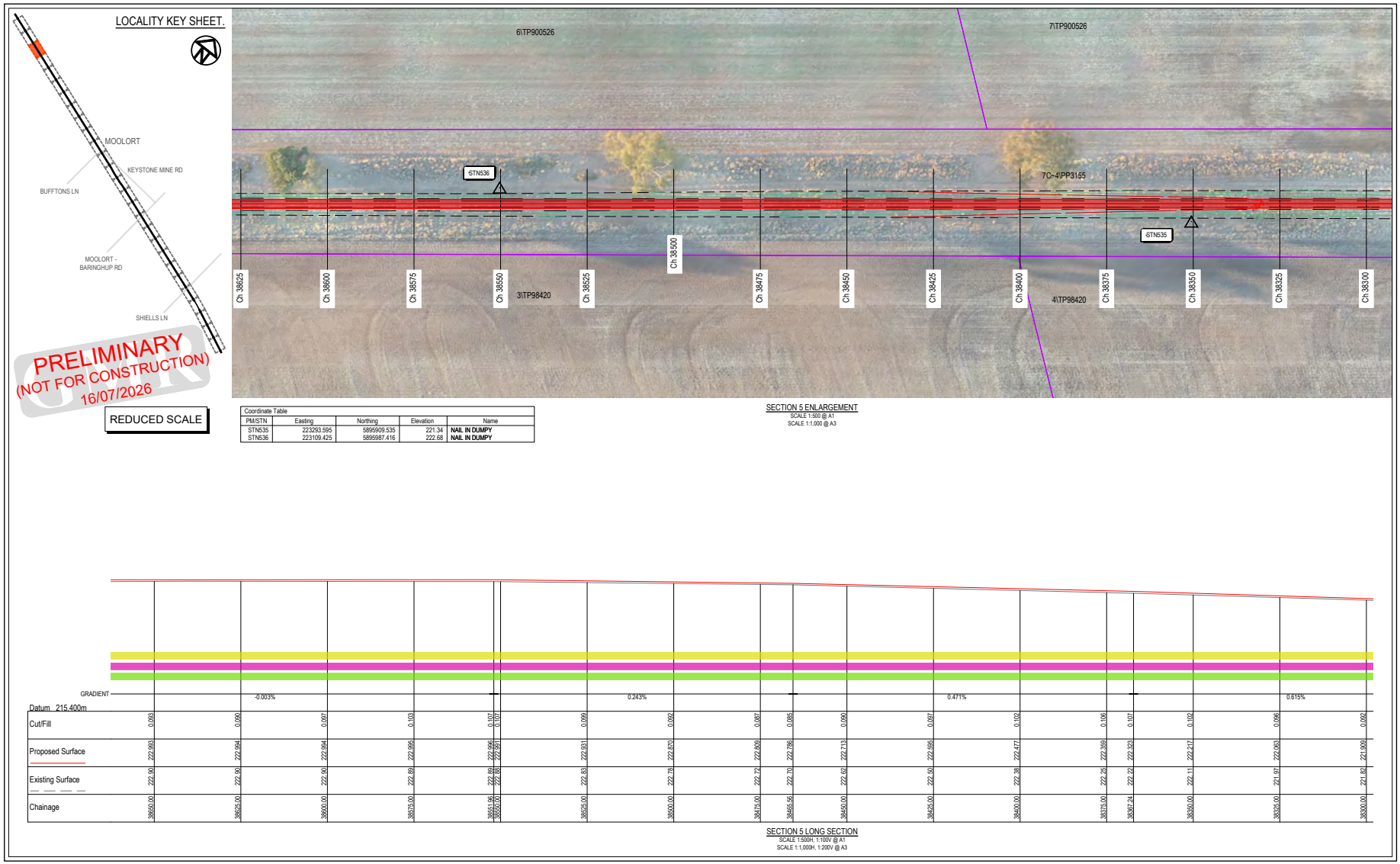
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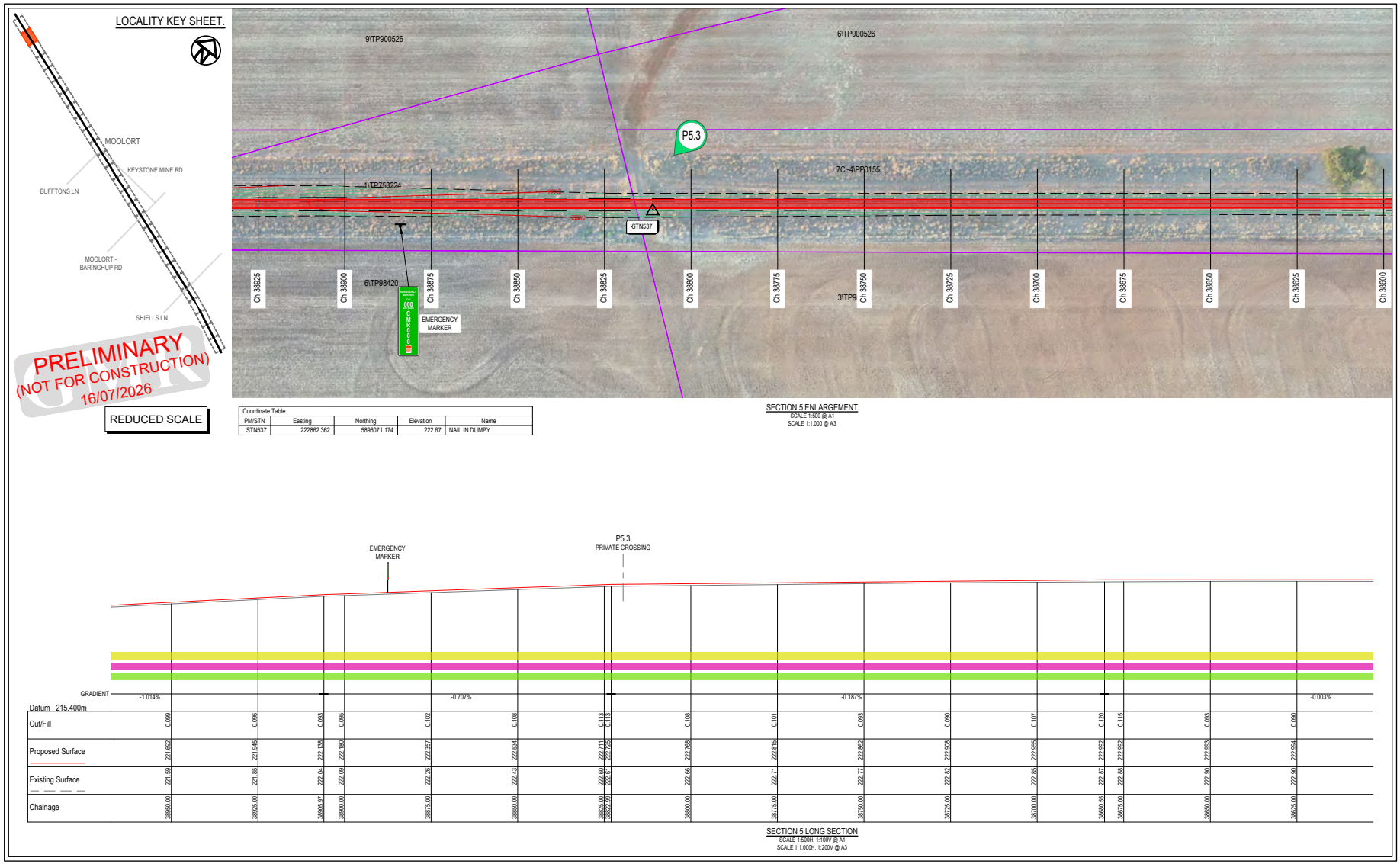
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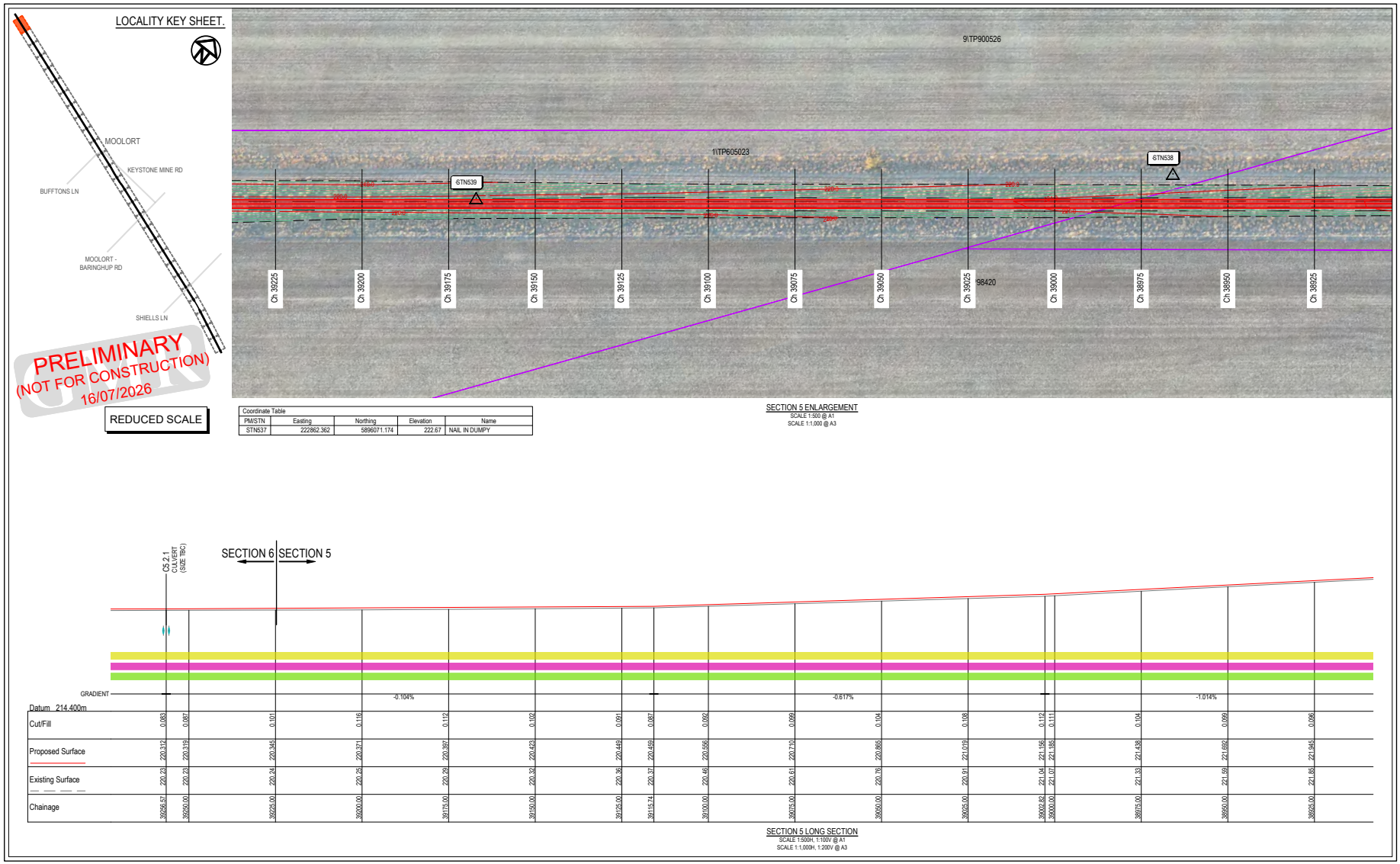
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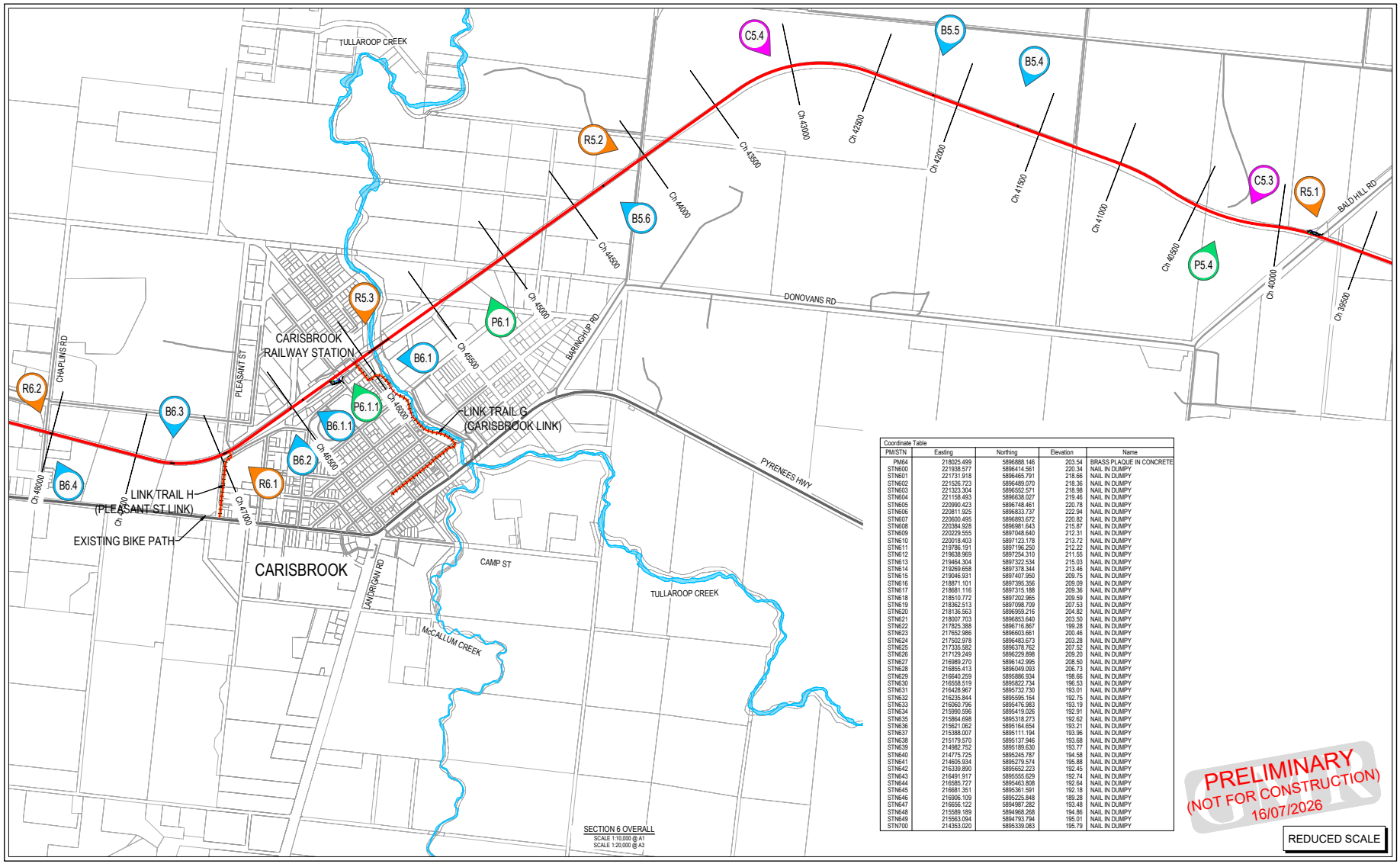


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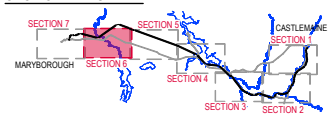
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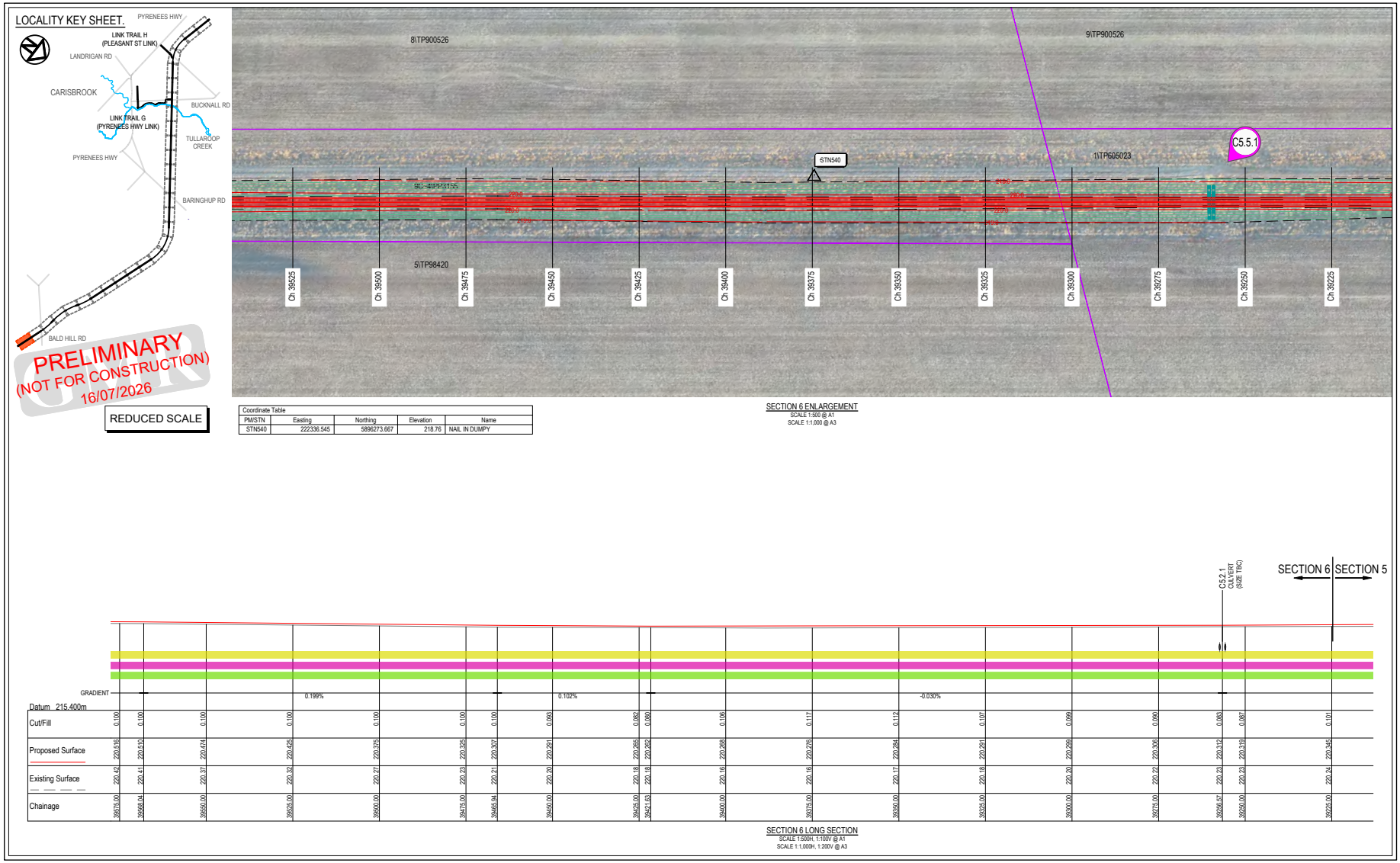
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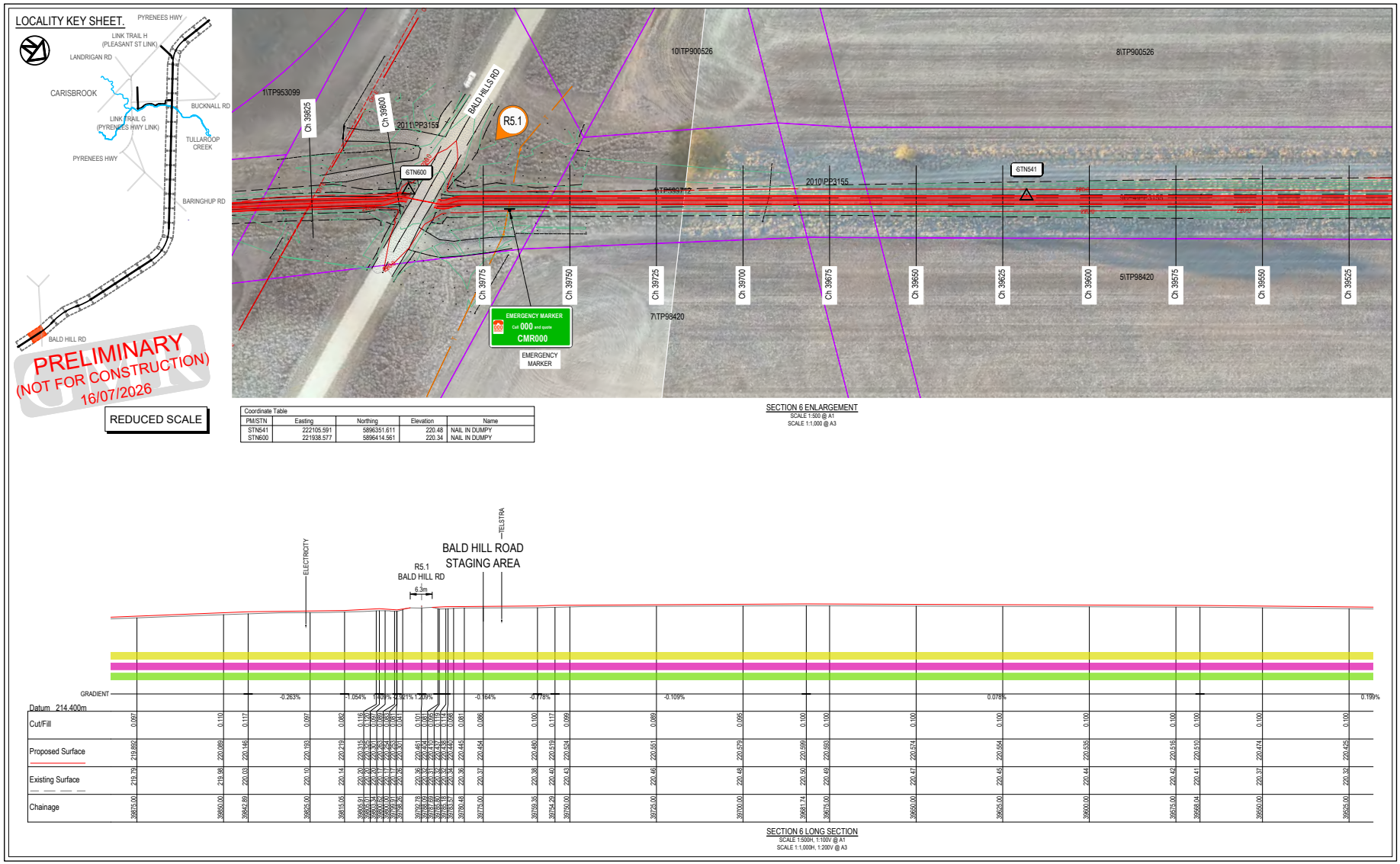
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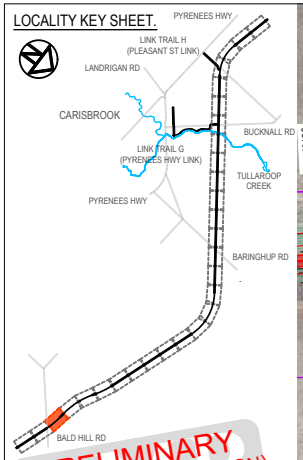
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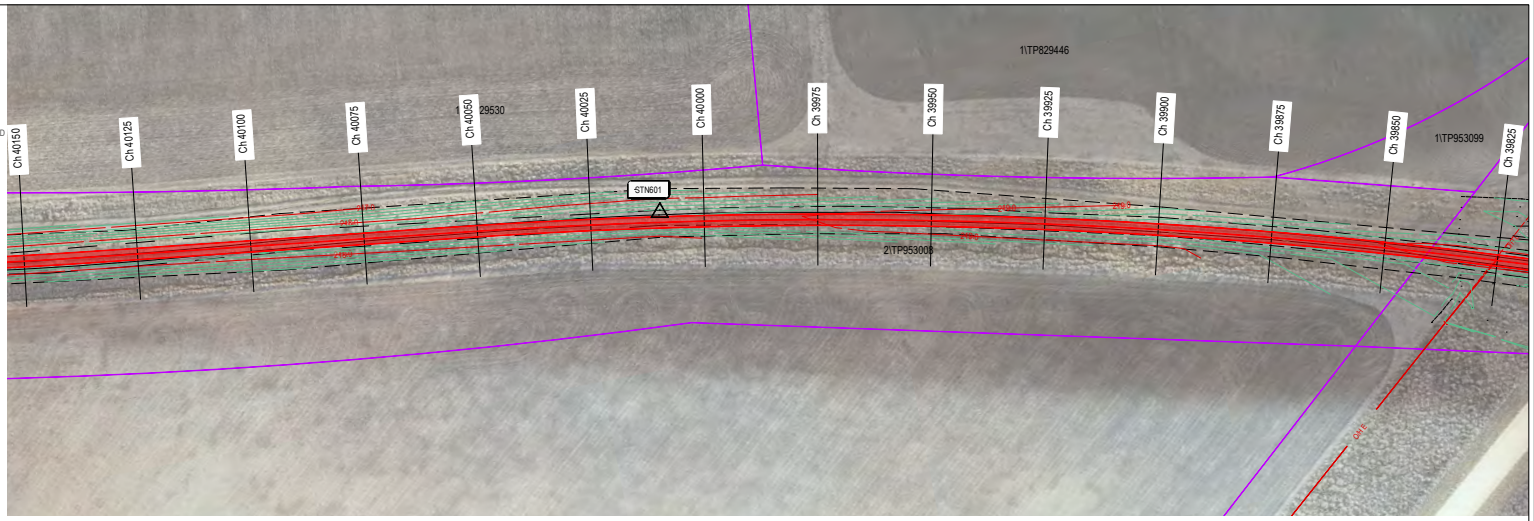

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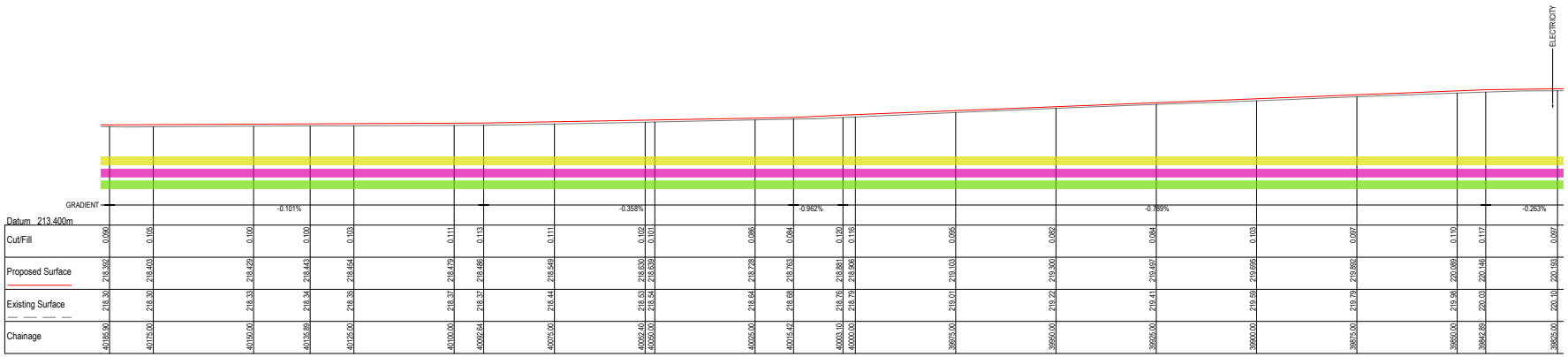
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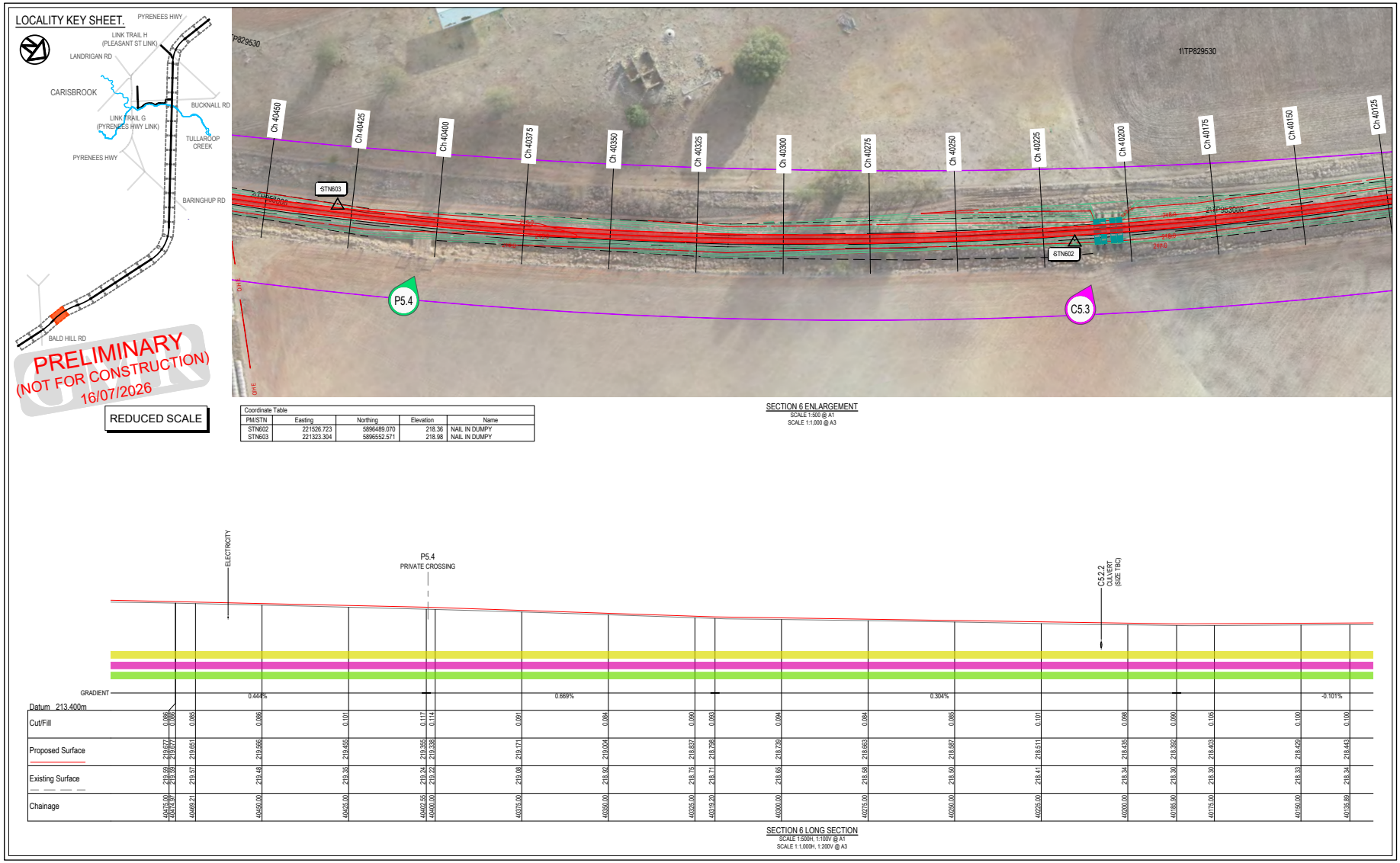
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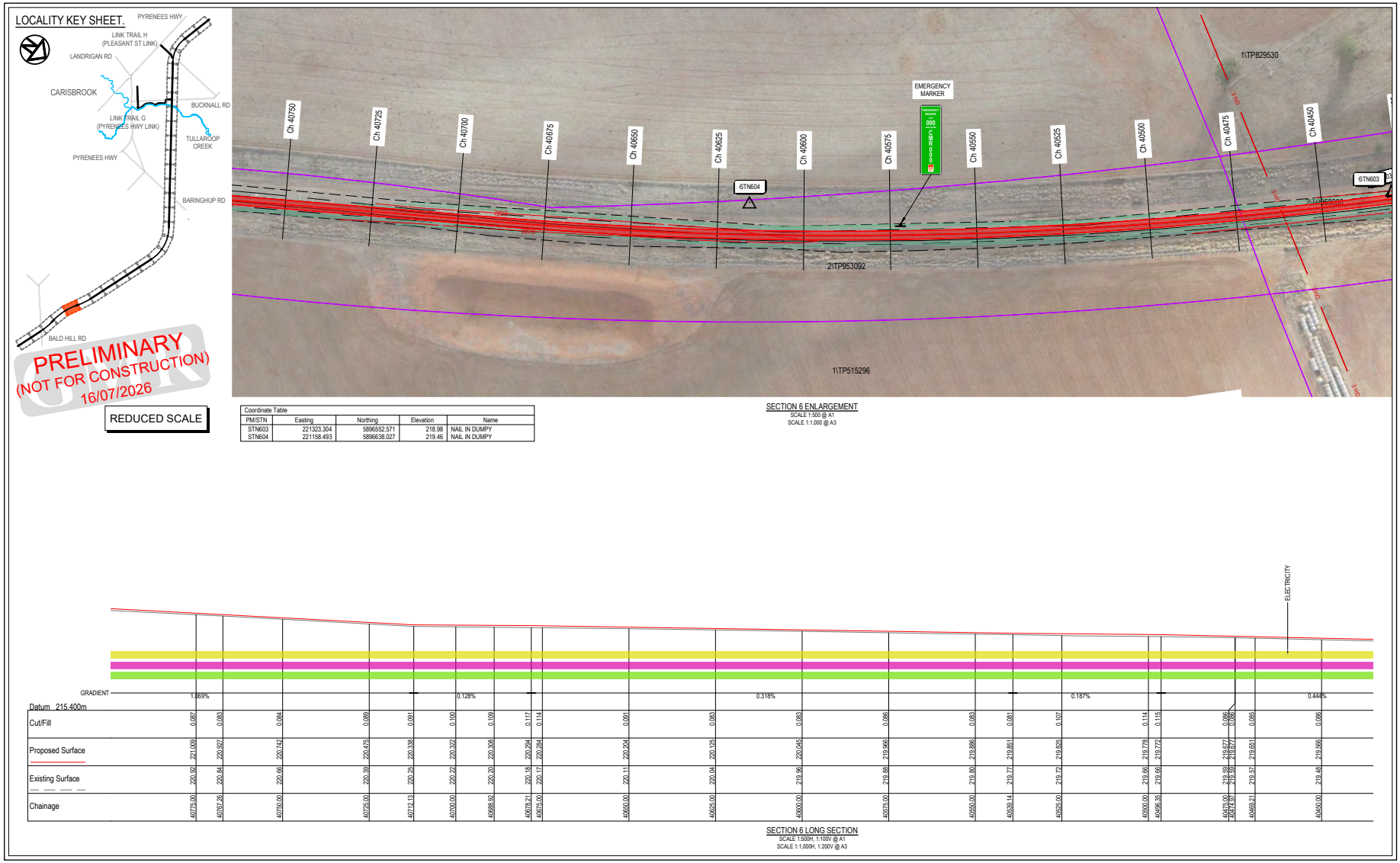
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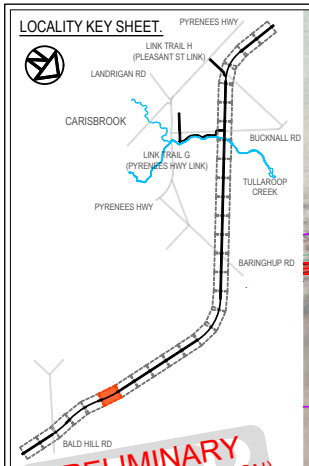
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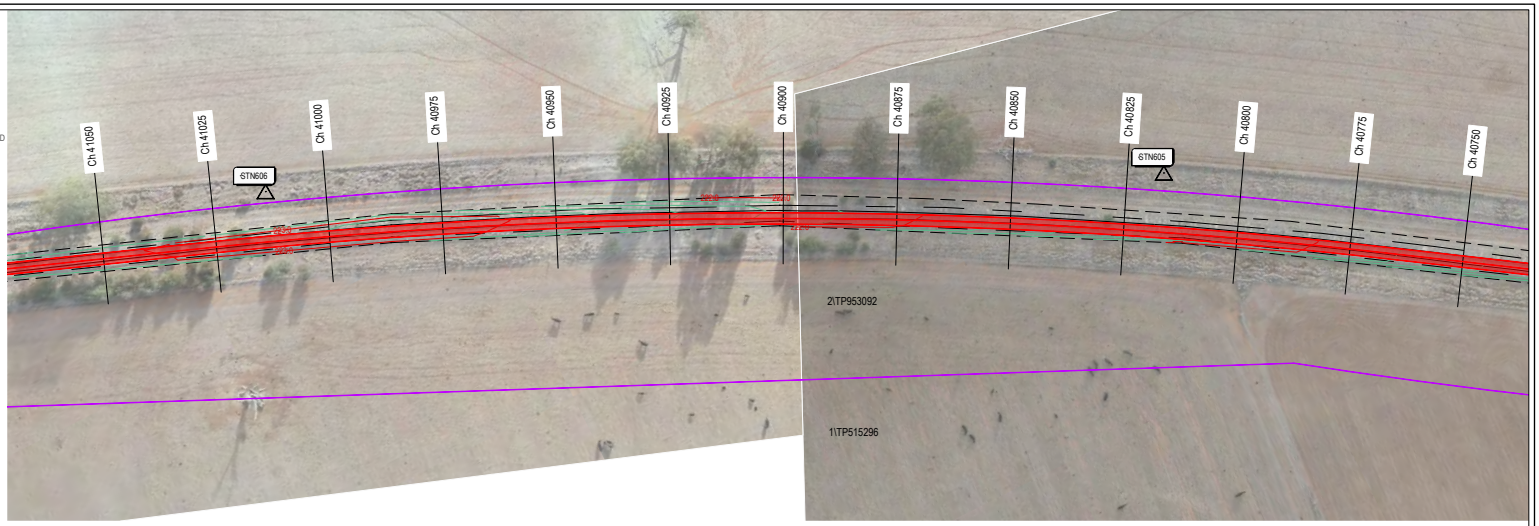
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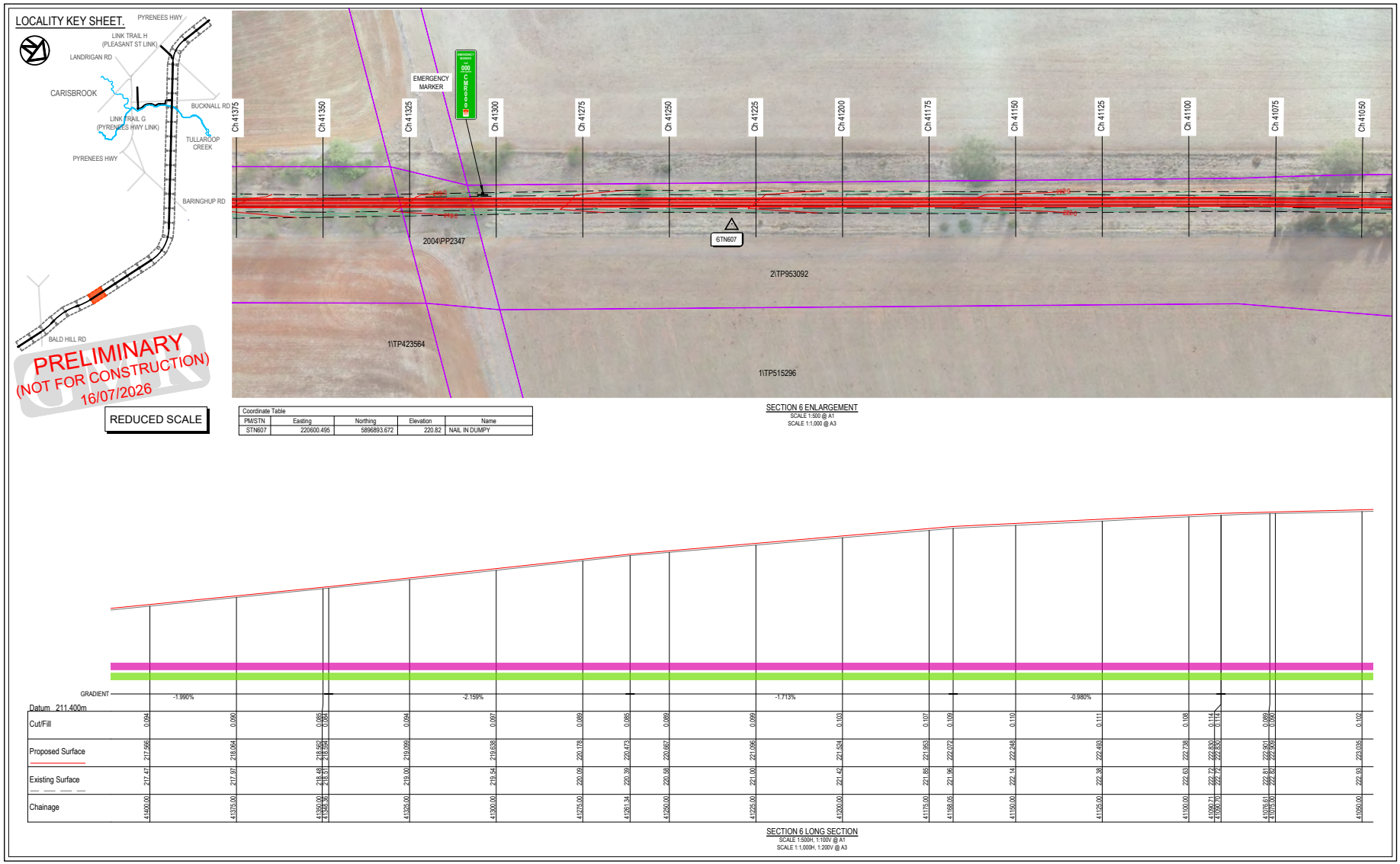
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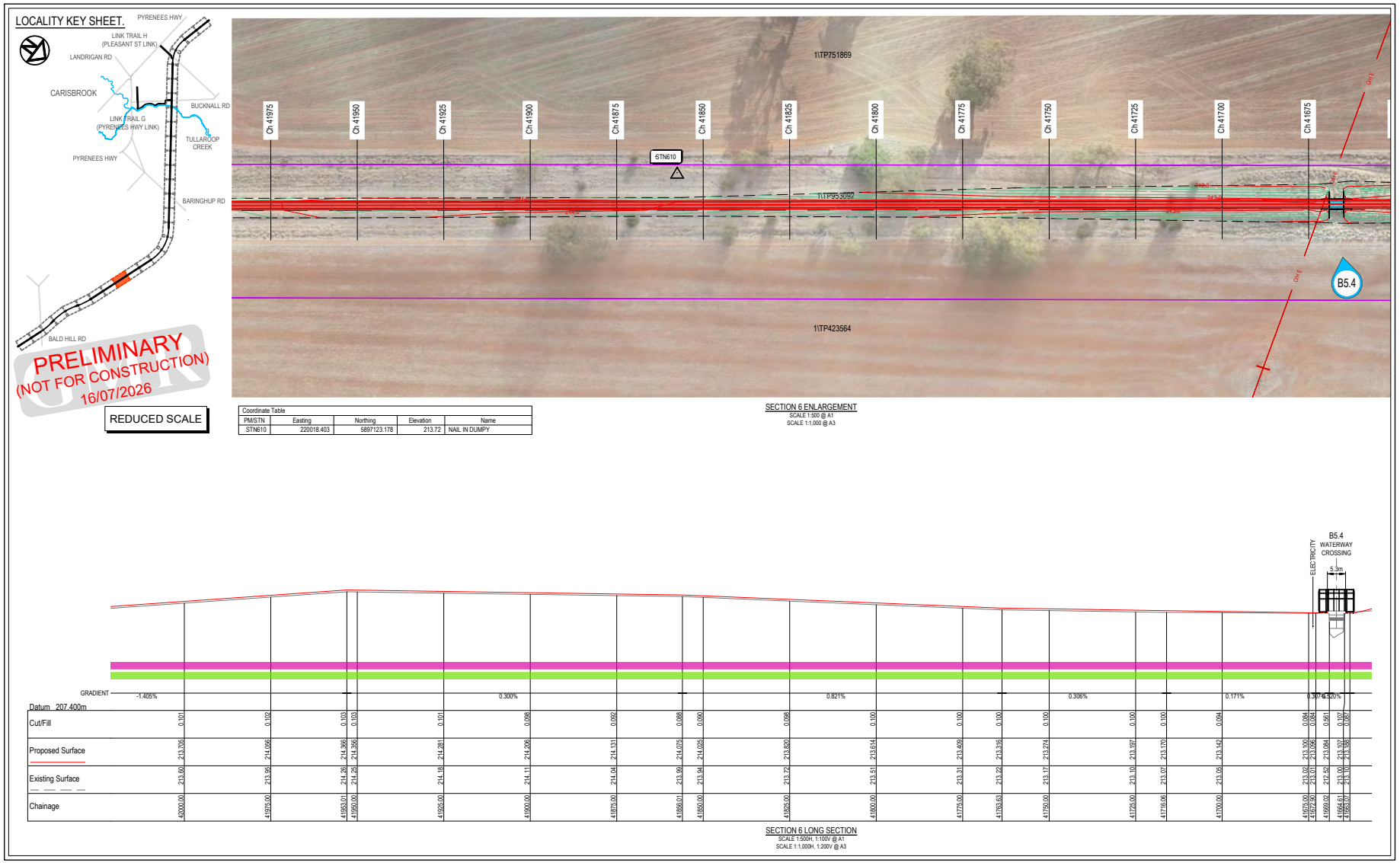
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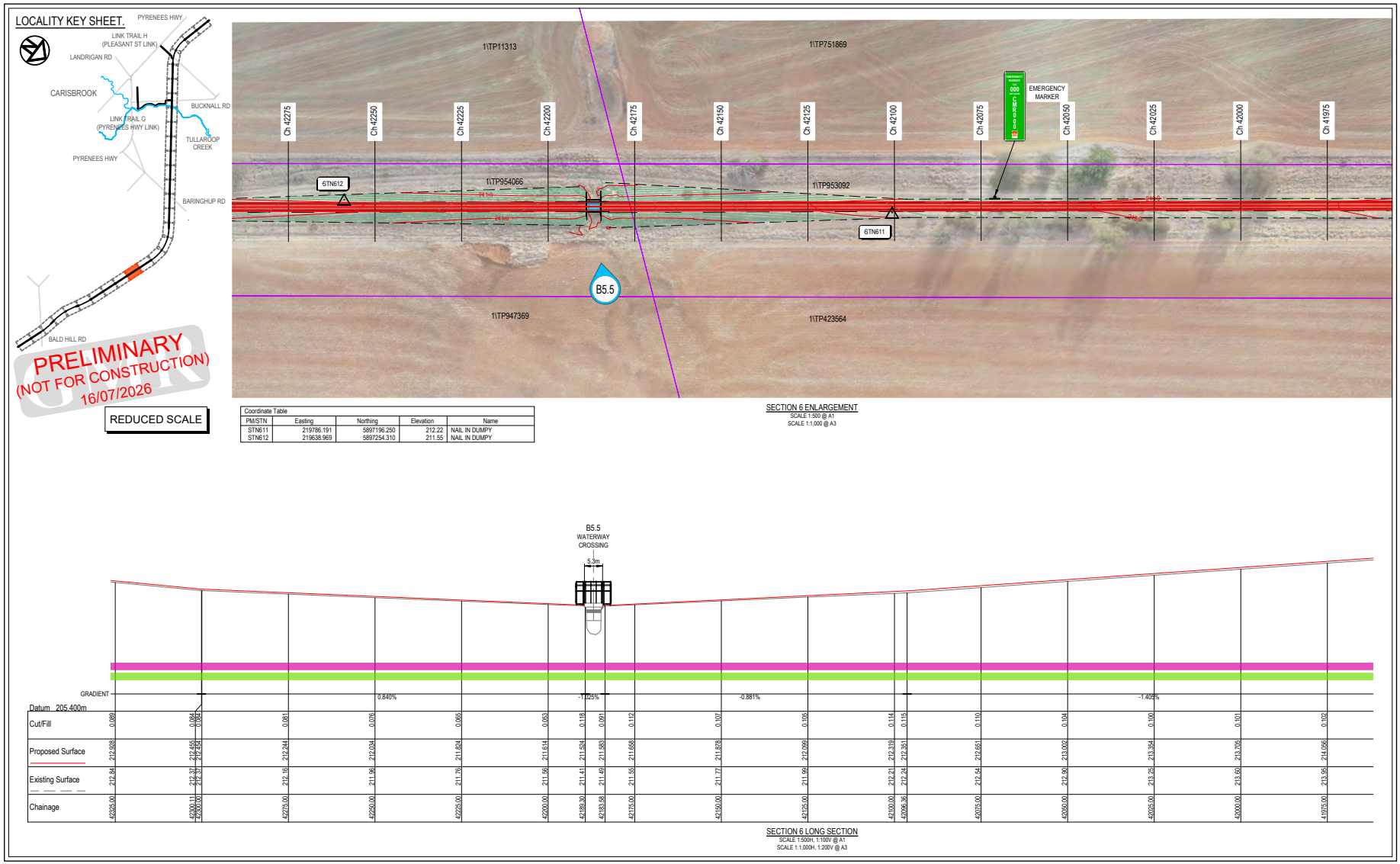
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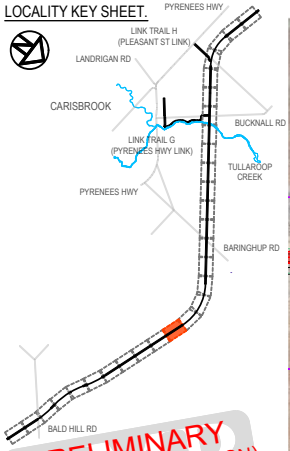
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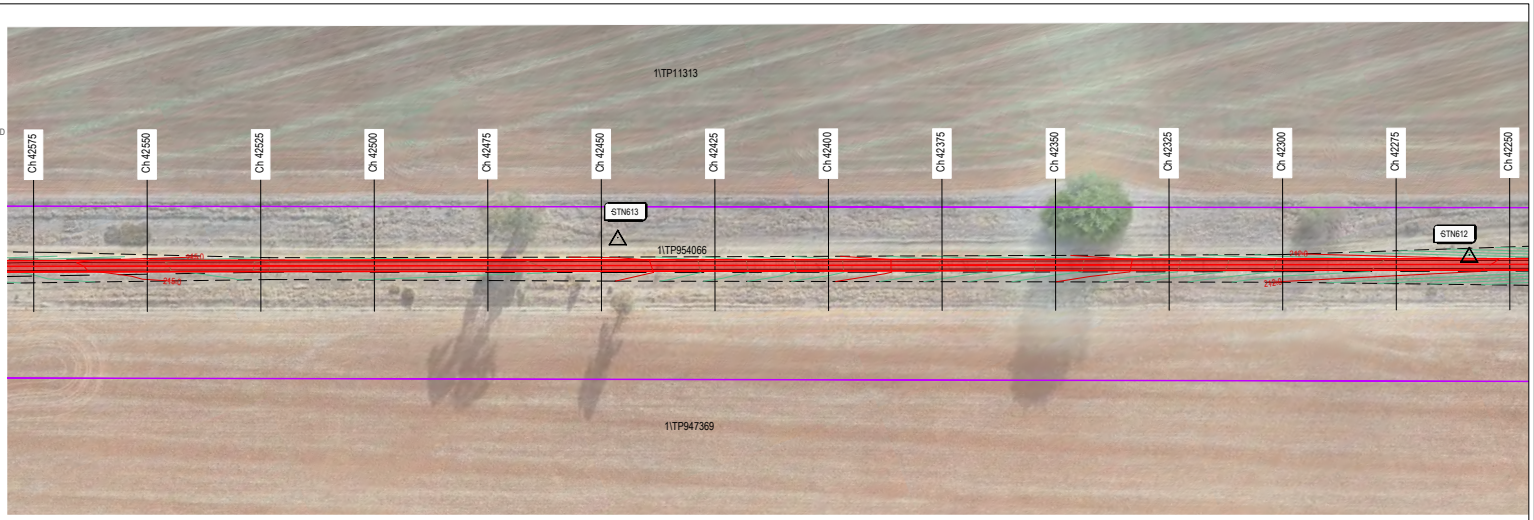
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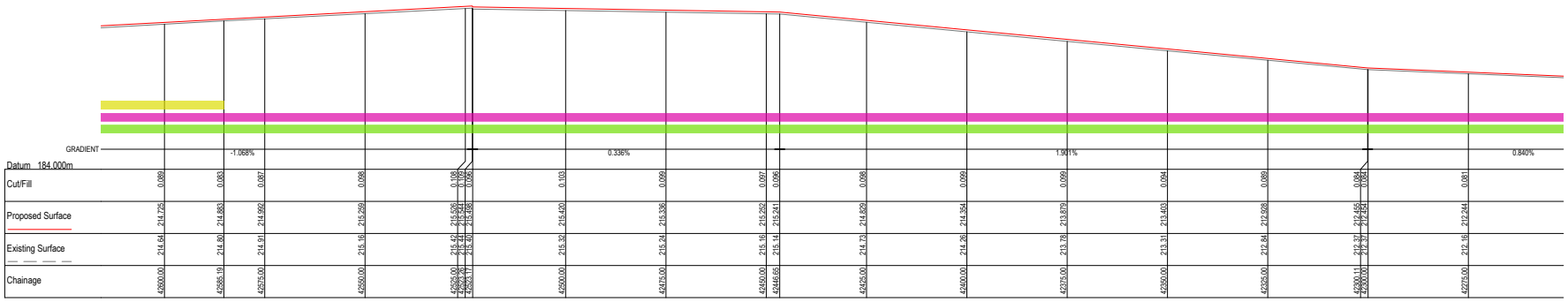
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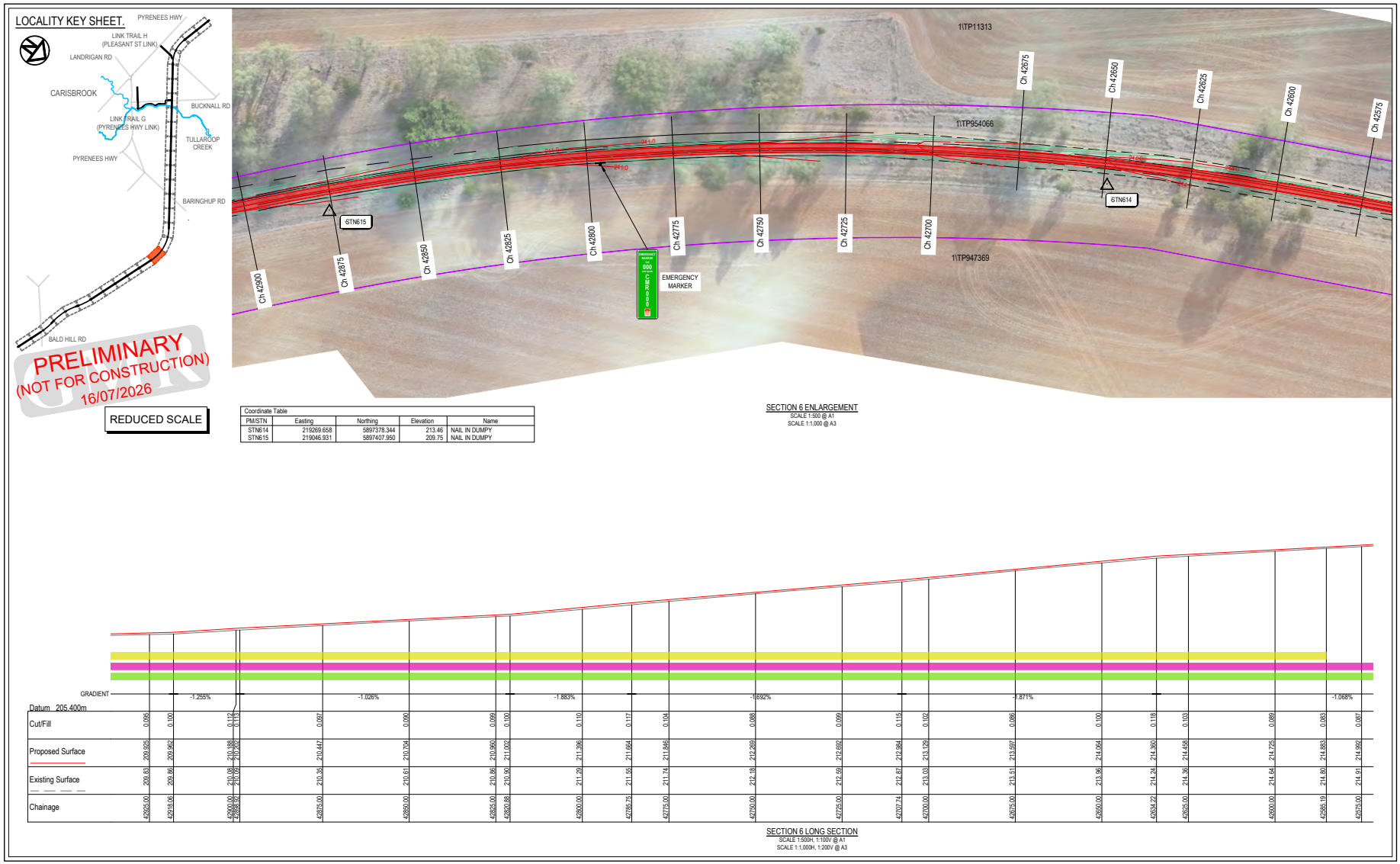
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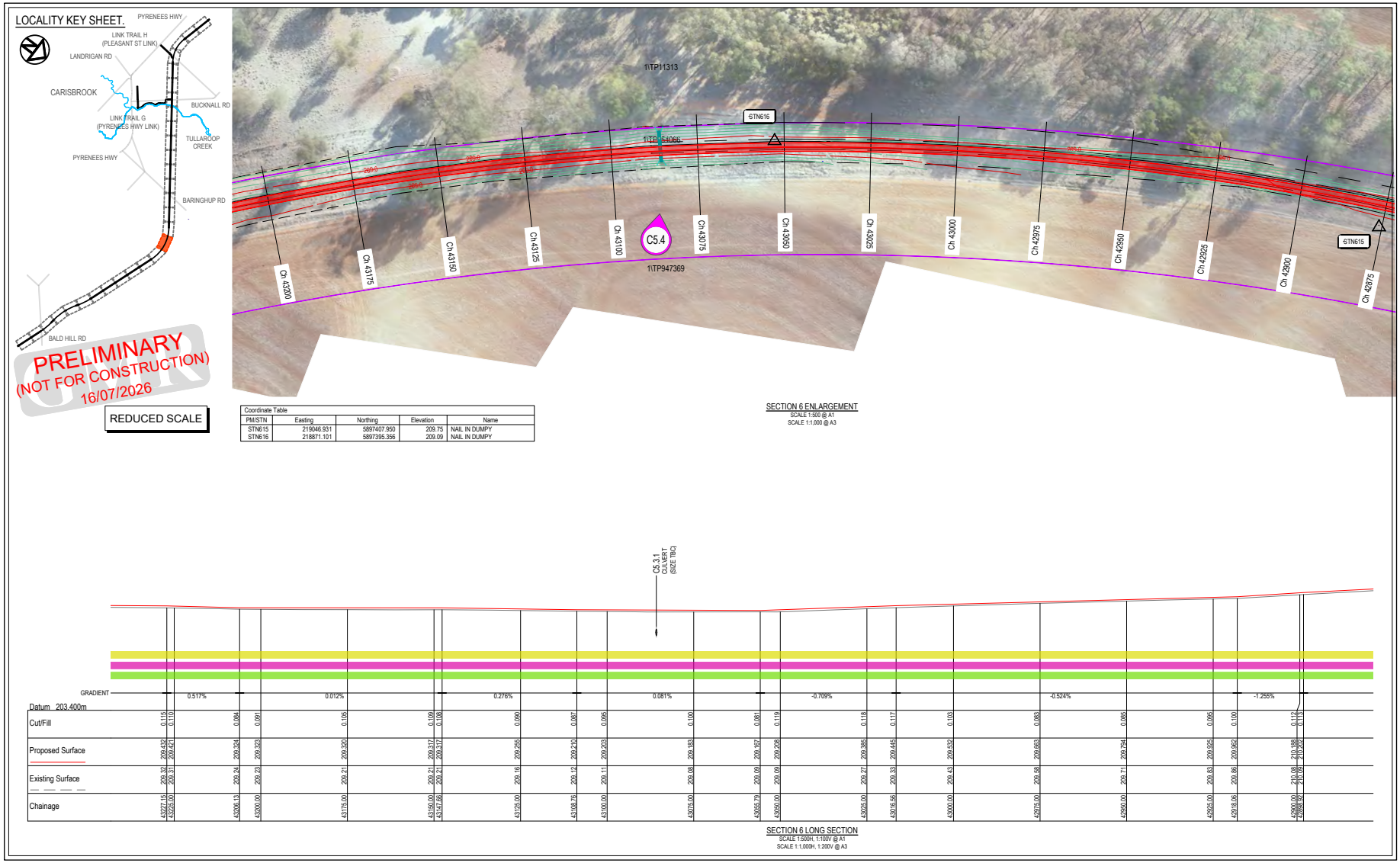
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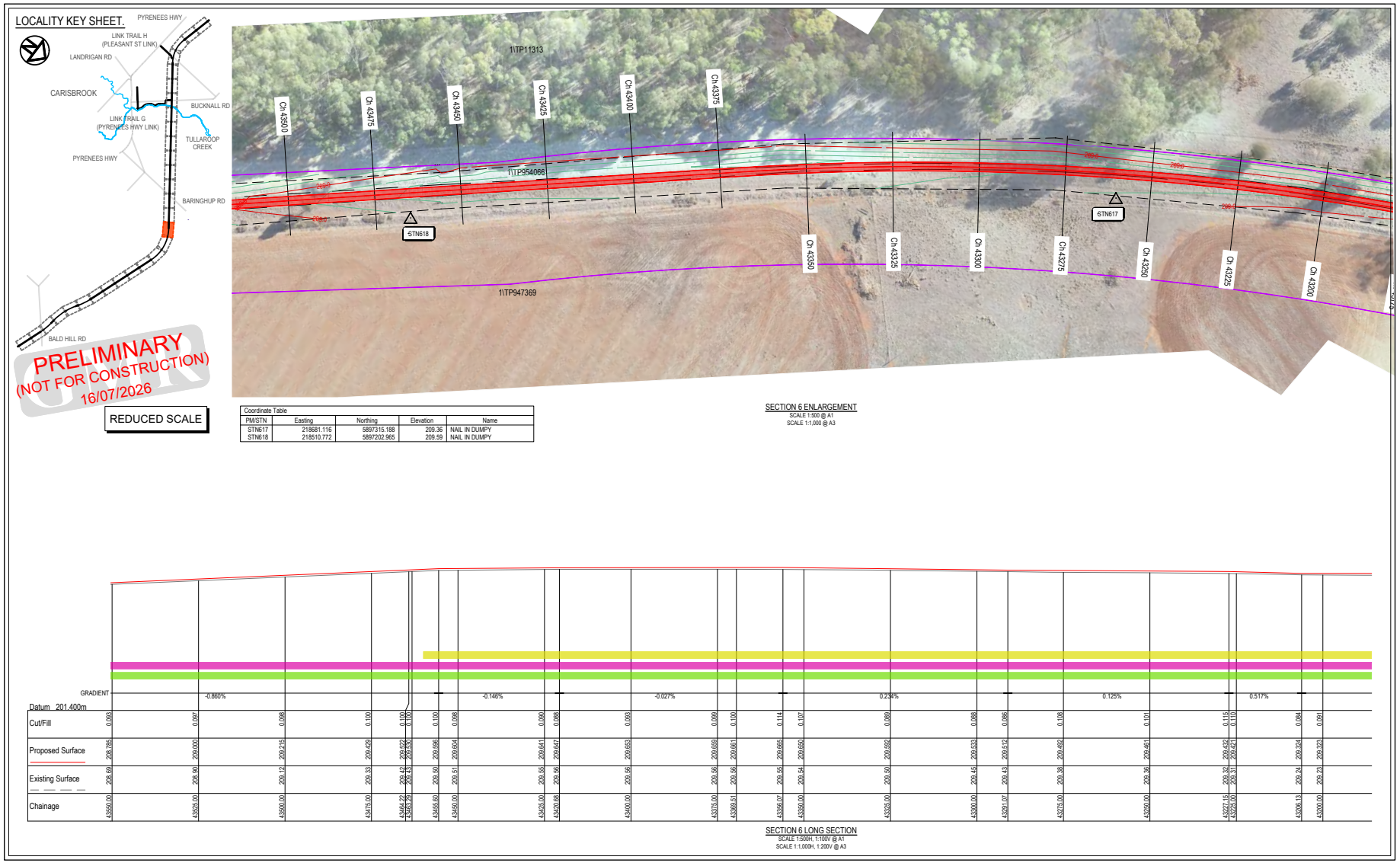
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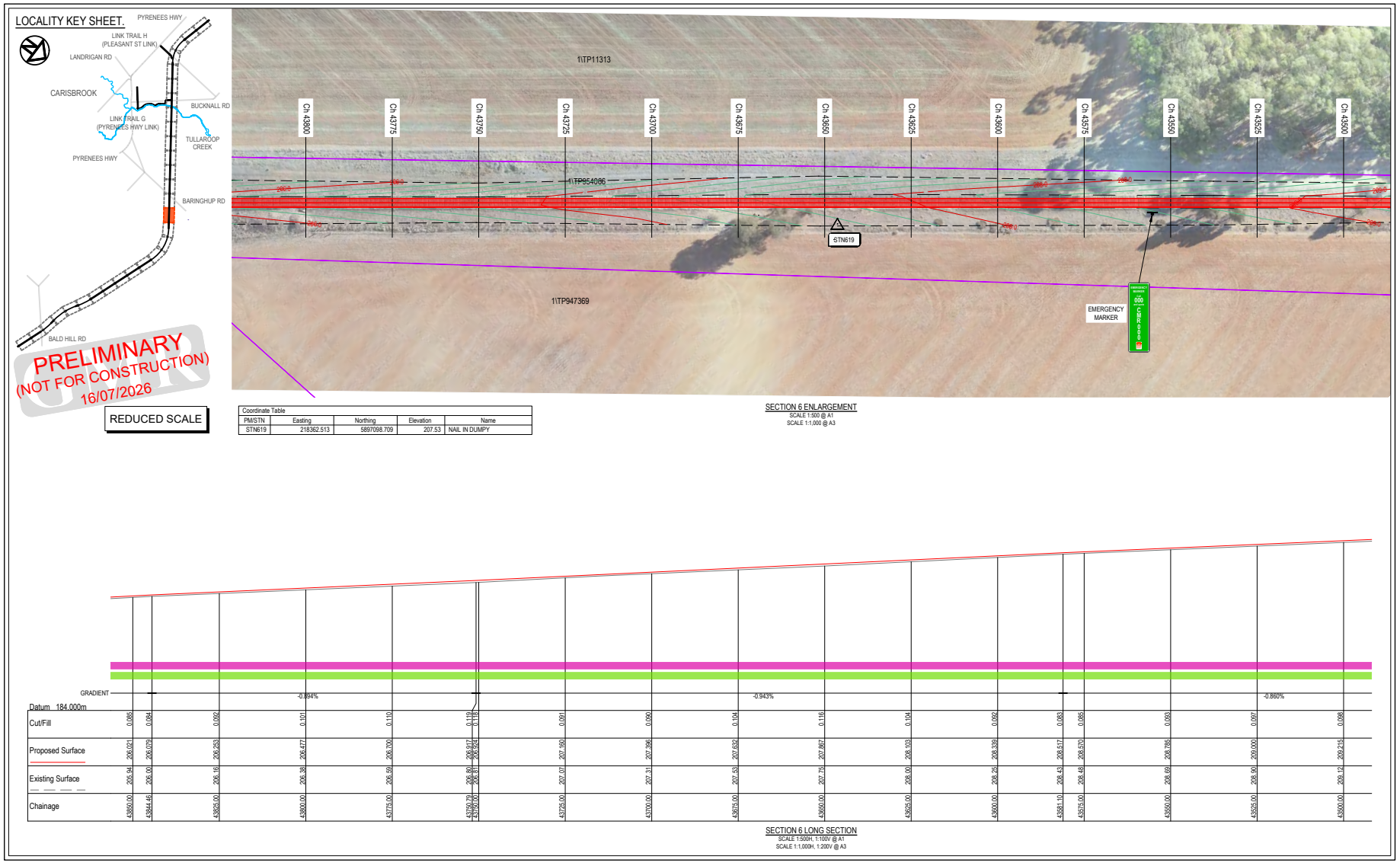
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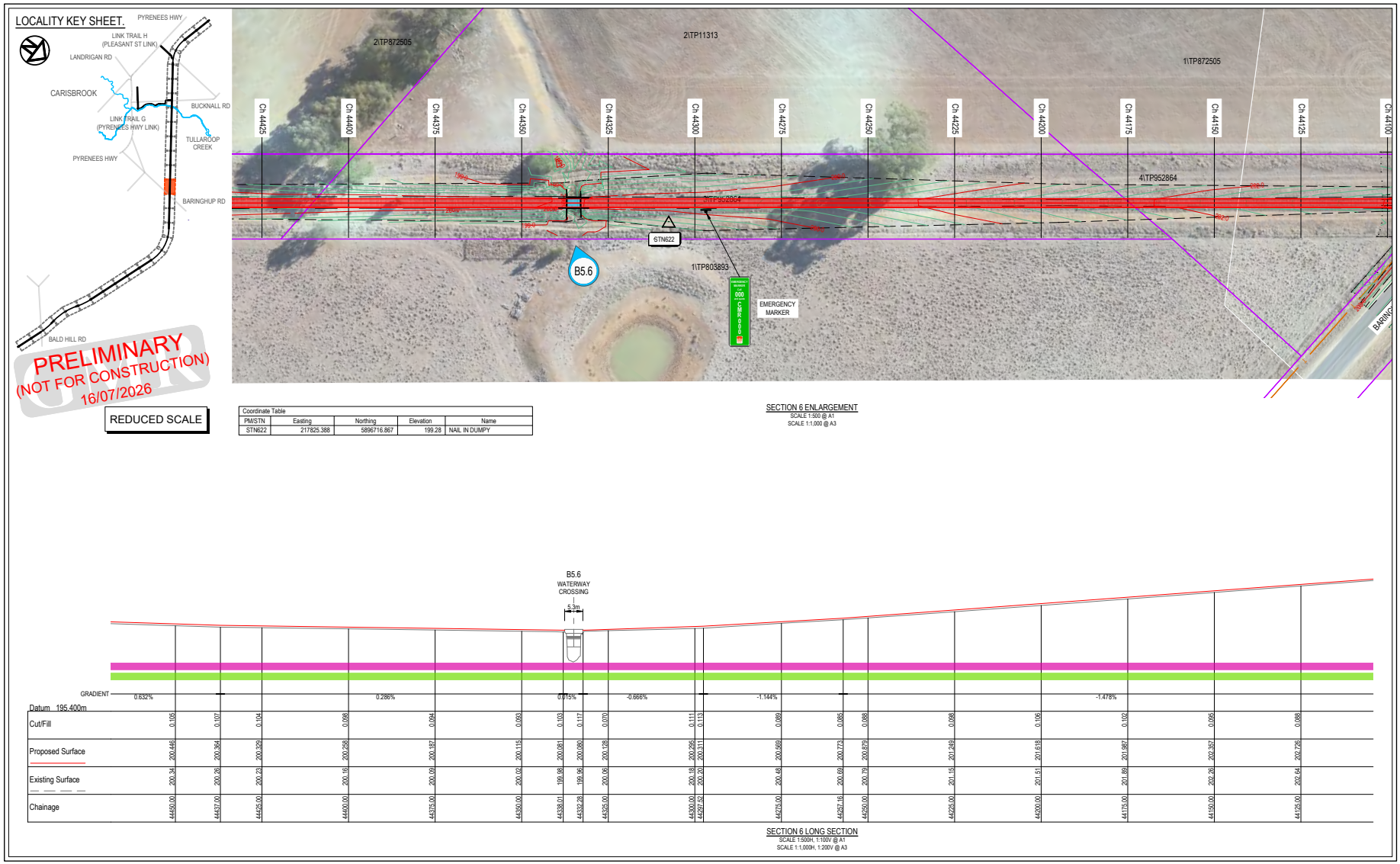
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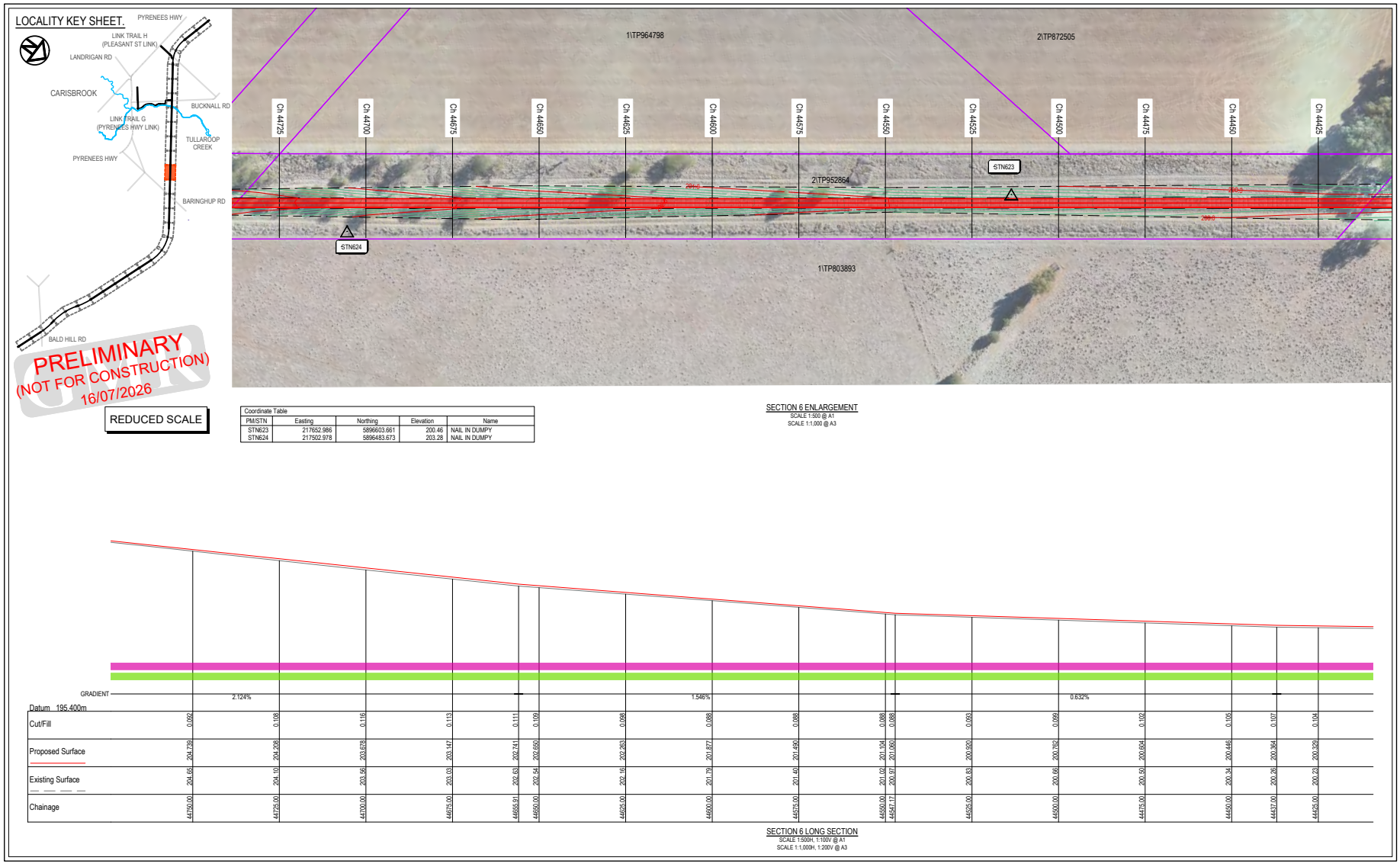
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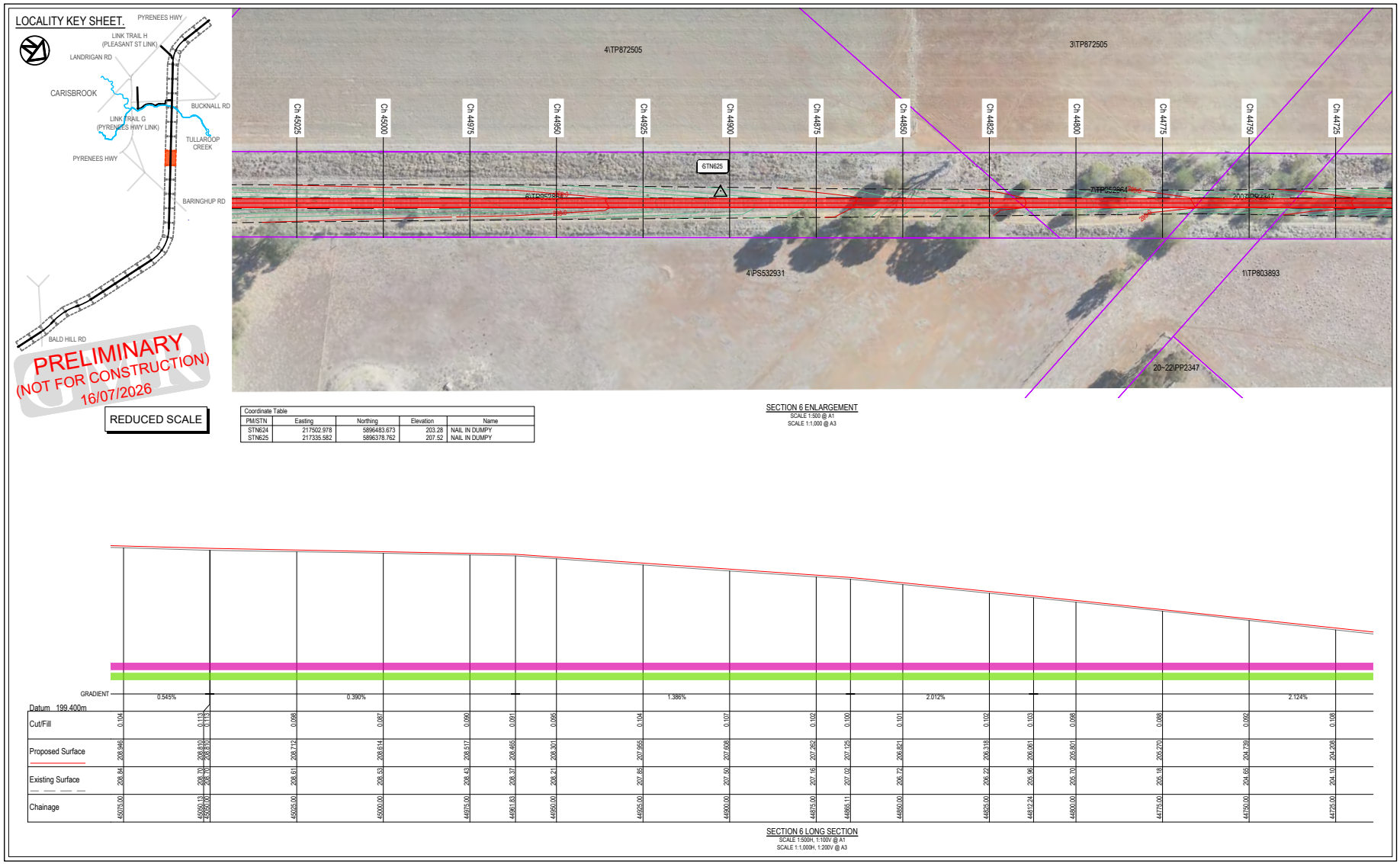
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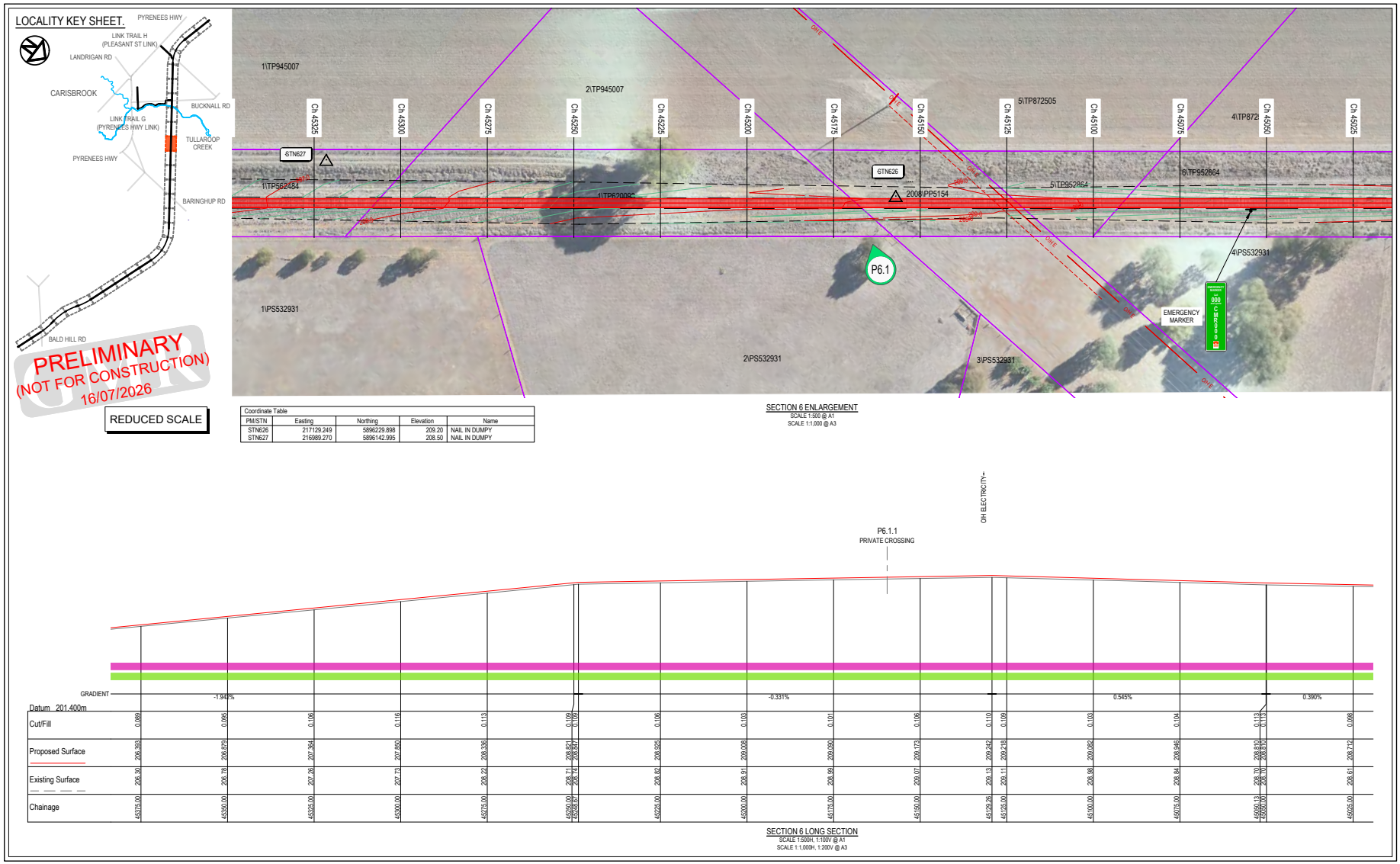
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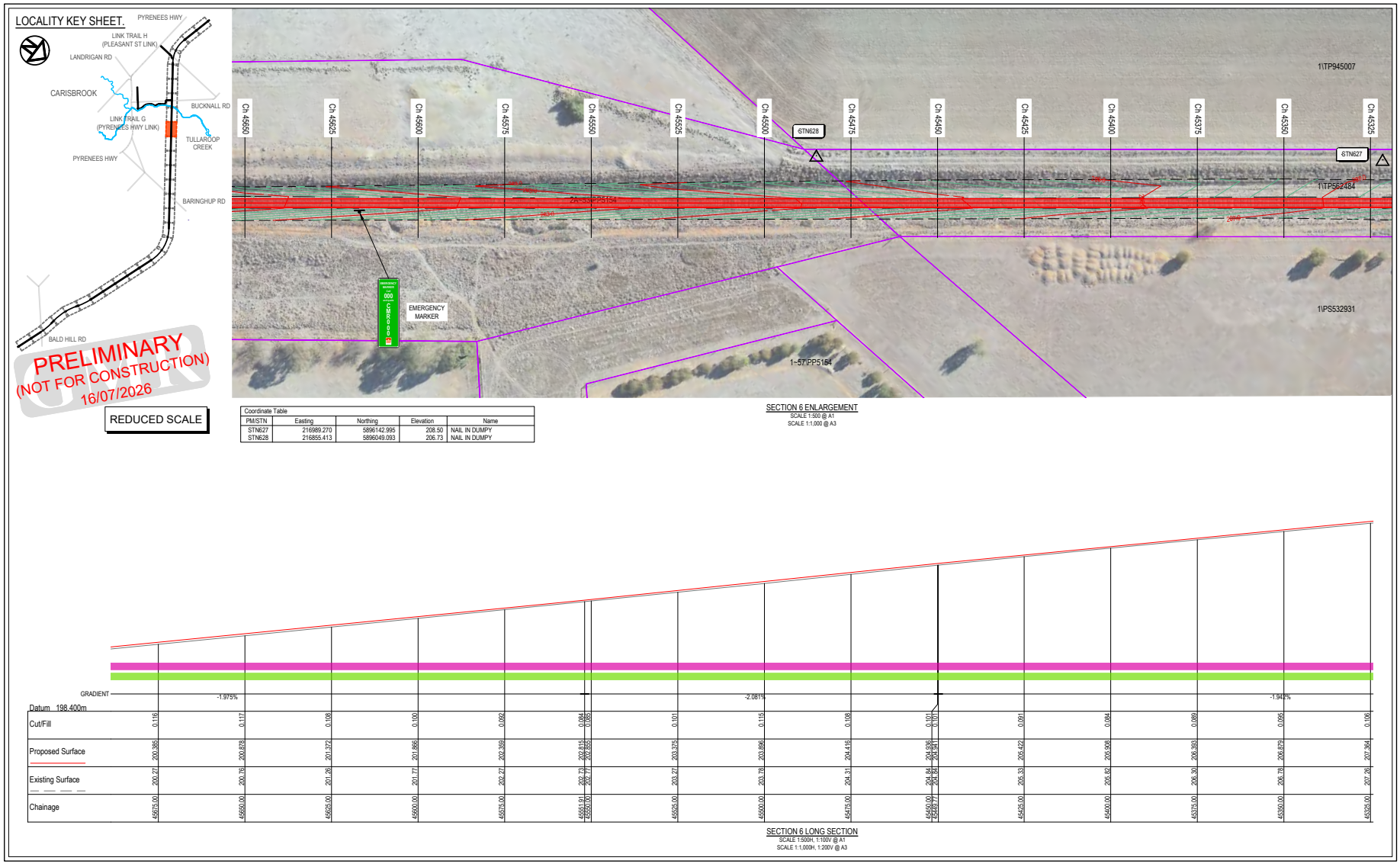
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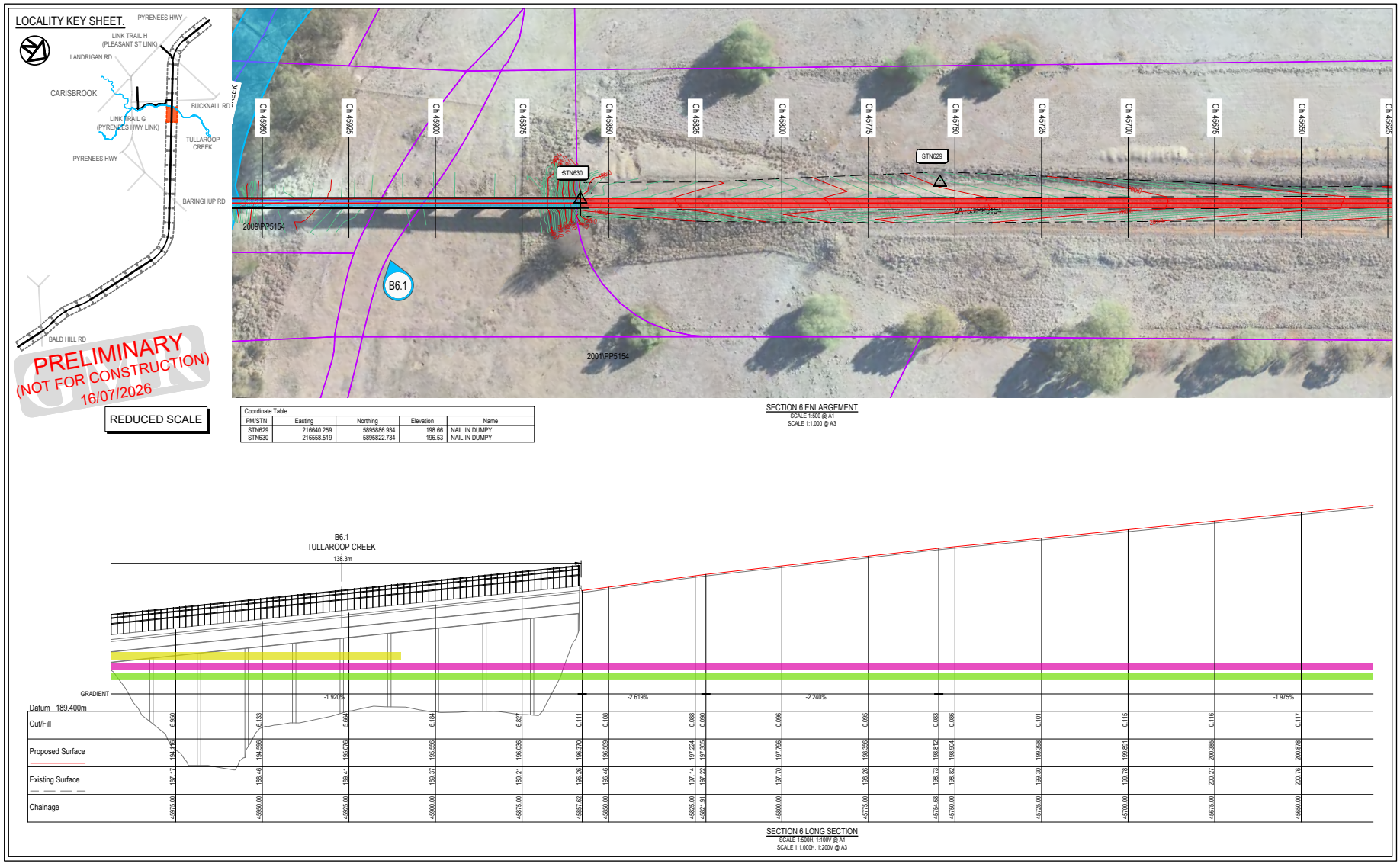
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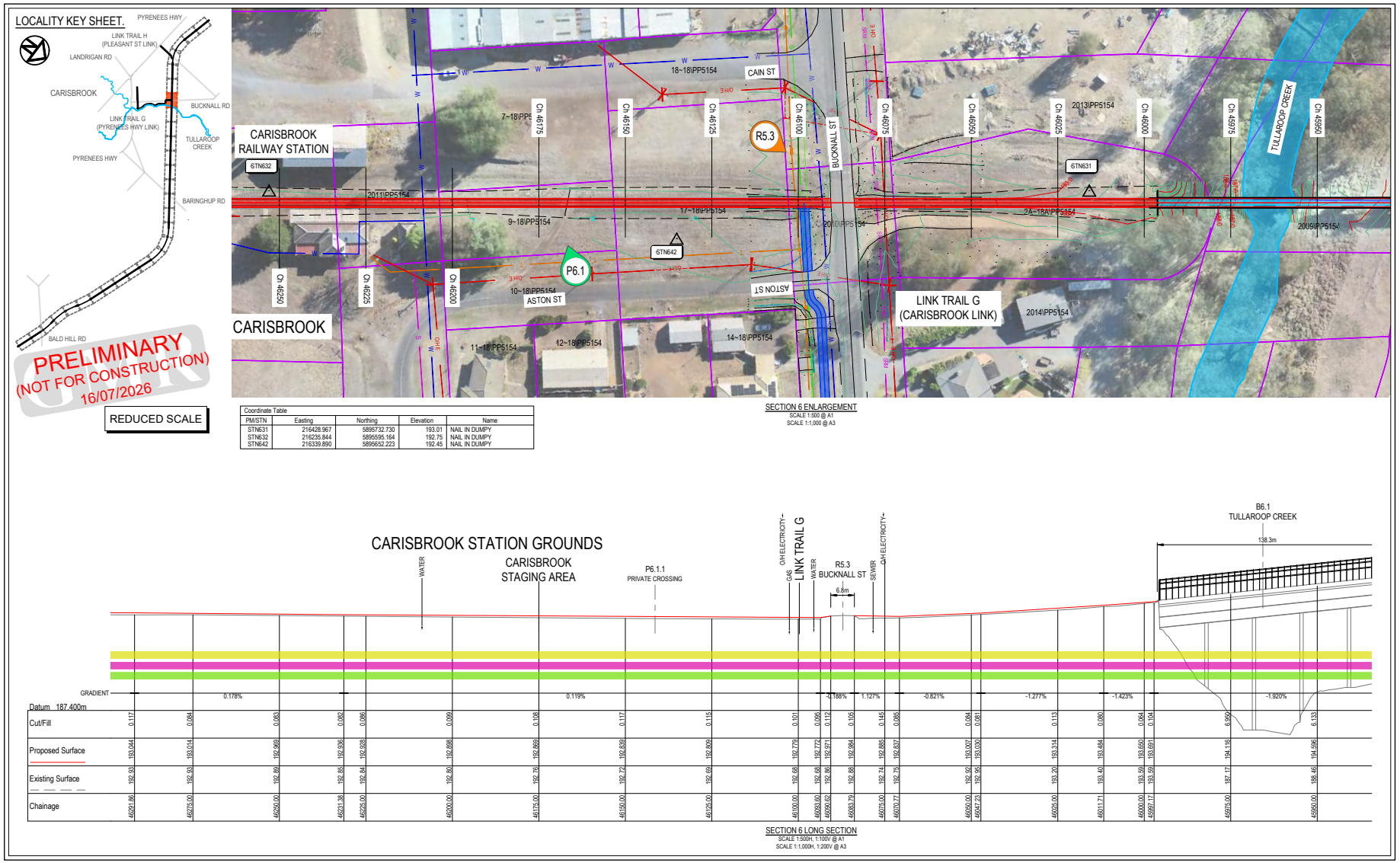
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P6.1.1 PRIVATE CROSSING
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6.8m
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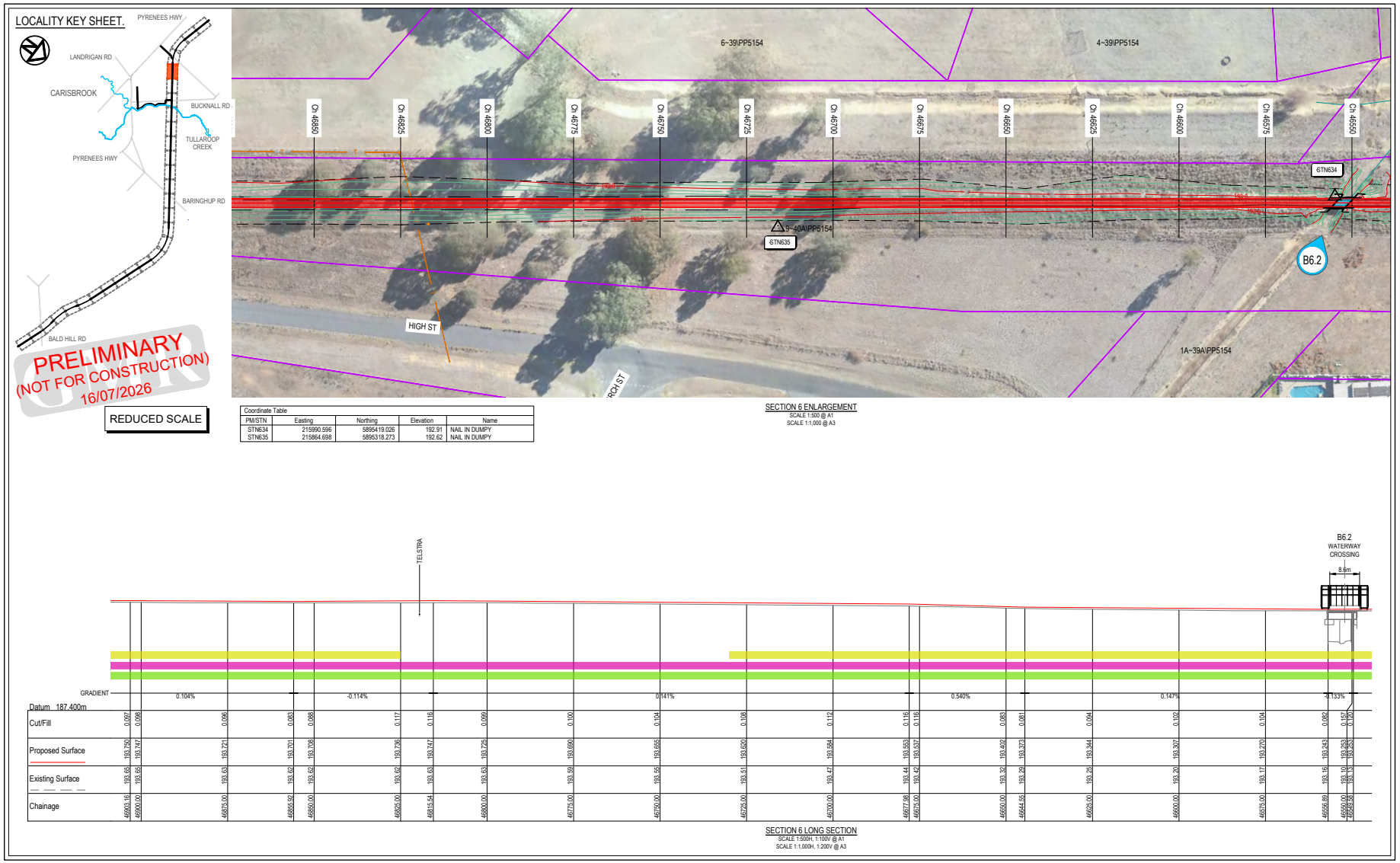
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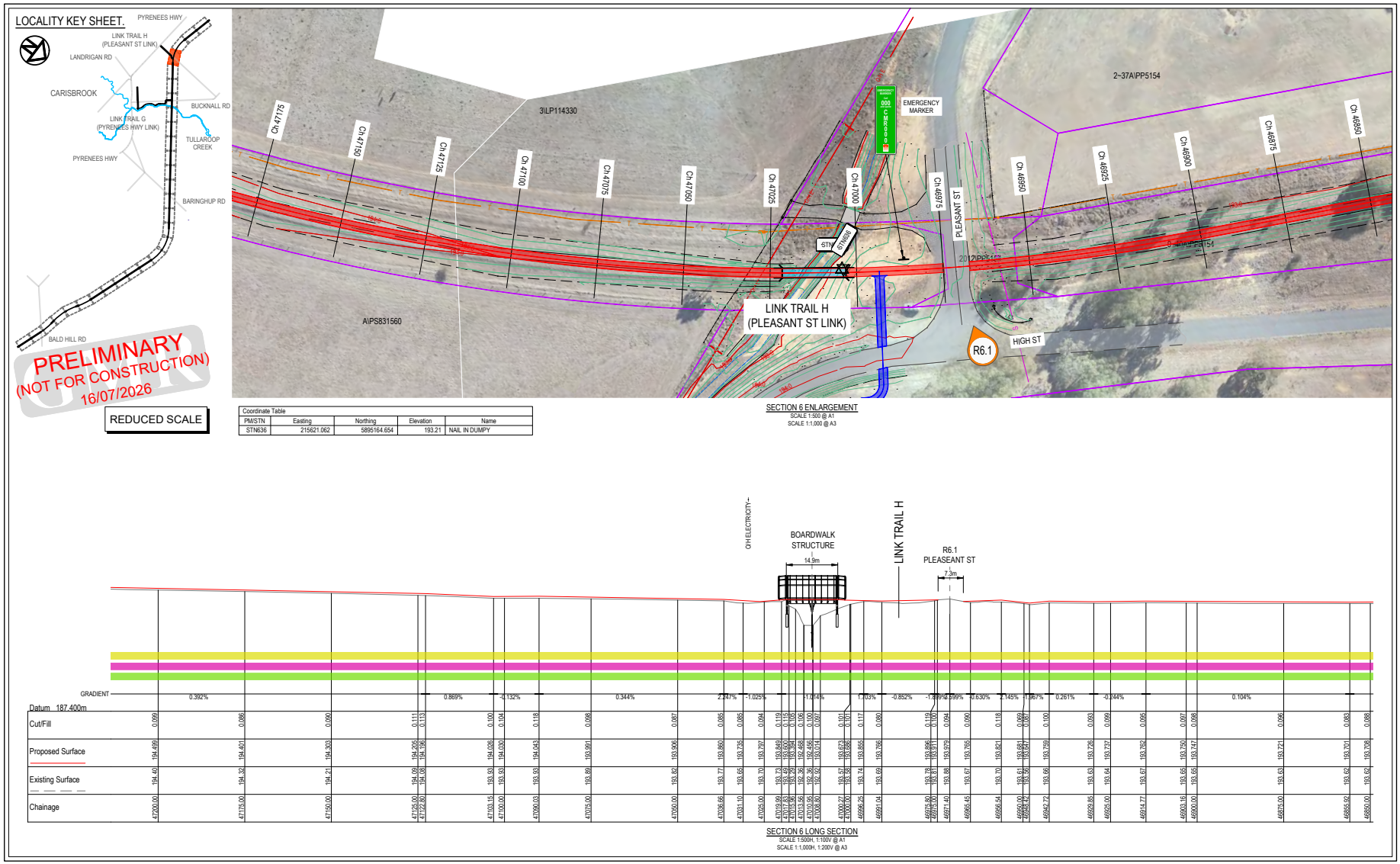
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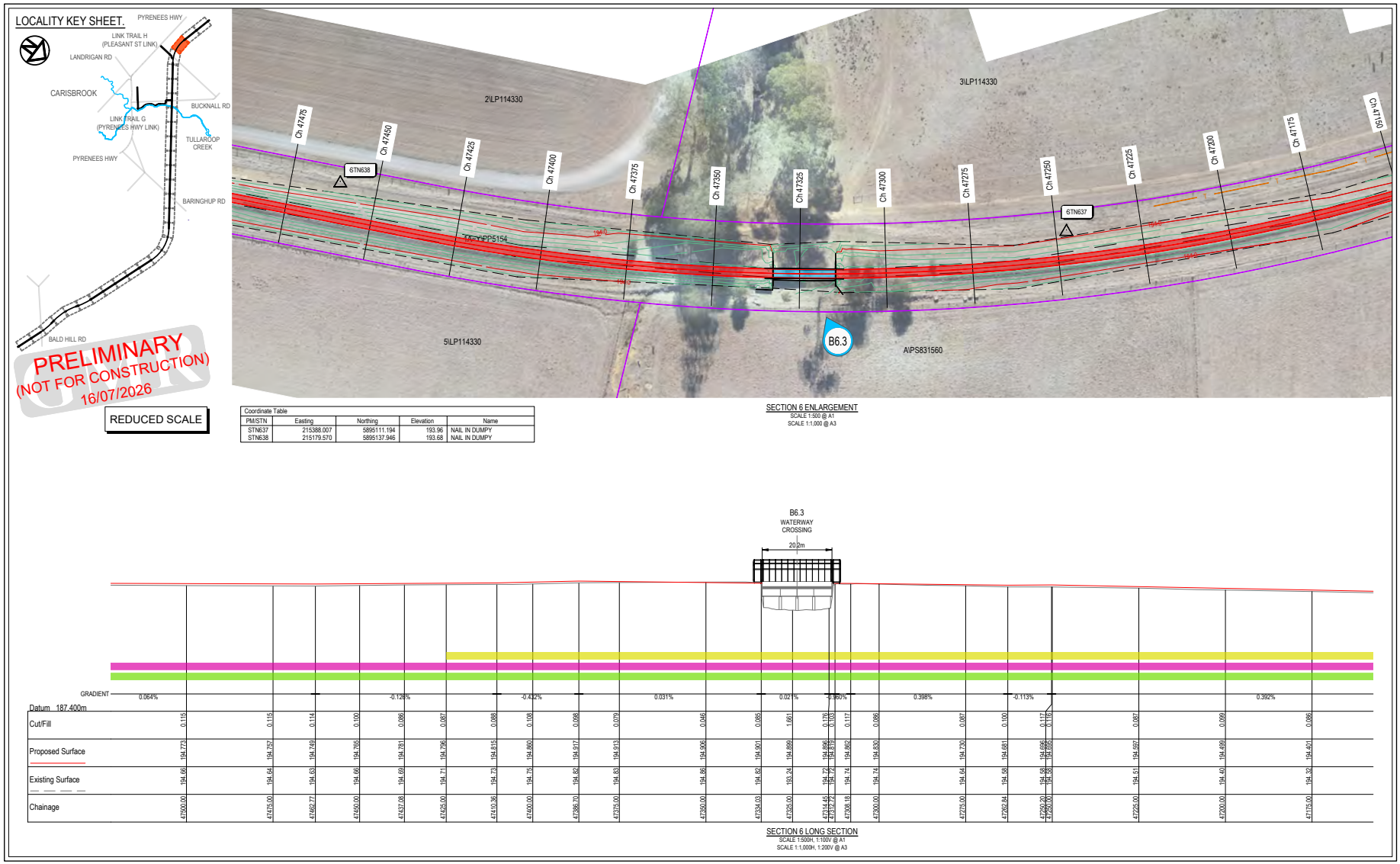
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STN637	215388.007	5895111.194	193.96	NAIL IN DUMPY
STN638	215179.570	5895137.946	193.68	NAIL IN DUMPY

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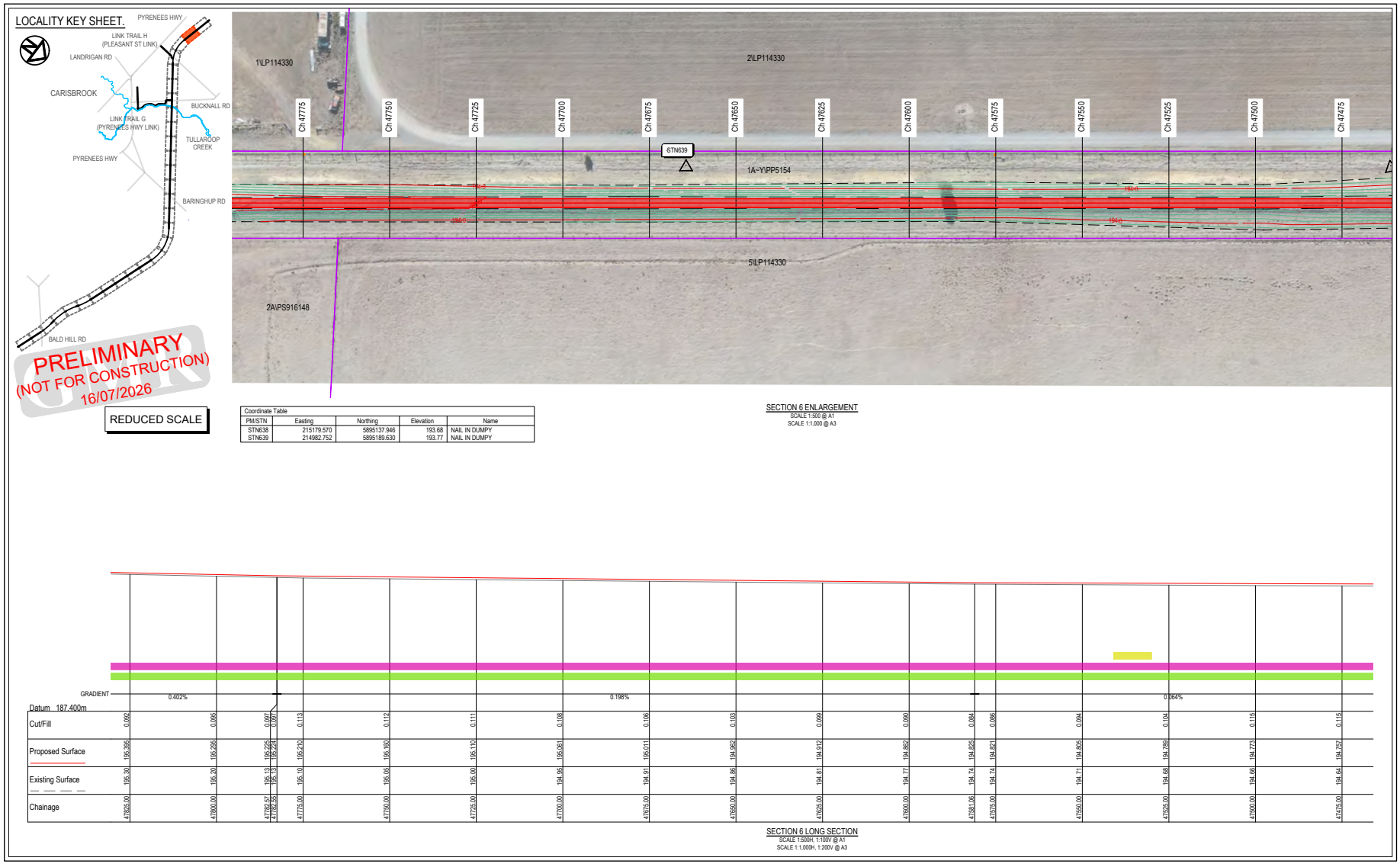
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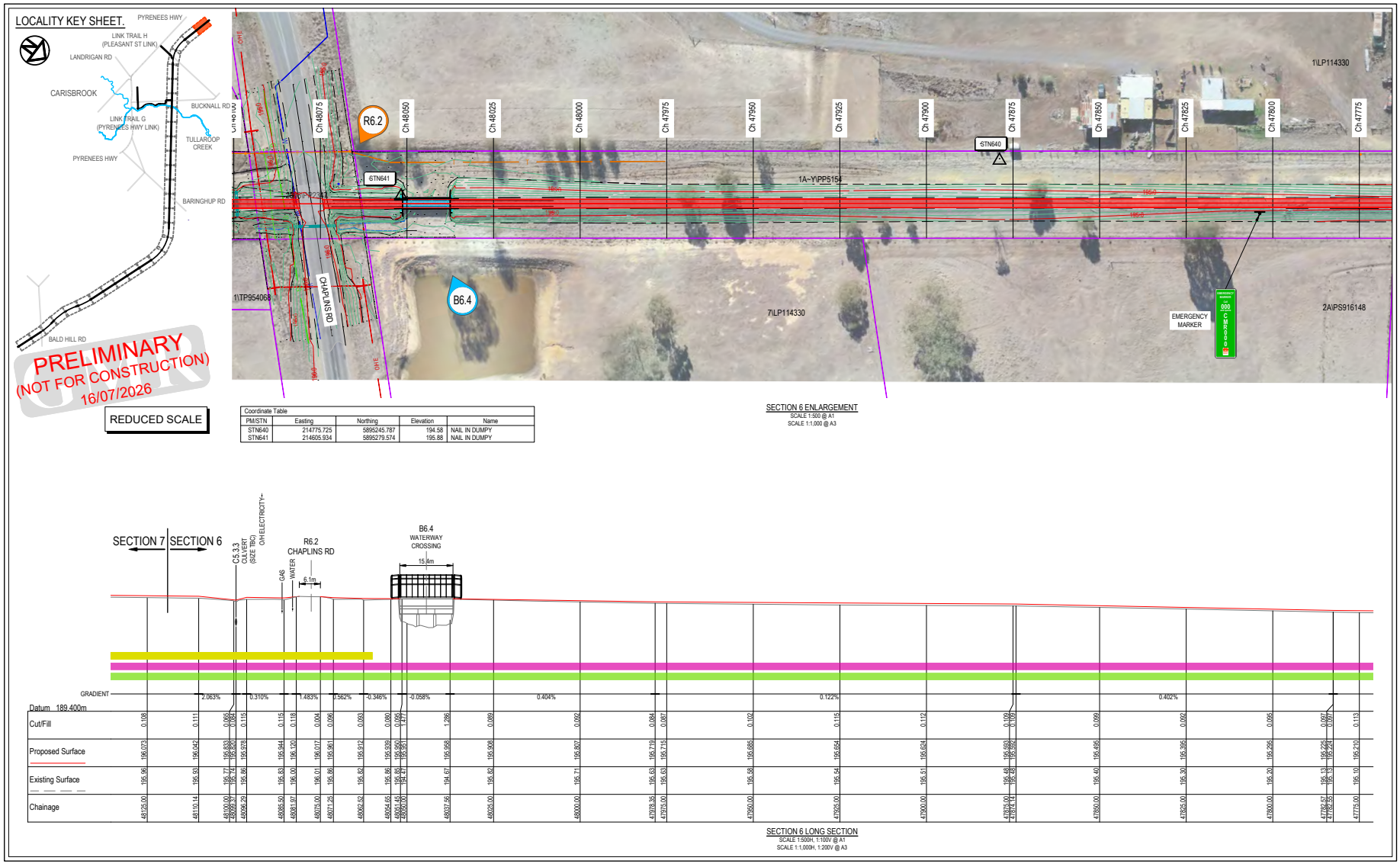
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LANDRIGAN RD
CARISBROOK
BUCKNALL RD
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TULLAROOP CREEK
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SECTION 7 | SECTION 6
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O/H ELECTRICITY
O/S WATER
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6.1m
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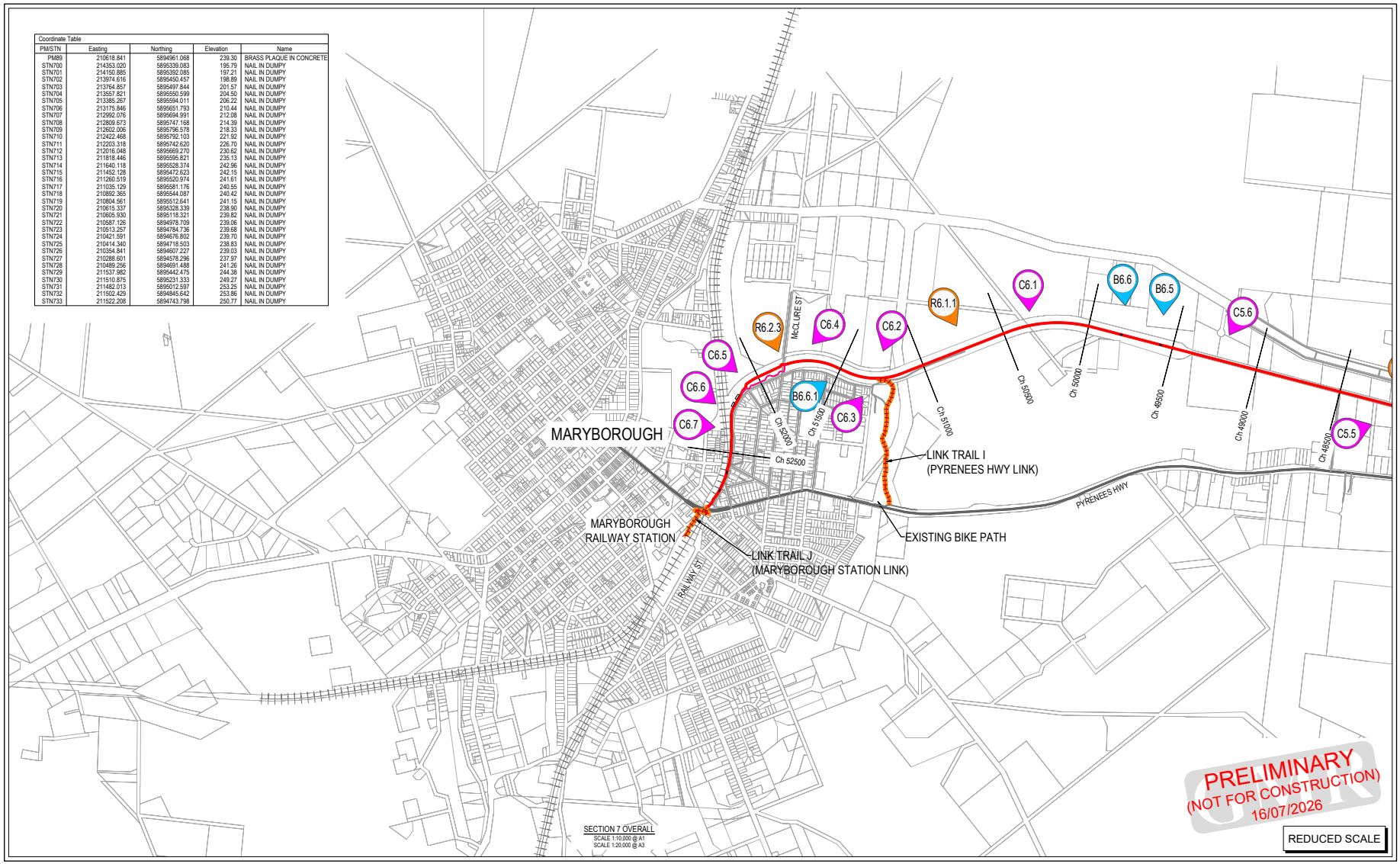


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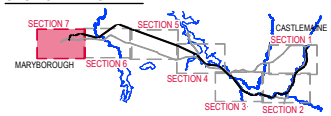
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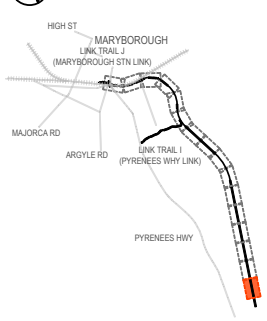
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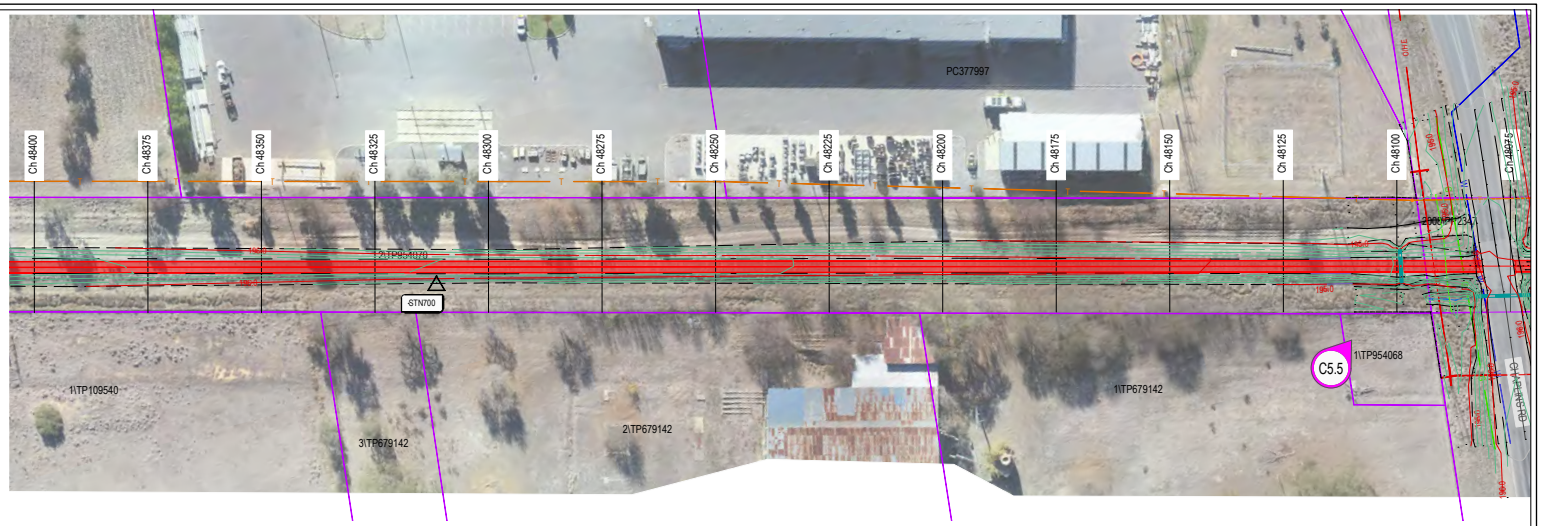
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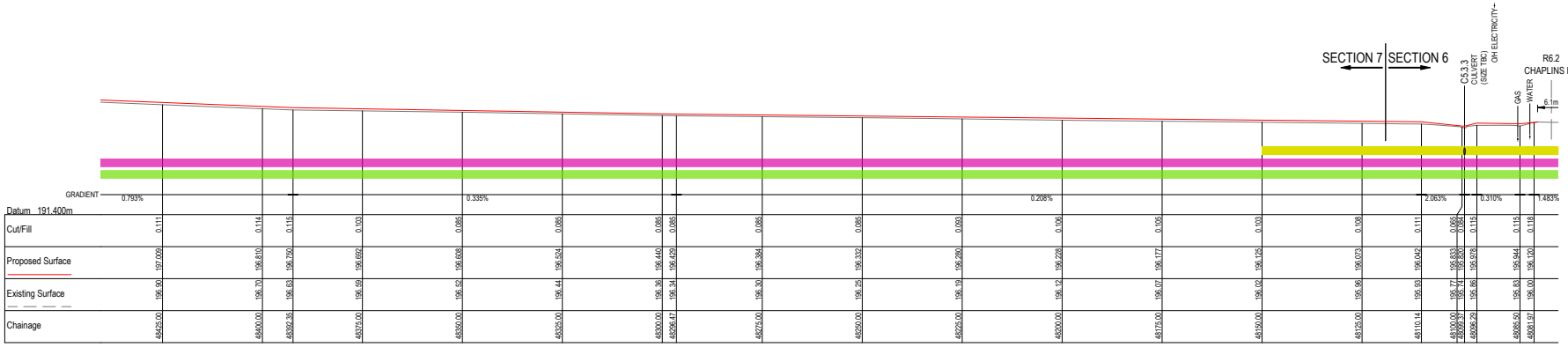
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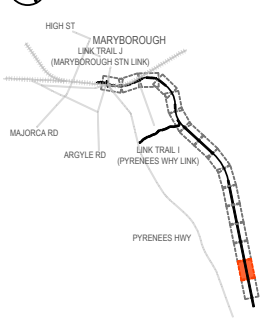
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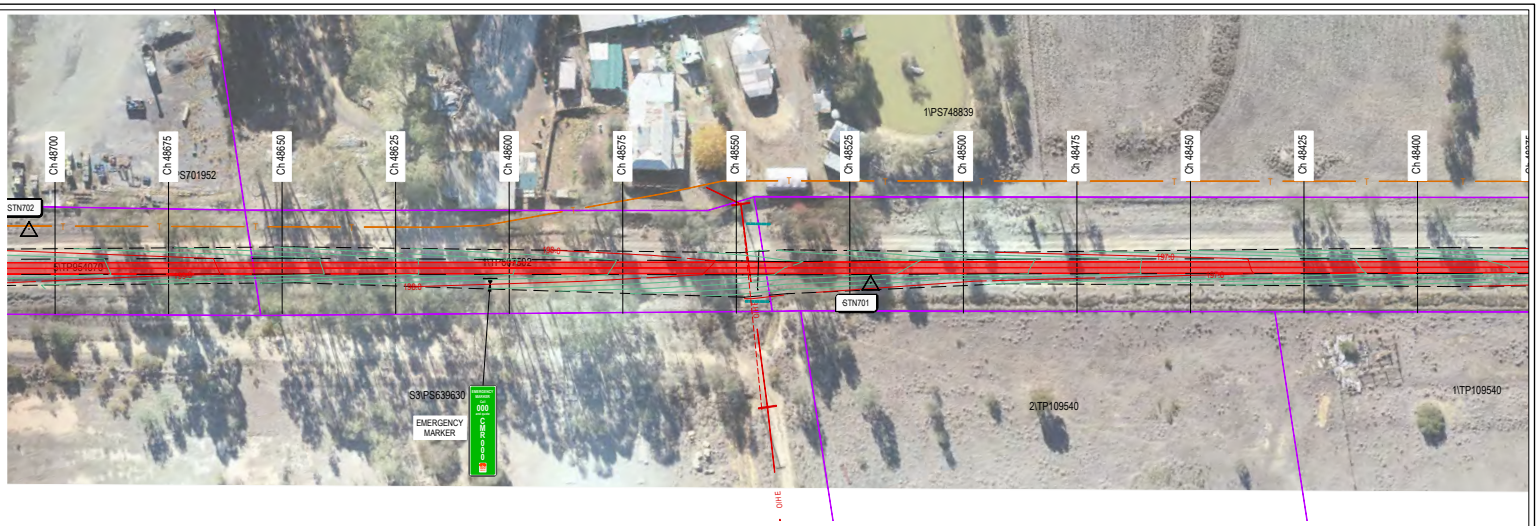
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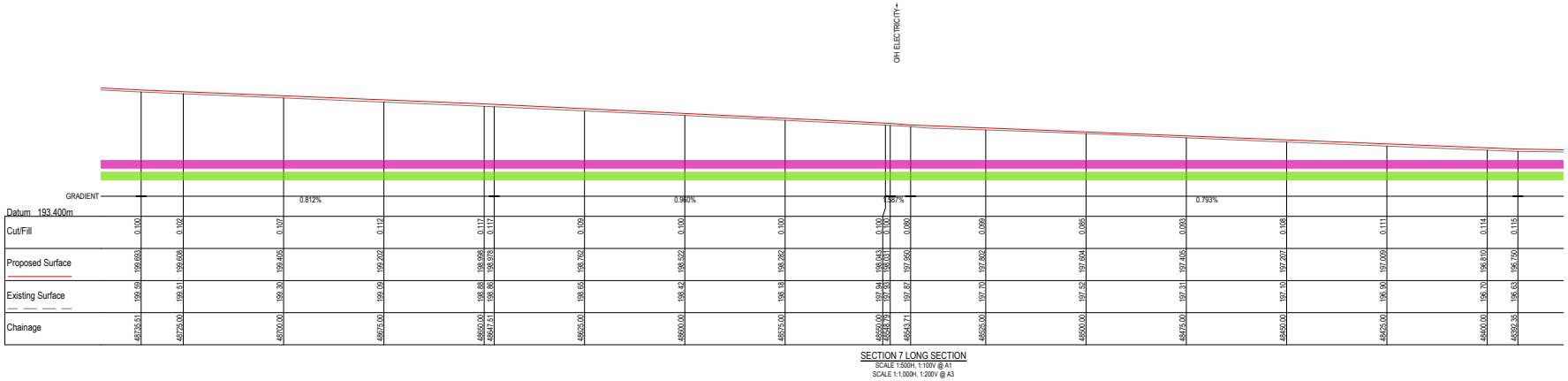
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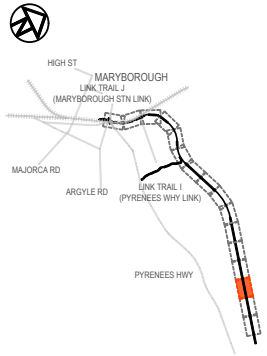
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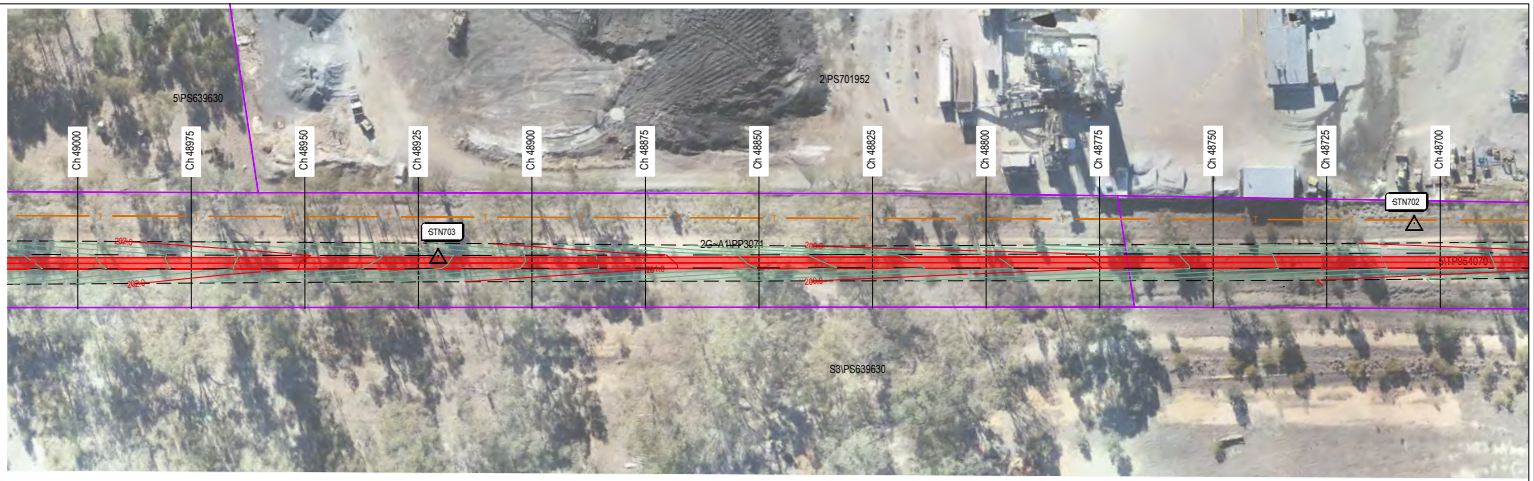
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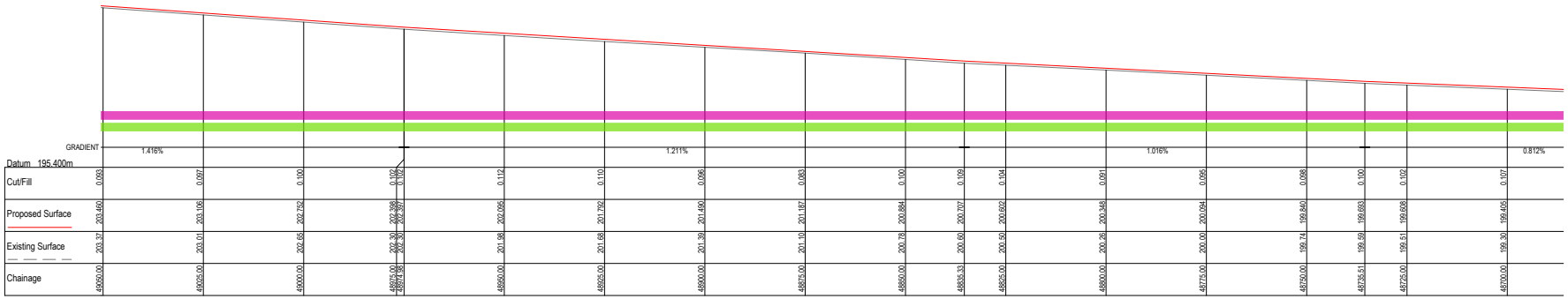
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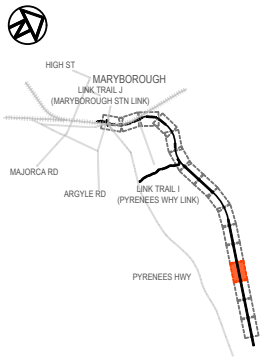
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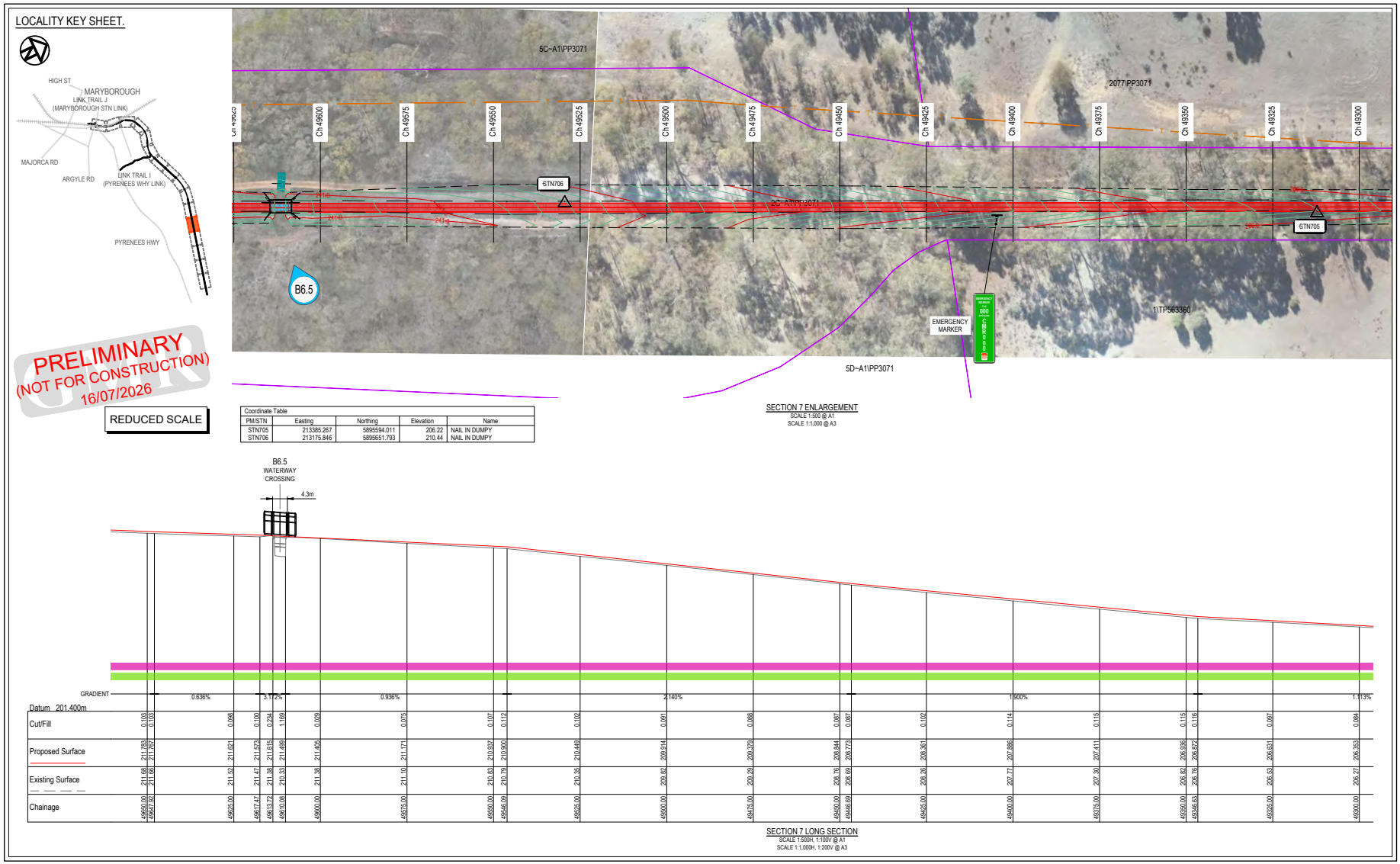
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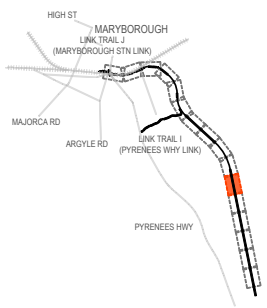
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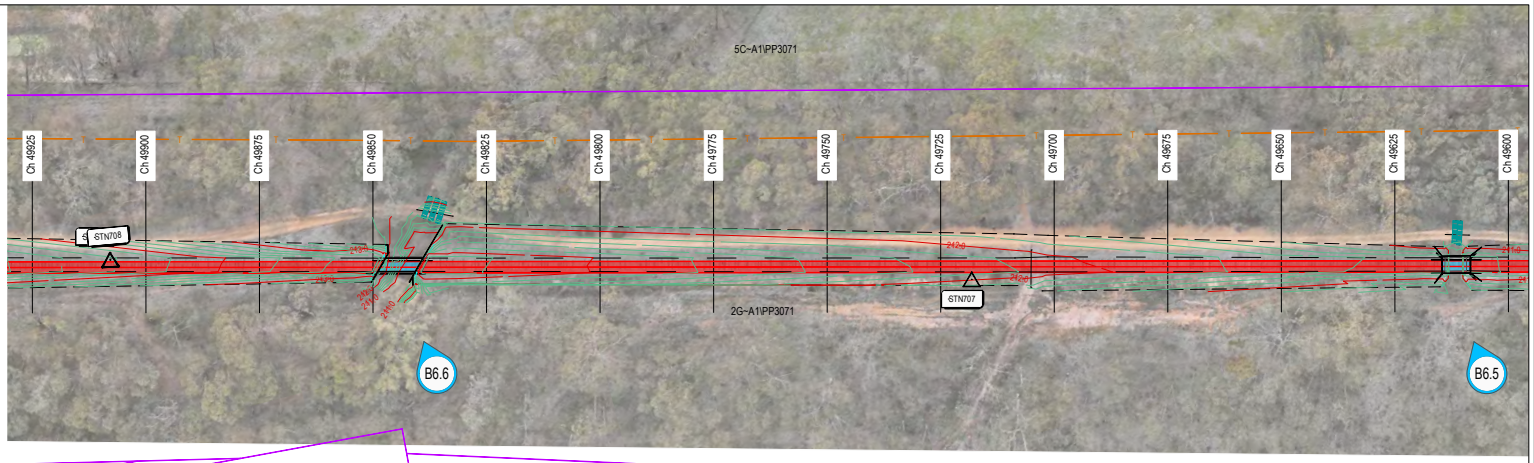
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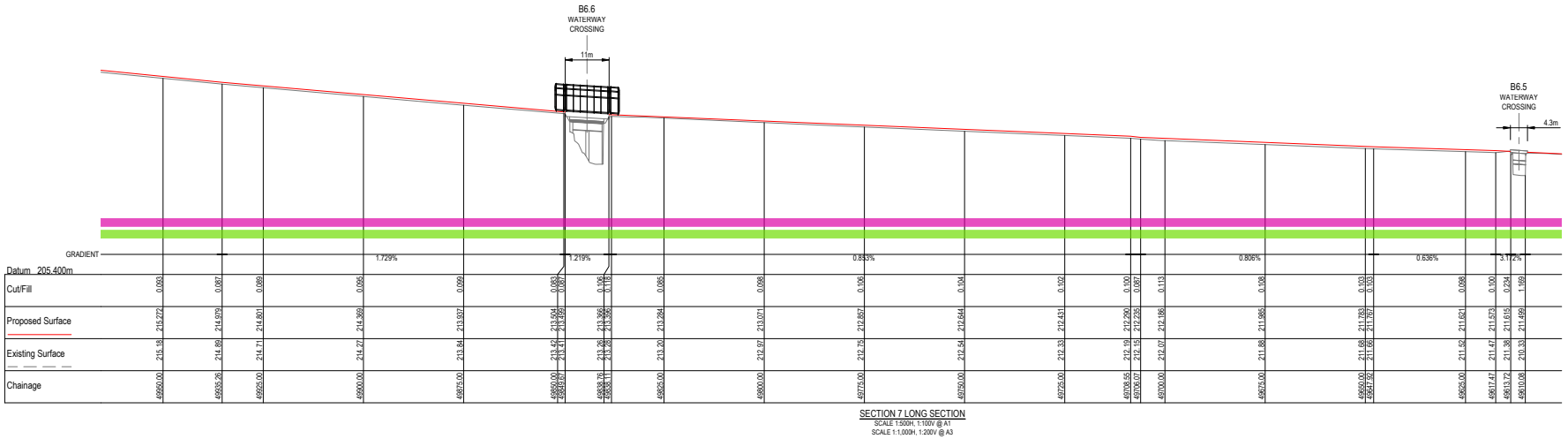
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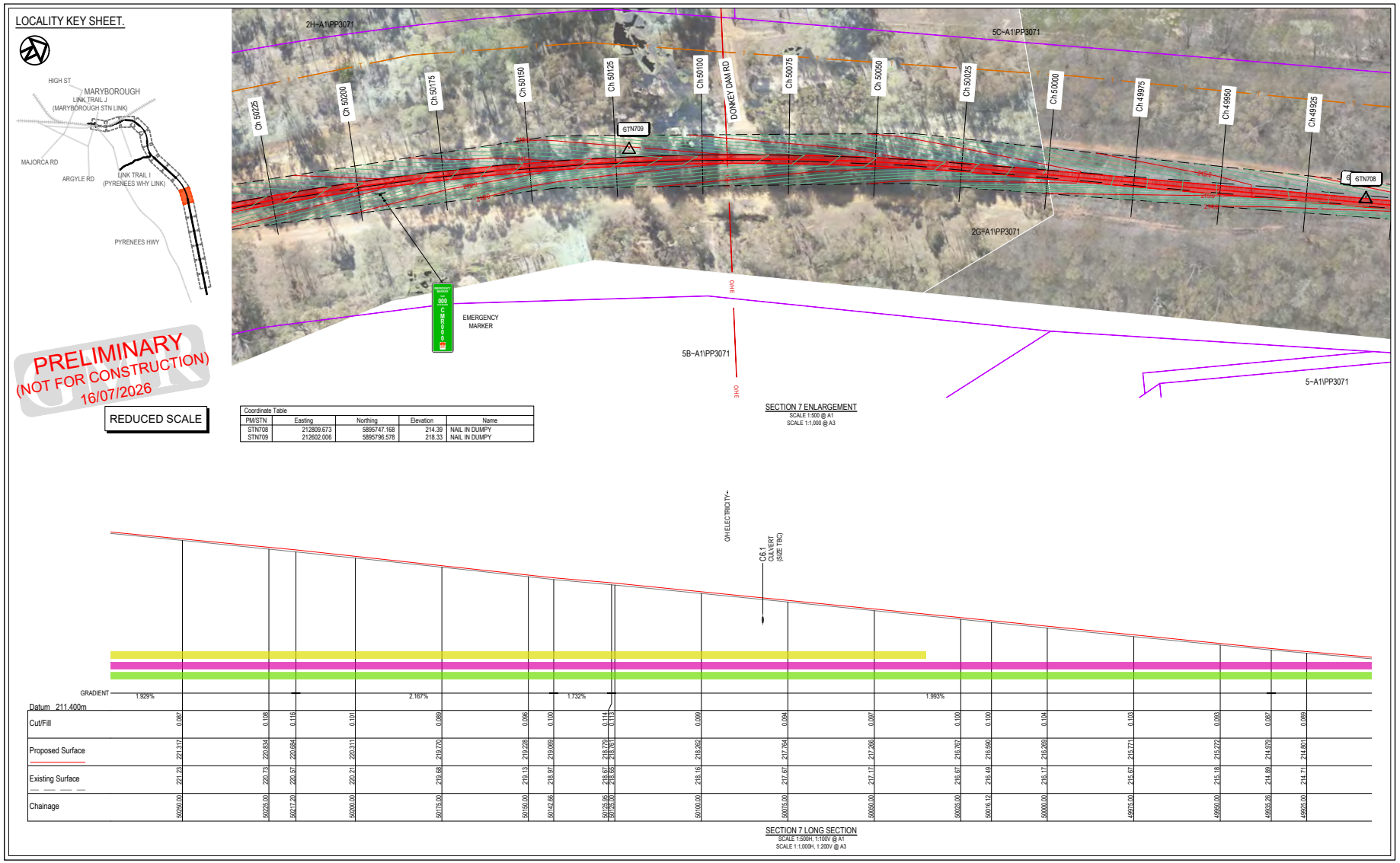
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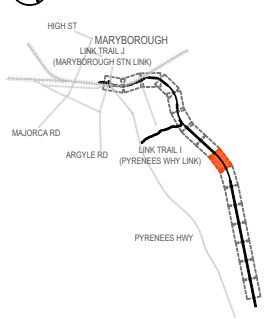
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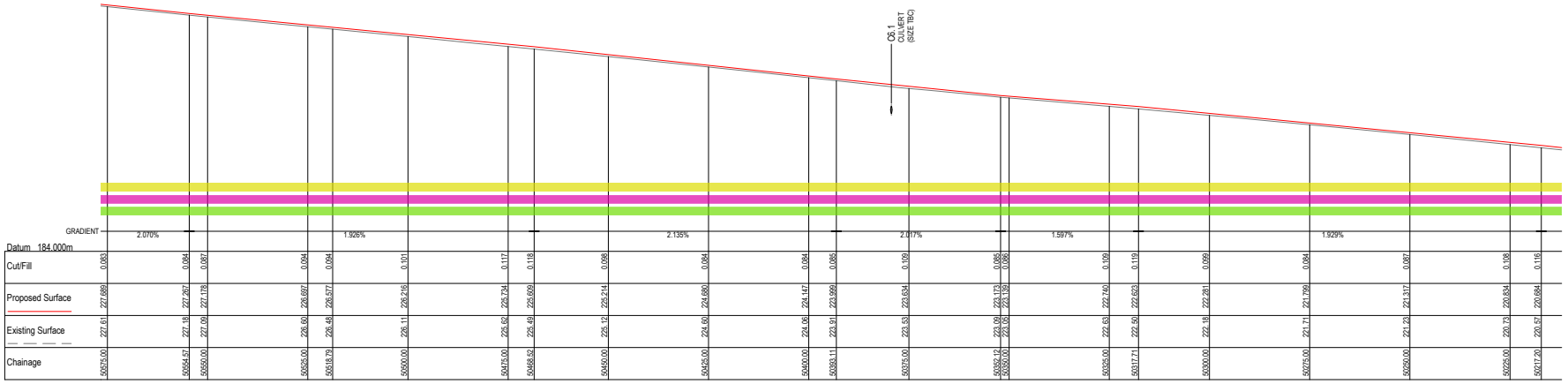
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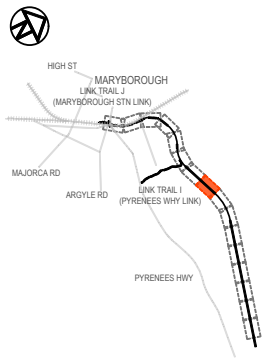
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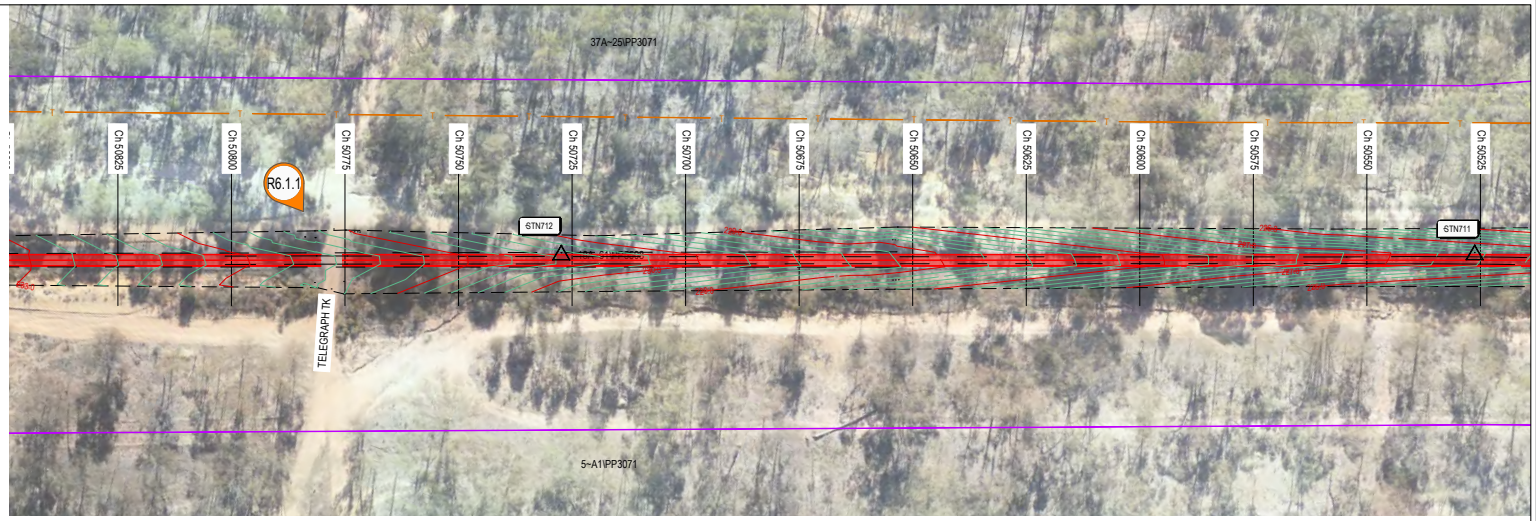
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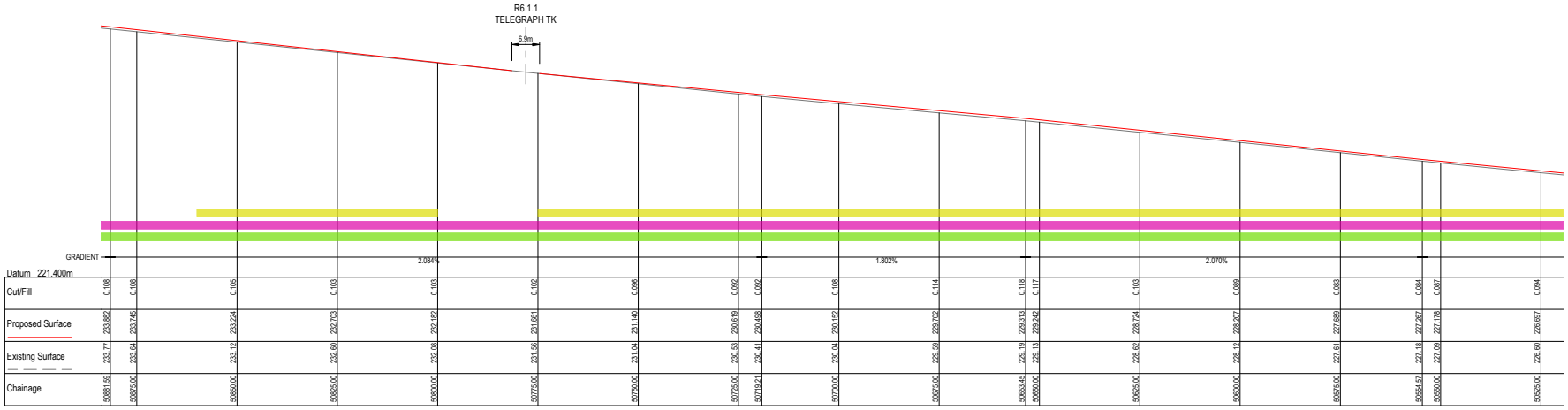
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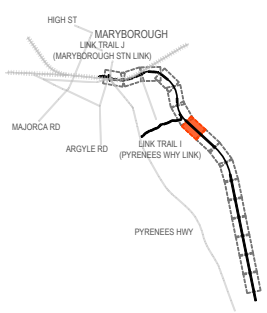
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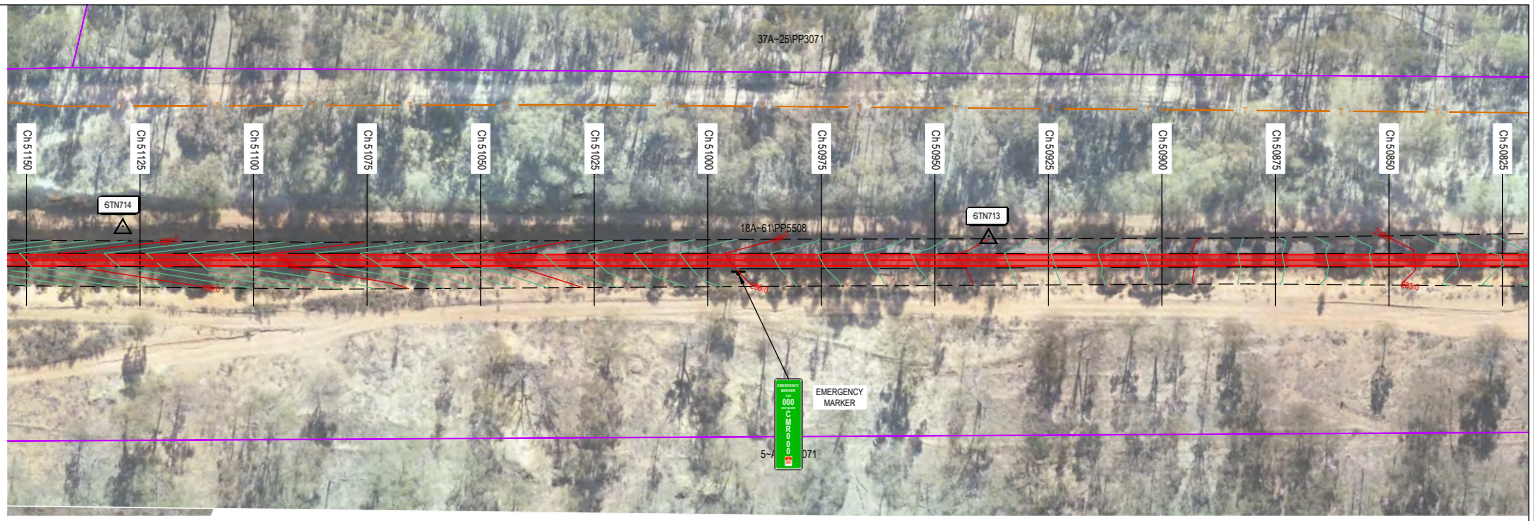
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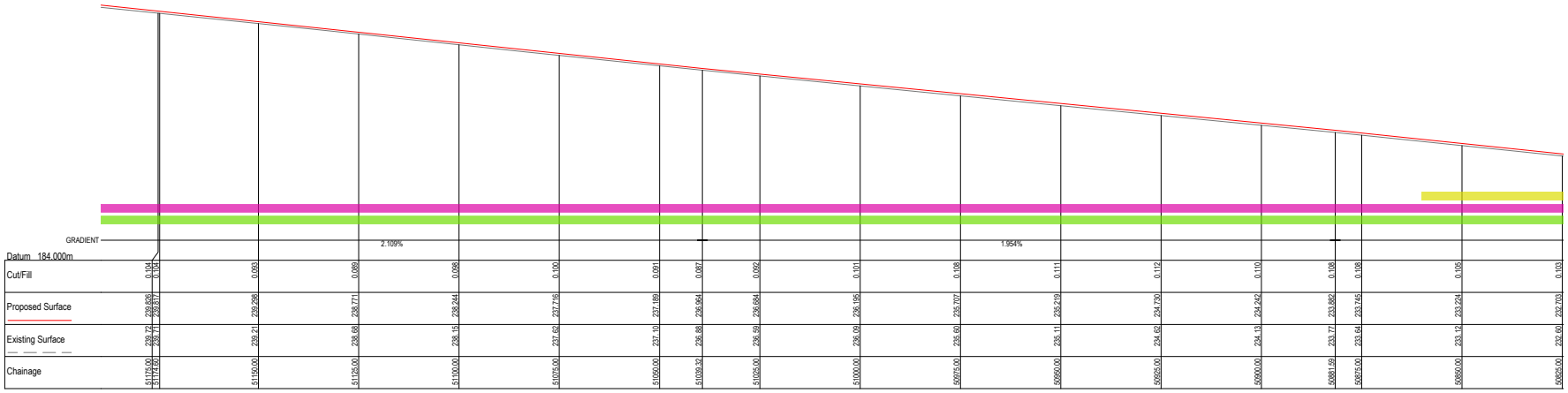
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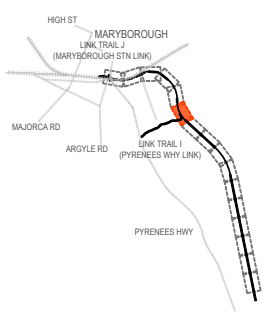
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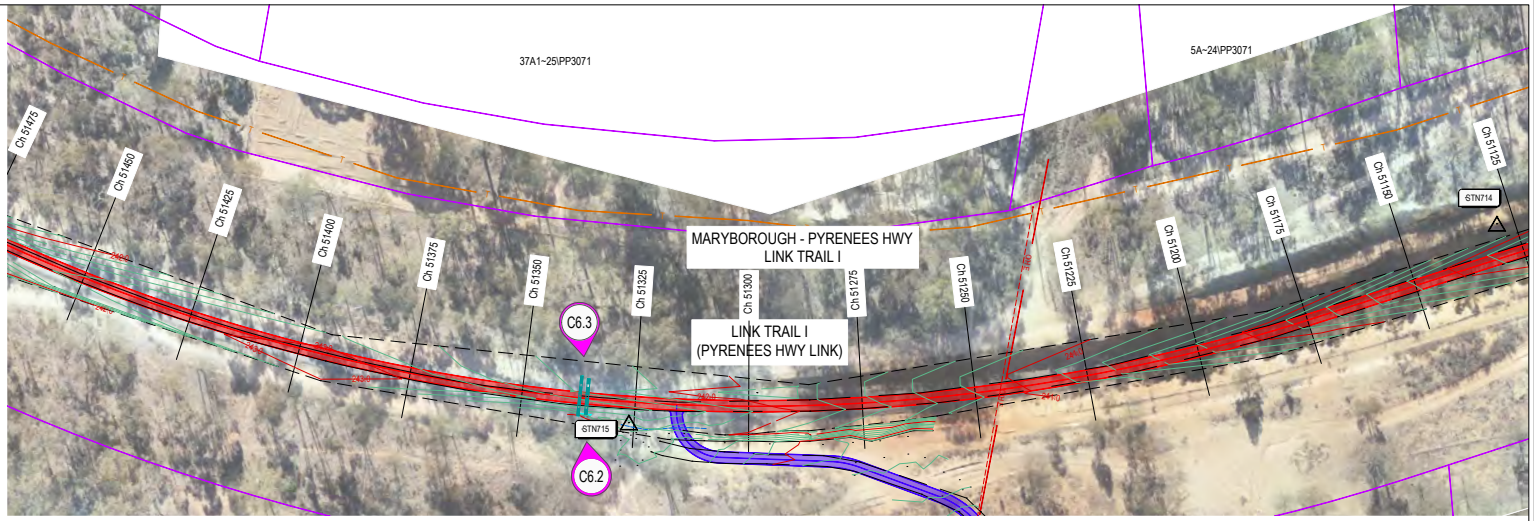
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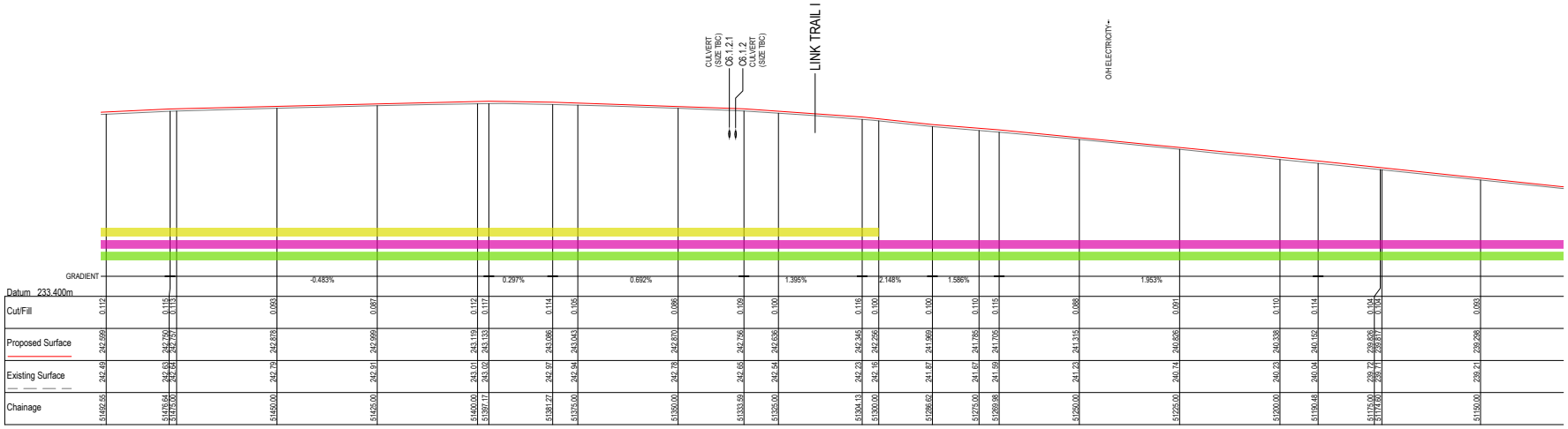
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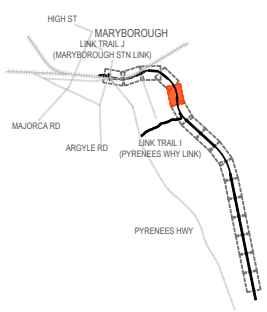
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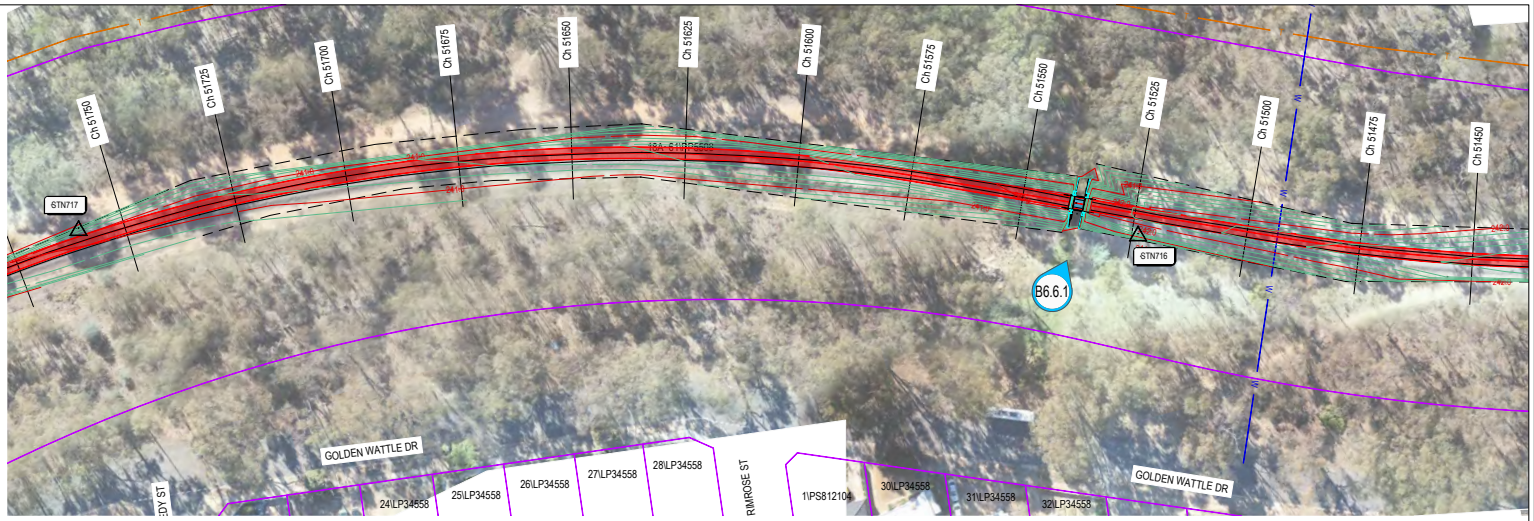
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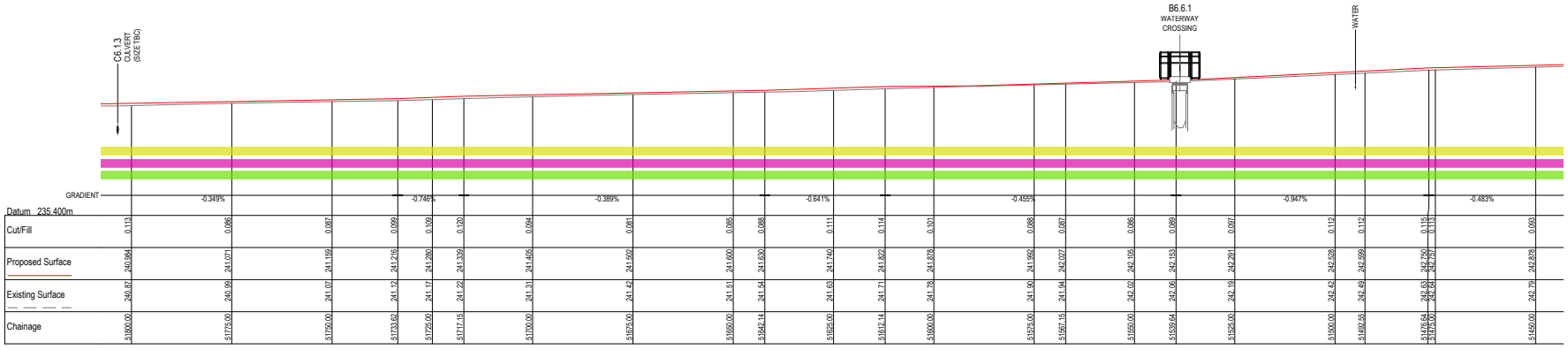
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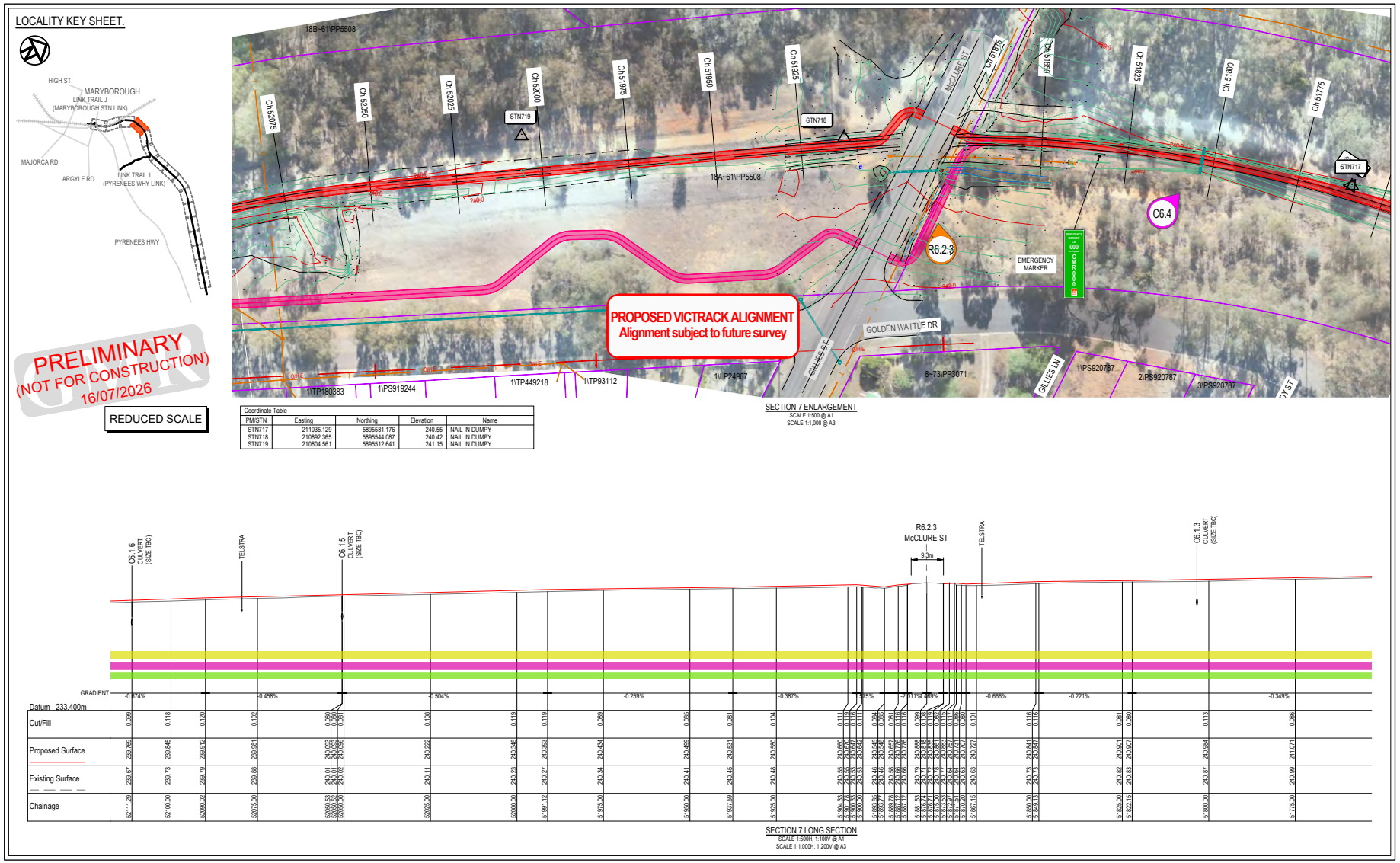
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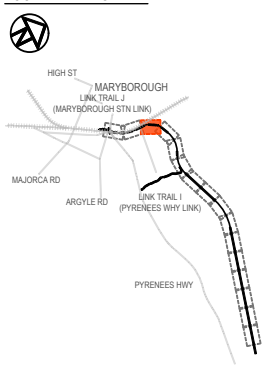
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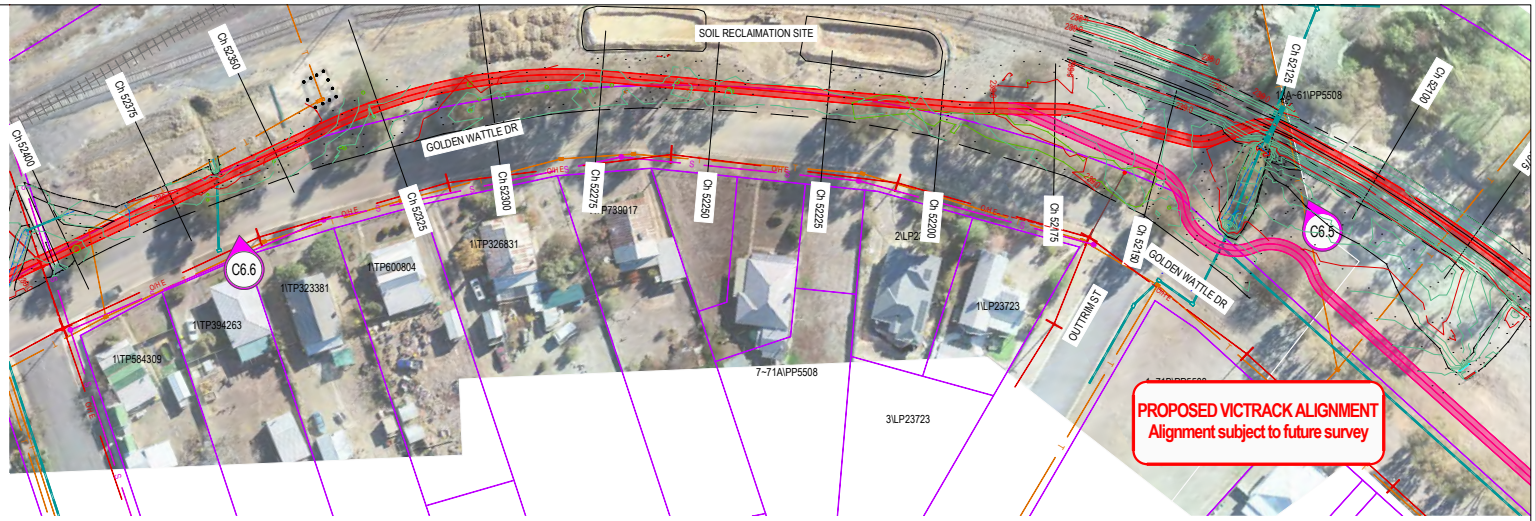
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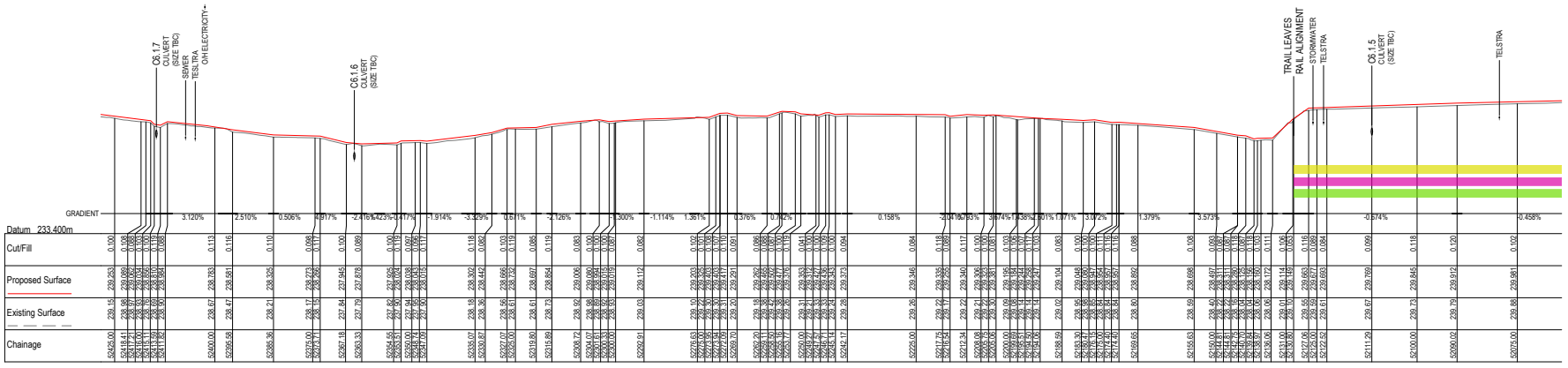
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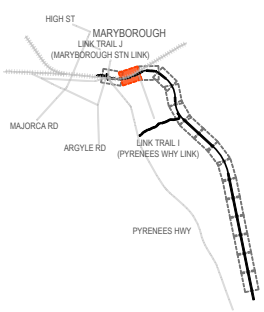
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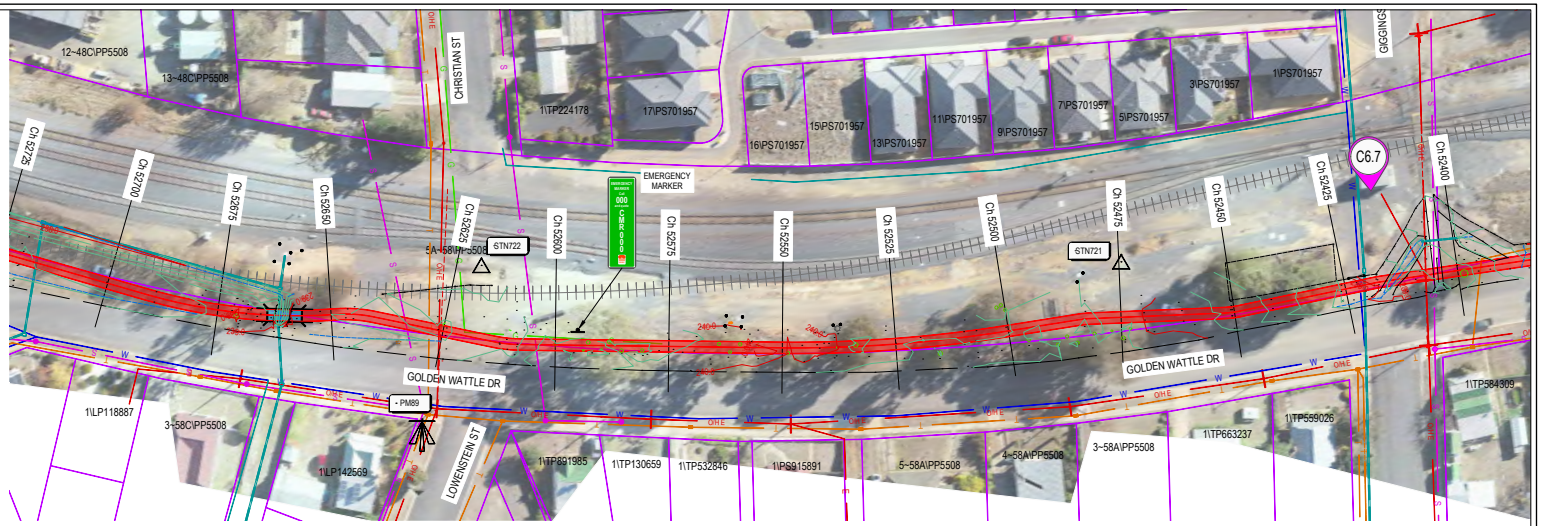
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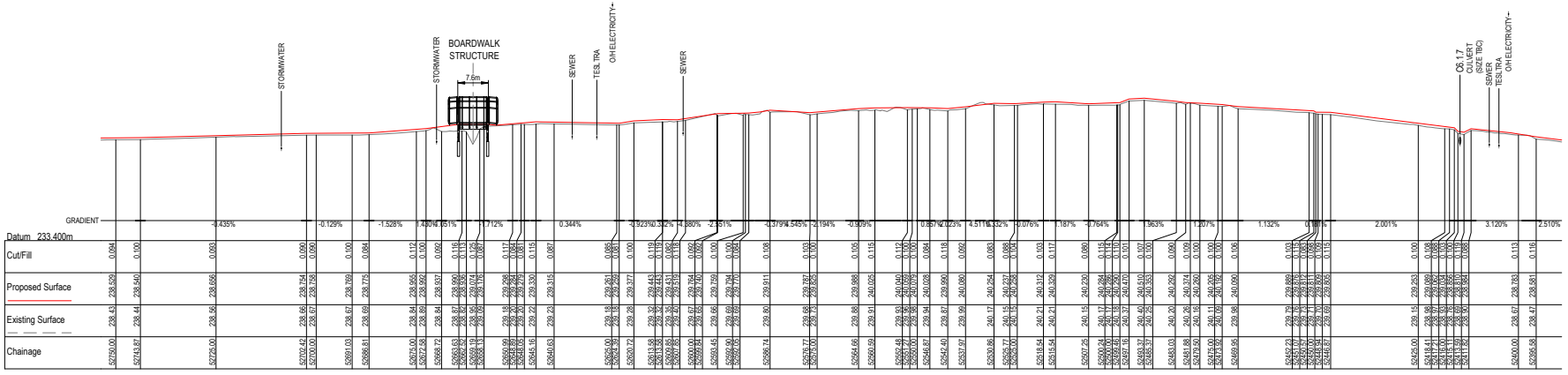
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STN721	210605.930	5895118.321	239.82	NAIL IN DUMPY
STN722	210587.126	5894978.709	239.06	NAIL IN DUMPY



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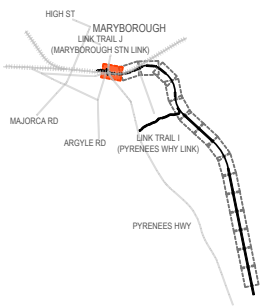
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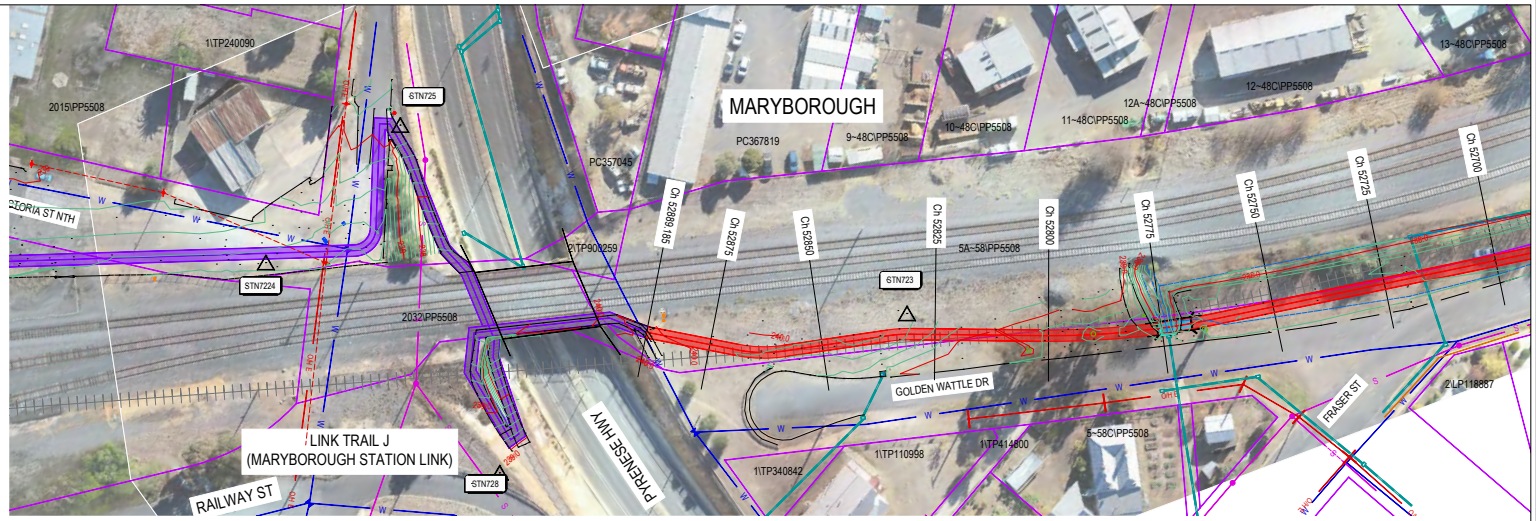
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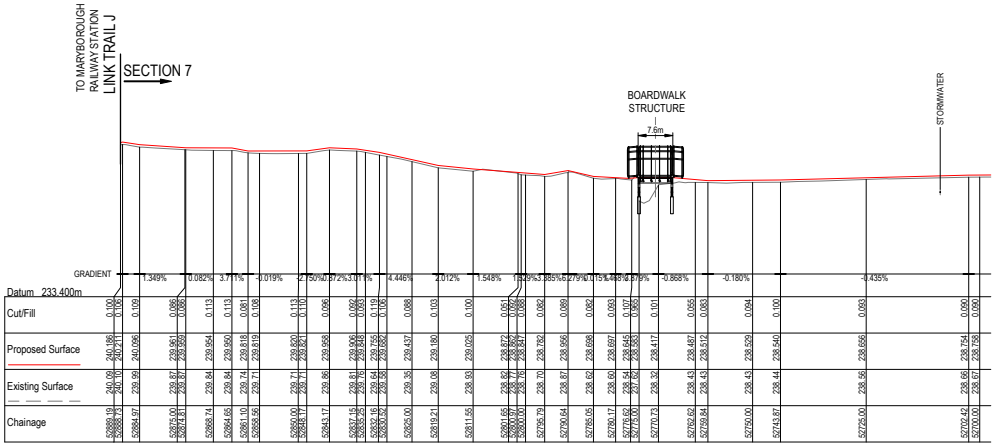
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STN725	210414.340	5894718.503	238.83	NAIL IN DUMPY
STN728	210489.256	5894691.488	241.26	NAIL IN DUMPY



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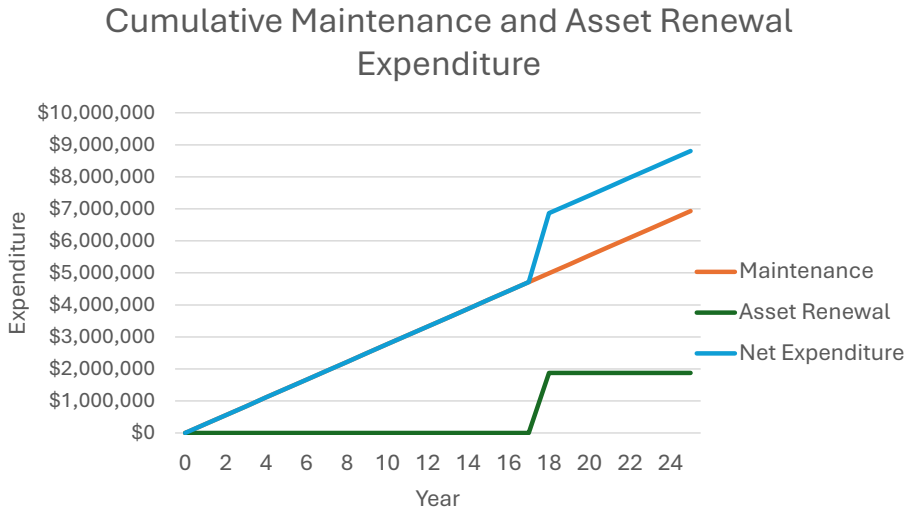
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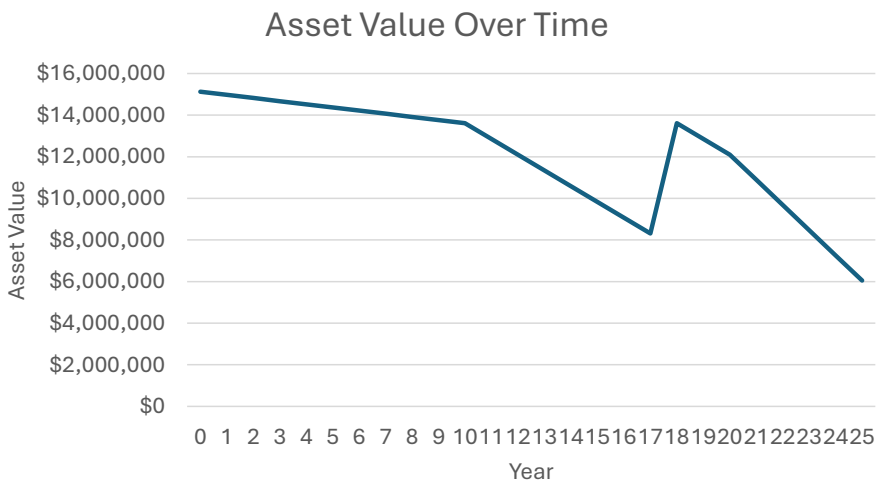
Stage	Purpose	Council role	Status
Feasibility	Determine feasibility of CMRT	Partner	Complete
Preconstruction	Develop designs further, undertake technical assessments, and assess possible operating models	Partner	Almost complete
Construction	Seek investment and construct	TBC	Not yet started

Total Costing Estimate

Item	Cost	Funding Source
Construction	$36.3 million (approx. $15.1 million within CGSC)	Advocate for State or Federal Government funding
Maintenance	$277,200 per year* $6,930,000 over 25 years	Council funded
Lease	$5,000-$30,000 per year	Council Funded
Asset Renewal	$1,875,000 at year 18	Council funded
Depreciation	$9,075,000 over 25 years	

For reference: Council's current sealed road maintenance budget for FY25/26 is **$328,215*





Environmental and Heritage Approvals

- **Ecology:** Sensitive vegetation and threatened species habitat identified; further investigations and approvals required.

- **Cultural Heritage:** Areas of heritage sensitivity identified; CHMP and heritage approvals required prior to construction.

Future Governance Arrangements

- A preferred model endorsed in principle by both Councils.
- Central Goldfields Shire Council and Mount Alexander Shire Council proposed as trail operators.
- An independent Advisory Committee would provide support and guidance.
- Future Council commitment is subject to:
  - External funding being secured for full trail construction.
  - Detailed financial assessment and alignment with Council's Financial and Asset Plans.
  - A future Council resolution.

Project Staging

Preferred approach is delivery as a single construction project to maximise benefits and reduce costs.
A staged delivery approach may be required due to funding constraints.

Recommended priority stages:

- Campbells Creek to Guildford
- Guildford to Newstead
- Newstead to Moolort
- Moolort to Carisbrook
- Carisbrook to Maryborough

Township link trails should be delivered alongside each stage.
Concurrent delivery will provide communities with immediate access and benefits as sections are completed.

7.7 Councillor Nomination to the Central Victorian Greenhouse Alliance

Author Governance Officer

Responsible Officer: Director Corporate Services

The Officer presenting this report, having made enquiries with relevant members of staff, reports that no disclosable interests have been raised in relation to this report.

SUMMARY/PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to seek endorsement from Council of the proposed recommendation to nominate Cr Liesbeth Long as Council's representative on the Central Victorian Greenhouse Alliance (CVGA) Board. The appointment is limited to a two-year term that expires 18 November 2026 and requires a new nomination by Central Goldfields Shire Council.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council nominates Cr Liesbeth Long as Central Goldfields Shire Council's representative on the Central Victorian Greenhouse Alliance Board for a two-year term from 18 November 2026 to 17 November 2028.

LEGISLATION AND POLICY CONTEXT

Central Goldfields Shire Council's Council Plan 2025-2029:

The Community's vision:	**Resilient and sustainable community** 5. Build local resiliance to climate change, health and economic disruptions, and emergency events. 5. Enhance environmental sustainability and greening of townships. **Sound leadership and financial management** 6. Embed good governance in all aspects of the organisation to create the fundamentals of fair, open and equitable decision making. 6. Lead with integrity, accountability, and transparency within the organisation.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

CVGA is an incorporated, not-for-profit alliance of 13 councils that has operated since 2001. It supports member councils to respond to and mitigate climate change impacts through regional projects, joint procurement, advocacy, knowledge sharing, and access to technical expertise. Each member council is required to nominate at least one representative to the CVGA Board, with an optional proxy, and at least one officer representative to the CVGA Working Group. Board representatives must be a current Councillor or Council Executive and participate in quarterly online meetings and the in-person Annual General Meeting held in November. The current appointment expires 18 November 2026, after which Central Goldfields Shire Council must make a new nomination. Cr Liesbeth Long is Council's current nominated Board representative and has been the CVGA Deputy Chairperson from 2024 to 2026.

REPORT

Continued representation on the CVGA Board enables Council to participate in the Alliance's governance, strategic direction, regional advocacy, and collaborative project opportunities. CVGA advises that its work has delivered emissions reductions, financial savings, and improved climate risk preparedness across member councils.

For Central Goldfields Shire Council, CVGA reports a net financial benefit of $6.82 for every $1 invested over the past eight years, including approximately $484,000 in grant-funded projects benefiting the Shire and approximately $510,000 in cost savings. Council has also saved approximately $43,000 through the Victorian Energy Collaboration since joining. Current and potential 2026–27 initiatives include Lighting the Regions, Charging the Regions, the Victorian Energy Collaboration, the Regional Resilient Assets Program, Victorian Climate Ready Councils, utility and emissions data management, circular economy forecasting and targeted advocacy.

CONSULTATION/COMMUNICATION

This report has been prepared following receipt of CVGA's 2026–27 membership letter, which confirms Council's current Board and Working Group representatives, membership obligations, benefits, and available projects.

Following Council's decision, CVGA will be advised of the confirmed nomination, and any required nomination documentation will be completed.

FINANCIAL & RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Council's annual membership fee is set by the CVGA Board and is met through existing budget allocations. The nomination of a Council representative has no additional direct financial impact beyond the membership fee, and the officer and Councillor time required to participate in quarterly meetings, the Annual General Meeting and relevant Alliance activities. Participation provides access to shared expertise, collaborative procurement, grant opportunities, and regional projects that may reduce costs or deliver benefits beyond those achievable by Council acting alone.

RISK MANAGEMENT

This report addresses Council's strategic risk:
Climate change -adaptation - Failure to appropriately respond to or prepare for the impacts of climate change
The risk is mitigated through Council's CVGA membership, which provides regional collaboration, expertise, funding opportunities, and coordinated projects that strengthen climate preparedness and resilience.

Governance - Failure to transparently govern and embrace good governance practices
The risk is mitigated by ensuring that the Council representatives remain up to date through nominating a representative at the end of each two-year term.

CONCLUSION

CVGA membership supports Council's participation in coordinated regional climate action, advocacy, knowledge sharing, and cost-effective project delivery. As the representative appointment is limited to a two-year term and requires a new nomination by Central Goldfields Shire Council, Council must formally confirm its representative. Cr Liesbeth Long is eligible to serve, is Council's current representative and holds the position of CVGA Deputy Chairperson. The nomination for a further two-year term will provide continuity in Council's representation and support effective governance of the Alliance.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

7.8 G1806-23 Internal Audit Services Contract Extension

Author Governance Officer
Responsible Officer: Director Corporate Services
The Officer presenting this report, having made enquiries with relevant members of staff, reports that no disclosable interests have been raised in relation to this report.

SUMMARY/PURPOSE

This report presents to Council, the Officers recommendation for Council to exercise the extension option to extend contract G1806-23 for the Provision of Internal Audit Services to RSD Audit Pty Ltd T/as RSD Audit for a further term of 3 years.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council;

1. Exercise the extension option for contract G1806-23 for the Provision of Internal Audit Services to RSD Audit Pty Ltd for a further term of 3 years for the Contract sum of $136.350 (exclusive of GST) based on Schedule of Rates for the initial term of 3 years, commencing on 11 December 2026 and expiring on 10 December 2029.

LEGISLATION AND POLICY CONTEXT

Central Goldfields Shire Council's Council Plan 2025-2029:

The Community's vision:	**Sound leadership and financial management** 6. Embed good governance in all aspects of the organisation to create the fundamentals of fair, open and equitable decision making. 6. Lead with integrity, accountability and transparency within the organisation.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The internal and external audit functions are critical services that Councils are required to undertake in line with the relevant legislative and policy requirements.

The Audit and Risk Committee has an essential role in overseeing this process.
One of the Committee's responsibilities under its Charter is to oversee Council's internal audit function, and the Charter also requires that the Committee participate in the appointment of the internal auditor.

In Clause 8.5 of the Audit and Risk Committee Charter; provides that the Audit and Risk Committee is responsible for recommending to Council, where necessary, the termination of the internal audit contractor. As the internal audit function provides independent assurance to the Audit and Risk Committee and Council, it follows that if Council is the appropriate decision-maker regarding the termination of the internal audit contractor, it is also appropriate that Council determines whether to continue that appointment by exercising the contract extension option.

REPORT

The original Tender evaluation report was presented to the Audit and Risk Committee at its September 2023 meeting.
The Audit and Risk Committee supported the following recommendation;

That the Audit and Risk Committee:

1. receives and notes the outcome of G1806-23 for the Provision of Internal Audit Services procurement process as detailed in this report.

2. recommends awarding Contract G1806-23 for the Provision of Internal Audit Services to RSD Audit Pty Ltd T/as RSD Audit for the Contract sum of $136.350 (exclusive of GST) based on Schedule of Rates for the initial term of 3 years.
3. notes that Contract has 3 years option to extend subject to Council's decision and the Contractor's performance.
4. recommends the report about the outcome of this procurement process be presented to the October Council meeting for Council's decision.

At the October 2023 Council Meeting, Council resolved to;

1. award Contract G1806-23 for the Provision of Internal Audit Services to RSD Audit Pty Ltd T/as RSD Audit for the Contract sum of $136,350 (exclusive of GST) based on Schedule of Rates for the initial term of 3 years.

2. notes that Contract has 3 years option to extend subject to Council's decision and the Contractor's performance.

At the September 2026 Council Meeting, The Audit and Risk Committee resolved to provide a recommendation to Council to exercise the extension option for contract G1806-23 for the Provision of Internal Audit Services to RSD Audit Pty Ltd for a further term of 3 years, commencing on 11 December 2026 and expiring on 10 December 2029.

CONSULTATION/COMMUNICATION

The original tender was conducted as a public tender process in 2023.

FINANCIAL & RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

The recommendation is with the budgeted amount for provision of these audit services.

RISK MANAGEMENT

This report addresses Council's strategic risk:
Governance - Failure to transparently govern and embrace good governance practices
This risk is mitigated through transparent decision-making, Audit and Risk Committee oversight, and Council's established procurement and audit governance processes. Council remains the final decision-maker, while the independent internal auditor provides assurance over Council's systems, controls and risk management practices.

CONCLUSION

Exercising the extension option for Contract G1806-23 will ensure continuity of Council's internal audit function and ongoing independent assurance to the Audit and Risk Committee and Council. The extension is consistent with the original procurement process, the contract provisions and Council's governance obligations and is within the budgeted allocation for internal audit services. It is therefore recommended that the Council extend the contract with RSD Audit Pty Ltd T/as RSD Audit for a further three-year term from 11 December 2026 until 10 December 2029.

ATTACHMENTS

The following attachments are provided under separate cover as they contain confidential information under sections 3(a)(g)(i)(ii) of the Local Government Act 2020 as it contains:
(a) Council business information, being information that would prejudice the Council's position in commercial negotiations if prematurely released.

This section applies because the contract is not finalised and releasing the information prior to decision could prejudice the Council's commercial position in negotiations.

(g) private commercial information, being information provided by a business, commercial or financial undertaking that—
(i) relates to trade secrets; or
(ii) if released, would unreasonably expose the business, commercial or financial undertaking to disadvantage.

1. Tender Evaluation Report G1806-23 *(Provided under separate cover)*
2. Signed Contract G 1806-23 Provision of Internal Audit Services *(Provided under separate Cover)*

8 General and other Urgent Business

9 Notices of Motion

9.1 Notice of Motion, Number 4 – Cr Geoff Bartlett.

The following motion was received as a notice of motion in accordance with Central Goldfields Shire Council Governance Rules: S23 Councillors May Propose Notices of Motion and S24 Notice of Motion.

That Council:

1) Notes the intention of this motion is purely exploratory in nature and as such does not bind or indeed is intended, to commit council to any action or thing in regard to 'Cambridge Street' Carisbrook.

2) Notes the existence of Cambridge Street and requests the CEO to verify and report;

   a) on the current tenure and legal status of the relevant road reserve and land;

   b) the current status of Cambridge Street on Council's Public Road Register;

   c) the respective responsibilities of the relevant road authority or authorities;

   d) the historical and current access arrangements serving the adjoining titled lots and;

   e) any relevant Crown land, lease, licence or other tenure arrangements, including the legal effect of any transaction occurring on or about 29 August 2025.

3) Notes that there are existing titled lots adjacent to Cambridge Street and requests the CEO to verify and report on:
   a) the number and legal identity of the relevant lots;

   b) existing sewer, water and electricity servicing arrangements;

   c) existing lawful access arrangements; and

   d) any other infrastructure or servicing matters relevant to any potential development.

4) Requests the CEO to prepare a report to Council addressing;

   a) the applicable road classification and standard required for current or future residents access under Council's current Road Management Manual, relevant operational road standards and/or any other applicable Council policy;

   b) indicative costs associated to achieve that applicable classification, including:
      i. raw materials and procurement;

      ii. planning, surveying, engineering and design;

      iii. construction and machinery;

      iv. labour and contractor costs; and

      v. other costs considered relevant by officers;

   c) the fees applicable for the planning, cultural heritage, environmental, road management and other statutory approvals or requirements that may apply, in respect of other referral or partnership agencies:

      i. North Central Catchment Management Authority;

      ii. Department of Transport and Planning;

      iii. Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action ;

iv. applicable planning scheme overlays and heritage controls;

v. whether a Cultural Heritage Management Plan or other Aboriginal cultural heritage process is required;

vi. whether any Land Use Activity Agreement requirements arise in relation to the land requiring consultation with Dja Dja Wurrung Aboriginal Corporation; and

vii. any other relevant statutory authority or approval;

d) indicative scenarios for additional rate revenue associated with any future development of the relevant titled lots in the short and long term; and

e) where reasonably practicable, indicative ongoing Council asset maintenance and renewal costs associated with any future road infrastructure.

5) Notes Council's strategic objective of supporting appropriate housing development and the State Government's housing objectives, whilst recognising that any future infrastructure decision regarding expenditure or road status improvement be assessed against and have regard to Council's statutory responsibilities and available resourcing.

10 Confidential Business

Nil

11 Meeting Closure