

Post -hearing responses

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Response

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PNF Plan areas identified below as overlapping with Core Koala Habitat identified in a KPOM were in place before the KPOM was adopted and approved by the then Department of Planning and Environment. In these legacy areas, landholders should consult with local government on the implications of this for existing PNF Plans.

LGA	Core Koala Habitat identified in a KPOM (ha)	Legacy PNF Plans that overlap with Core Koala Habitat identified in a KPOM
Ballina	2170	97
Coffs Harbour	2576	91
Kempsey	214	12
Lismore*	0	0
Port Stephens*	0	0

*Note: Lismore and Port Stephens LGAs have approved KPOMs however these do not identify Core Koala Habitat as defined by *State Environmental Planning Policy No. 44 - Koala Habitat Protection*.

See Attachment A for maps of Core Koala Habitat and PNF Plans by LGA.

2. Is there any requirement to look for koalas or koala scats prior to logging under the PNF Code?**Response**

The PNF Codes of Practice include specific protections for threatened species identified in the Listed species ecological prescriptions - including koalas. Prior to issuing a PNF Plan LLS provides all records of threatened species to landholders, including any records of koalas in the Atlas of NSW Wildlife.

Under the PNF Codes of Practice, any tree containing a koala, or any tree beneath which 20 or more koala faecal pellets (scats) are found must be retained, and an exclusion zone of 20 metres must be implemented around each retained tree. In Koala Management Area 5, River Red Gum Code of Practice region, or Cypress and Western Hardwoods Code of Practice region, any tree beneath which one or more koala faecal pellets are found must be retained, and with a 50 metre exclusion zone.

In cases where there is a known record of a koala within an area of forest operations or within 500 metres of an area of forest operations or where a koala scat is found beneath the canopy of any primary or secondary koala food tree:

- A minimum of 10 koala food trees and 5 secondary koala food trees must be retained per hectare
- These trees must be spread evenly across the area, have leafy broad crowns and be a minimum of 30 centimetres DBH (Diameter at Breast Height)
- Any damage to retained trees must be minimised by using directional felling techniques.

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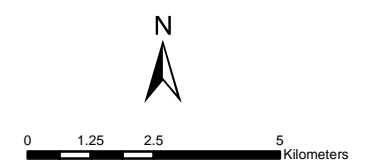
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Core Koala Habitat & PNF Plans Ballina LGA

Legend

-  LGA Boundary
-  PNF Areas
-  Core Koala Habitat
-  Core Koala Habitat and PNF plan overlaps



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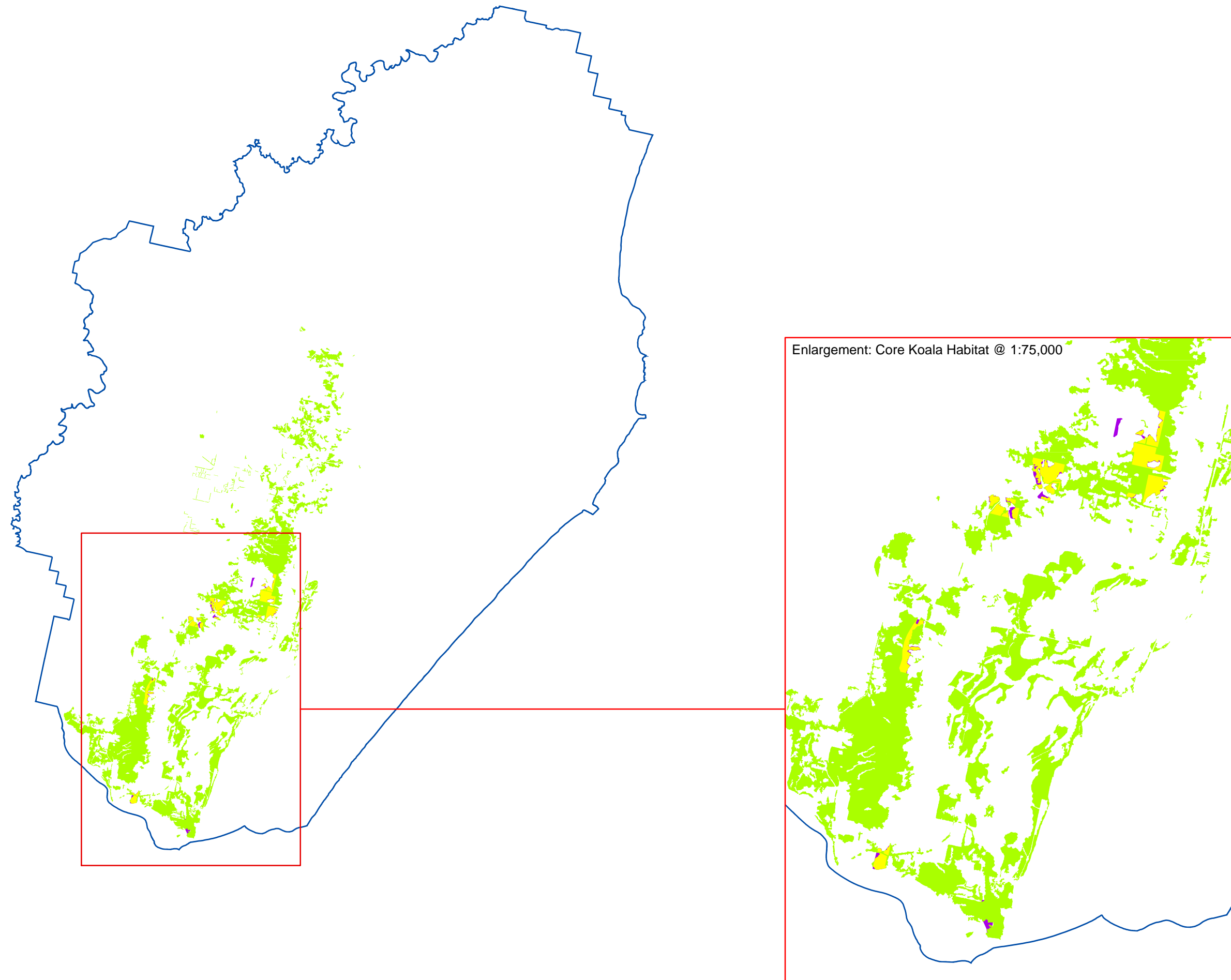
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Core Koala Habitat & PNF Plans


Coffs Harbour LGA

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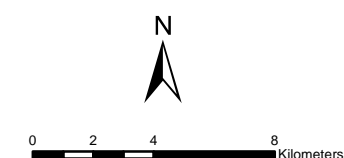
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LGA Boundary
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PNF Areas
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Core Koala Habitat
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Core Koala Habitat and PNF plan overlaps



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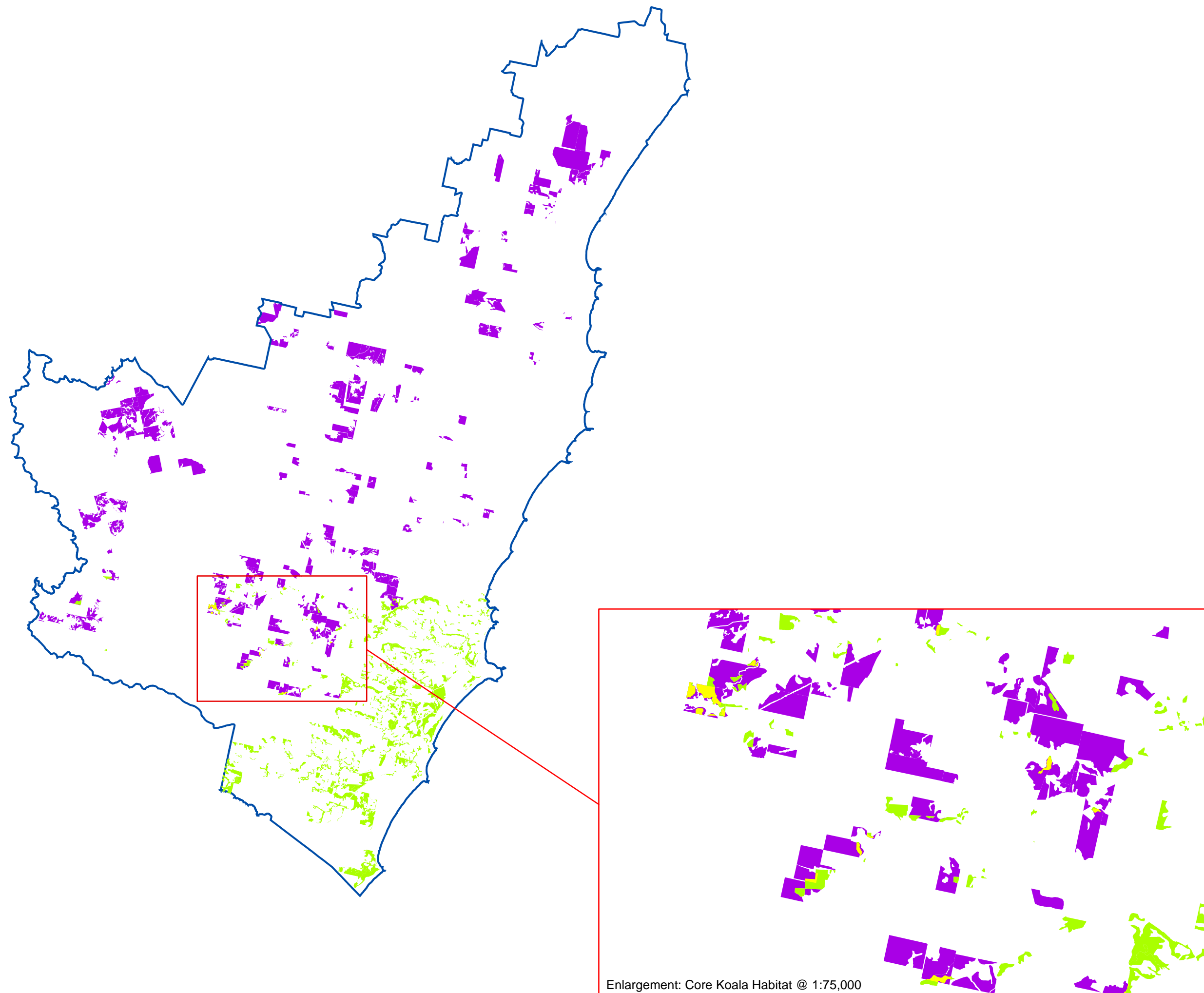
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





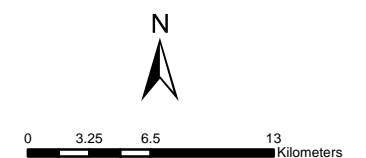
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Core Koala Habitat & PNF Plans Kempsey LGA

Legend

-  LGA Boundary
-  PNF Areas
-  Core Koala Habitat
-  Core Koala Habitat and PNF plan overlaps
-  Highway



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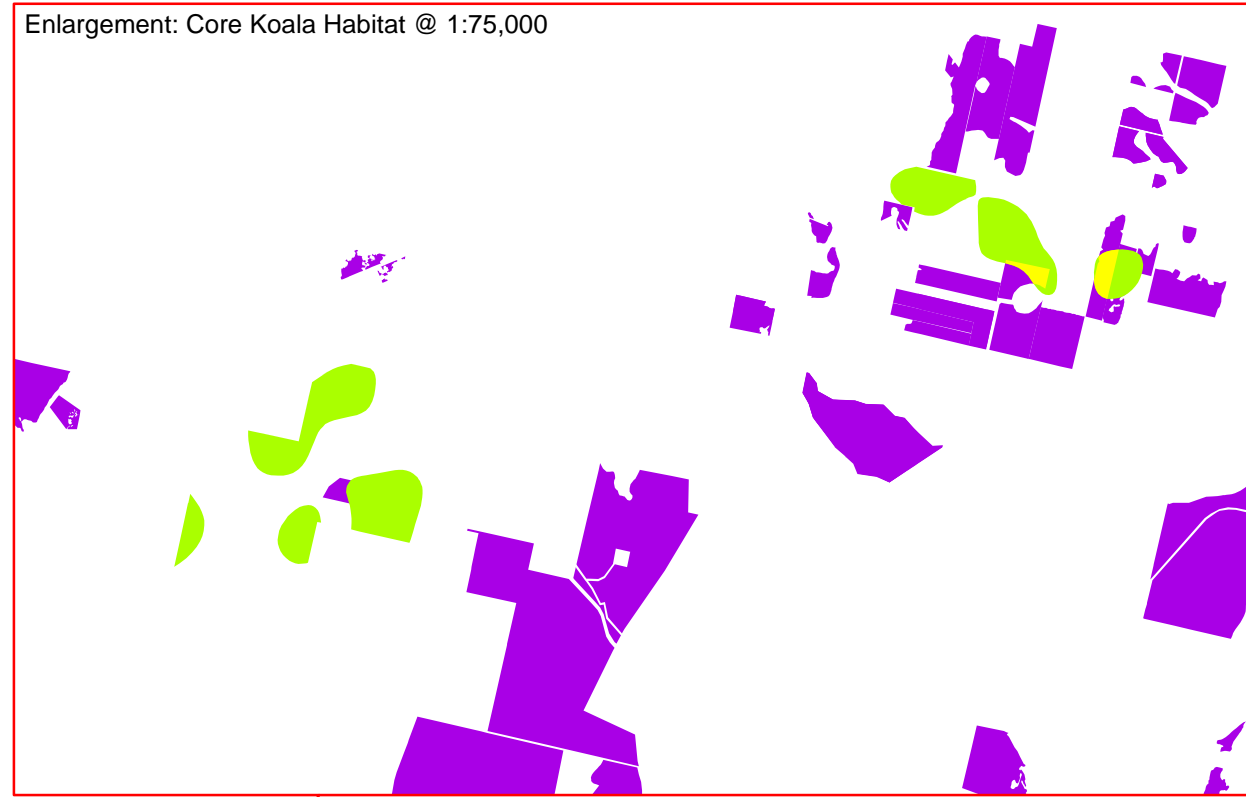
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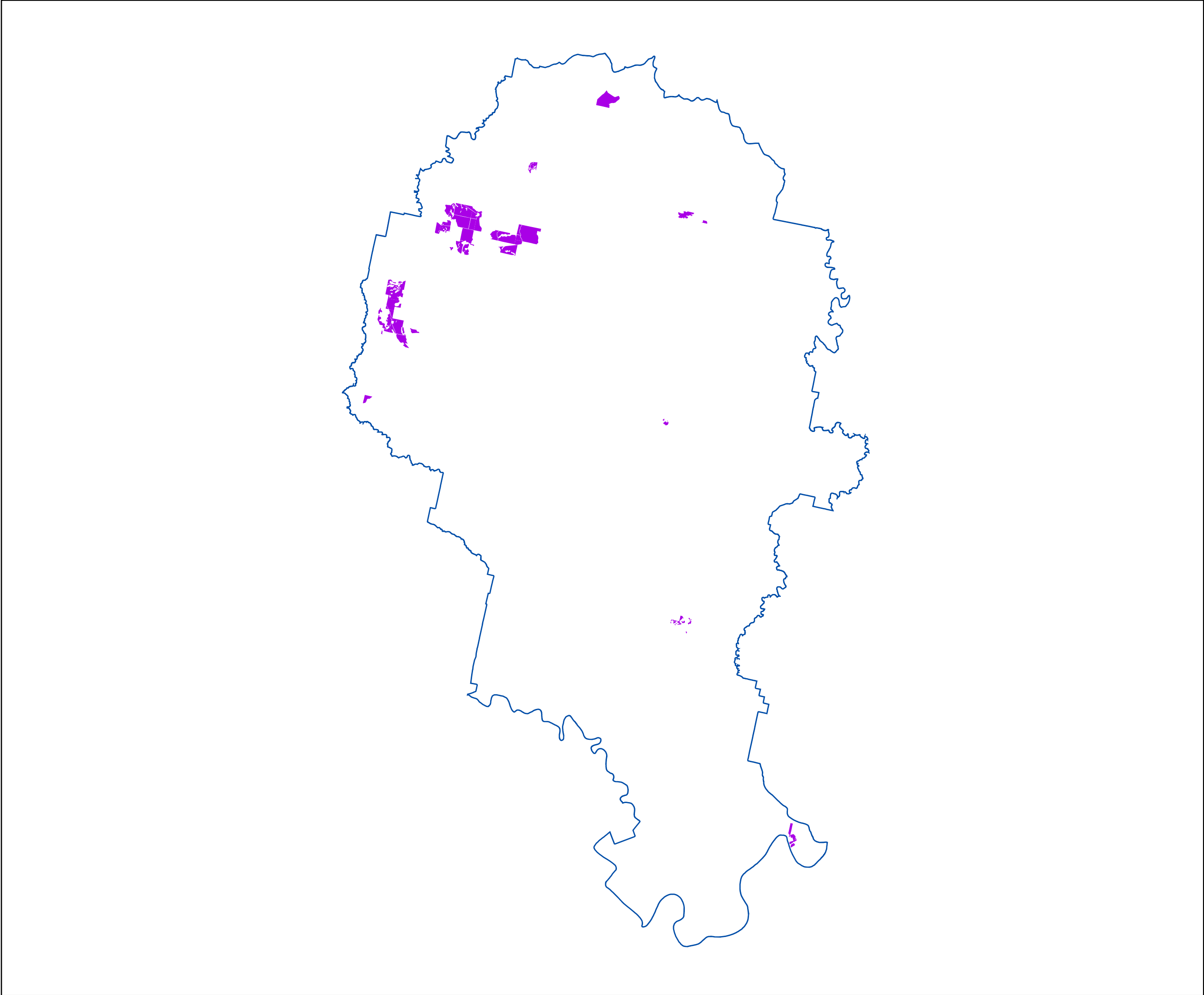
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Enlargement: Core Koala Habitat @ 1:75,000

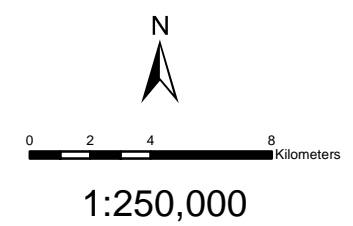




Core Koala Habitat & PNF Plans
Lismore LGA

Legend

-  LGA Boundary
-  PNF Areas
-  Core Koala Habitat
-  Core Koala Habitat and PNF plan overlaps




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Core Koala Habitat &
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Port Stephens LGA

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Kilometers


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