15. CROWN MINERALS ACT APPROVALS APPLICATION – ACCESS ARRANGEMENTS

15.1 INTRODUCTION

This Chapter identifies the CMA access arrangements required for the BPCP. The Project involves the continuation and extension of Bathurst's mining operations across the Buller Plateaux, using existing operating areas, replacement permit areas and new mining areas. Where those mining permit areas overlap Crown land, Bathurst must obtain access arrangements from the Crown before mining and mining operations can lawfully occur on that land.

Authorisations are also being sought from the BDC and WCRC for activities requiring land use consents, as described in **Chapter A.8 – RMA Approvals**, which may overlap the areas where access arrangements are being sought. Other areas of overlap are for Wildlife Act approvals, as described in **Chapter A.11 – Wildlife Act Approvals**, Archaeological authorities, as described in **Chapter A.12 – Heritage Approvals**, and fisheries approvals, as described in **Chapter A.13 – Freshwater Fisheries Approvals and Dispensations**. The effects of these activities are addressed in **Chapter A.6 – Assessment of Environmental Effects** and **Chapter A.7 – Management and Monitoring of Actual and Potential Effects** and are managed through a suite of management plans, attached to this substantive application in **Part G** and a Residual Effects Package as described in Alliance Ecology, 2026a.

This Chapter should be read alongside **Chapter A.14 – Crown Minerals Act Approvals – Mining Permits**, which identifies the relevant existing, replacement and new permits. This Chapter addresses the separate land access question: what Crown land is affected, what access rights already exist, and what additional, replacement or varied arrangements are sought through the substantive fast-track application.

Existing CMA access arrangements already apply across parts of the BPCP area, including for the DOC Triangle at Stockton (37444-AA-V3), LINZ-administered land associated with Mining Permit 41 515 in the Upper Waimangaroa Haul Road / Mount Frederick South area (AA-12984 and AA-19116-1), and the Escarpment Mine (AA-51279_v4). Those arrangements will continue to be relied on where they remain operative.[155] The approvals now sought

[155] While the access arrangement for the Escarpment Mine does not lapse until 2030, Bathurst are seeking to replace the access arrangement to reflect the updated mining operations proposed for this area.

complete the access framework for the Project by varying, replacing or adding arrangements where the existing authorisations do not fully cover the proposed activities or areas.

Section 43(3)(l) of the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 (FTAA) requires a substantive application for an access arrangement to include the information specified in clause 3 of Schedule 11. This Chapter is structured to address those requirements at the appropriate level of detail for a substantive application, supported by **Chapter A.4 – Project Description**, the relevant area-specific figures, and the technical and statutory material cross-referenced below.

15.2 ACCESS ARRANGEMENTS UNDER THE CROWN MINERALS ACT

This application comprises a suite of CMA access arrangements that, together, enable the BPCP to operate on Crown land within the relevant mining permit areas.

The current framework includes existing DOC and LINZ arrangements that authorise ongoing mining and mining-operation activities. These remain part of the access arrangement framework unless varied, replaced or superseded by the approvals sought through this application.

This application seeks to:

- Vary certain existing access arrangements where additional land or activities are required;
- Replace certain access arrangements with updated access arrangements covering expanded or consolidated areas; and
- Obtain new access arrangements where no existing access arrangements currently authorise the required activities.

Each arrangement is linked to a specific permit area and landholding. The arrangements are therefore described and assessed separately in this Chapter.

Clause 3 of Schedule 11 of the FTAA sets out the information requirements for substantive applications for access arrangements. This Chapter provides that information directly or identifies where it is provided elsewhere in the substantive application, as summarised in **Table 15-1** below.

An additional pre-lodgement requirement, under section 29(1)(b) of the FTAA, is to comply with section 59(1) and (2) of the CMA in that notice must be given to each owner and occupier of the relevant land, specifying the intention to obtain an access arrangement. Bathurst confirm this requirement has been met and is outlined in the Community and

Stakeholder Engagement Report (Bathurst, 2026am), attached to this substantive application in **Part F.**

65 Table 15-1: Information Required for an Access Arrangement

Information requirement	Response
A copy of the relevant permit under the Crown Minerals Act 1991 (if a permit has been granted under that Act)	The relevant active permits are provided as **Appendix 15.A** to this Chapter. Three mining permits are being sought as part of this substantive application, and the details and application documents for those areas are provided in **Chapter A.14 – Crown Minerals Act – Mining Permits**.
A document identifying areas of conservation land located within the application area, their classification, and an assessment against the purpose for which that land is held or administered	A description of the conservation land applicable to each application area identified in this Chapter is provided in **Chapter A.10 – Conservation Act and Reserves Act**.
A map or plan of the project area	The relevant project and access arrangement areas are shown in the figures in this Chapter, including **Figures 15-1 to 15-21**, and in the application drawings and plans lodged in **Part D** with this substantive application.
A description of the proposal, including: • **the application area;** • **a summary of proposed activities;** • **a statement of objectives of any Act under which the land is administered;** • **any policy statement, management strategy, or management plan of the Crown that applies in relation to the land;** • **details of any resource consents and concessions held or applied**	The project description, application areas, proposed activities, direct net economic and other benefits, and interests in obtaining access to the relevant minerals are addressed in this Chapter and in **Chapter A.1 – Project Wide Overview**, **Chapter A.4 – Project Description** and **Chapter A.14 – Crown Minerals Act Approvals – Mining Permits**. Resource consents held or sought are summarised in **Chapter A.8 – RMA Approvals Tables**. Concession applications are addressed in **Chapter A.10 – Conservation Act and Reserves Act**.

Information requirement	Response
for, or intended applications in relation to the application area; • **for an approval described in section 42(4)(l), a statement of the direct net economic and other benefits of the proposed activities in relation to which the access arrangement is sought; and** • **for an approval described in section 42(4)(m), the interests of the owner of the mineral, or any person to whom the owner has granted rights in relation to the mineral, in obtaining access to that mineral.**	
An assessment of the environment, including a description of the existing natural environment in and around the application area	The existing natural environment in and around each access arrangement area is summarised in **Section 15.4.4** below and described in further detail in **Chapter A.4 – Existing Environment** and the technical assessments lodged with this substantive application.
A description of any historic, cultural and archaeological sites within the application area	A description of historic, cultural and archaeological values relevant to each access arrangement is provided in **Section 15.4.4** below, together with relevant parts of **Chapter A.4 – Existing Environment** and the cultural values and archaeological assessments attached in **Part B** to this substantive application.
A description of the social environment in and around the application area	A description of the social environment for each access arrangement sought is provided in **Section 15.4.4** below, together with relevant parts of **Chapter A.4 – Existing Environment** and the Social Assessment prepared for the substantive application, attached in **Part B.**
An assessment of the effects that proposed activities will have on the environment, both while the activities are taking place and after their completion	The potential and actual effects of activities associated with each access arrangement are summarised in **Section 15.4.4** below, assessed in **Chapter A.6 – Assessment of Environmental Effects**, and supported

Information requirement	Response
	by the technical assessments lodged with this substantive application.
An outline of consultation undertaken, including full details of consultation with relevant iwi	An outline of consultation undertaken is provided in **Section 15.4.3** below and should be read alongside the consultation and engagement material lodged as part of this substantive application in **Part F**.
A description of the proposed safeguards and mitigation measures to be put in place	Proposed safeguards, mitigation, monitoring, rehabilitation and management measures are described in **Chapter A.7 – Management and Monitoring of Actual and Potential Environmental Effects** and in the proposed conditions lodged with this substantive application in **Part E,** and the proffered access arrangement conditions attached to this Chapter as **Appendix 15.B1 – B8.**
Information about financial and legal liabilities and obligations associated with the land	Financial and legal liabilities and obligations associated with the land, including permit and access arrangement obligations, rehabilitation responsibilities, compliance requirements and other statutory obligations, are addressed in **Chapter A.1 – Project Wide Overview**, **Chapter A.4 – Project Description**, **Chapter A.7 – Management and Monitoring of Actual and Potential Environmental Effects** and **Chapter A.14 – Crown Minerals Act Approvals – Mining Permits**.
In the case of an application where the land in question is a reserve managed by a local authority, confirmation that the local authority has provided written agreement for the activity to be undertaken on the reserve	All land subject to an application for an access arrangement is Crown land administered by DOC or LINZ and is described in **Section 15.4** below.

15.3 EXISTING ACCESS ARRANGEMENTS

This section summarises the existing access arrangements within the BPCP area. They provide the starting point for the current application: some will remain unchanged, some will be varied, and others will be superseded by new or replacement arrangements sought through the BPCP.

These are shown in **Figure 15-1** to **Figure 15-3** and summarised in **Table 15-2**.

Table 15-2: Existing Access Arrangements across the BPCP

Arrangement	Mining Permit	Land-owner	Arrangement held with (Mining Operation)	Expiration Date	Status
Stockton Sub-Area					
37 444-AA	MP 41 810	DOC	BT Mining Limited	8 September 2040	A variation is being sought to allow additional activities.
Upper Waimangaroa Haul Road Sub-Area					
12984-1	MP 41 515	LINZ	BT Mining Limited	11 March 2038	No changes proposed.
19116-1	MP 41 515	LINZ	BT Mining Limited	11 March 2038	No changes proposed.
Escarpment Extended Sub-Area					
37873_AA	MP 51 279	DOC	Buller Coal Limited	23 June 2047	To be superseded by a new access arrangement.

75 The access arrangements in respect of Mining Permit 41 810, Mining Permit 41 515 and Mining Permit 51 279 are shown, respectively, in **Figure 15-1, Figure 15-2** and **Figure 15-3** below.

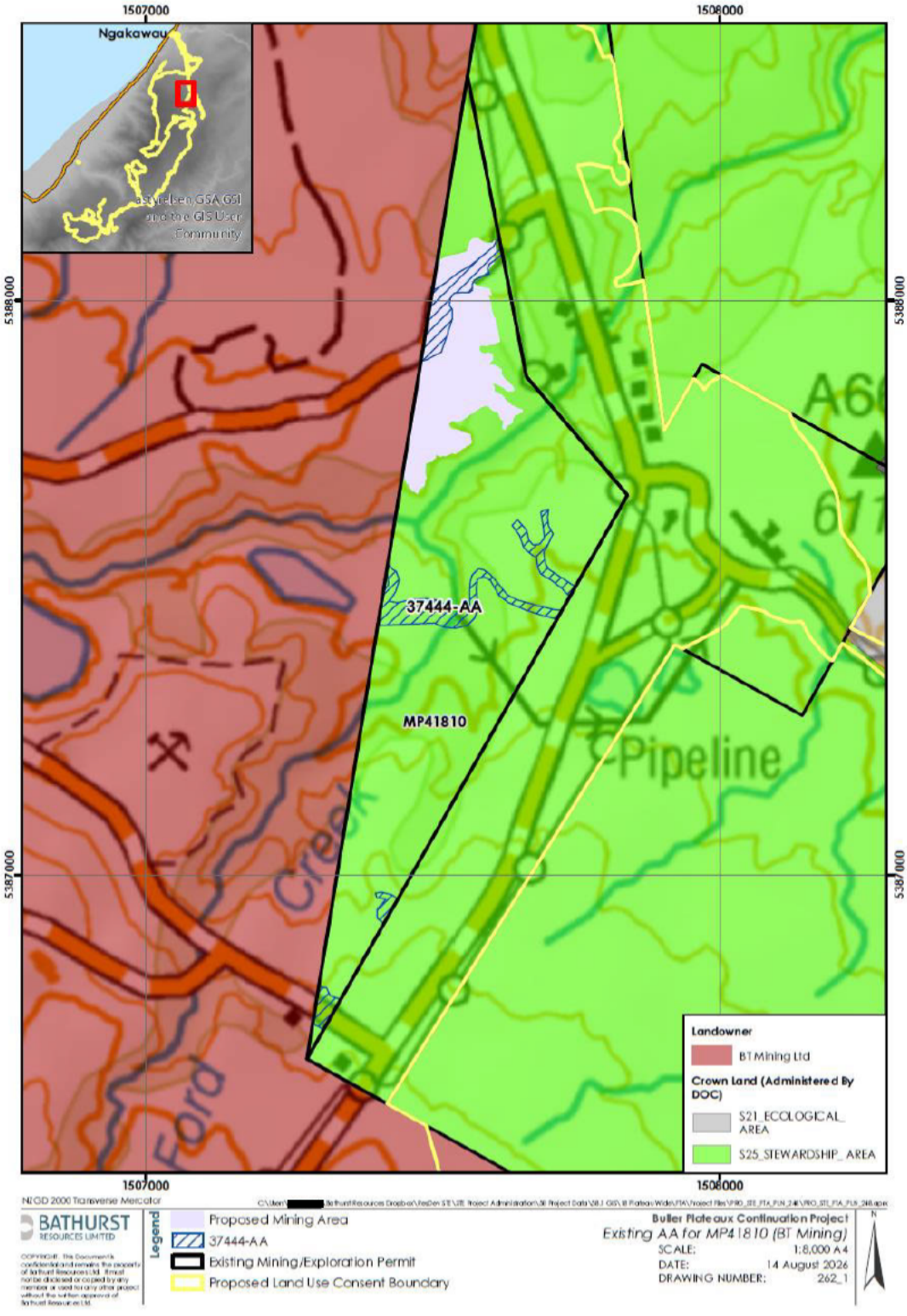
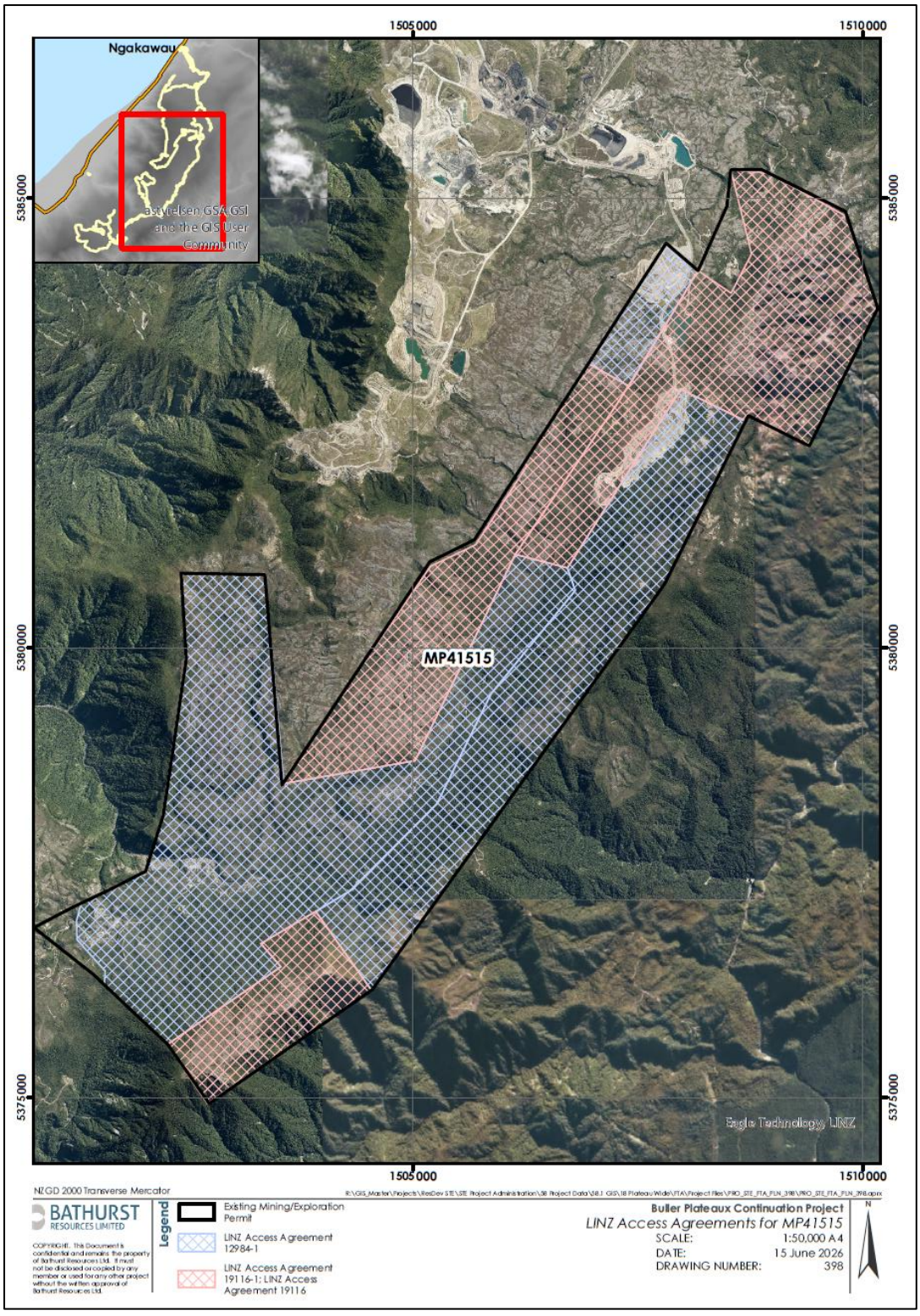


Figure 15-1: Existing Access Arrangement for Mining Permit 41 810



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Figure 15-2: Existing Access Arrangements at Mount Frederick South and the Upper Waimangaroa Haul Road

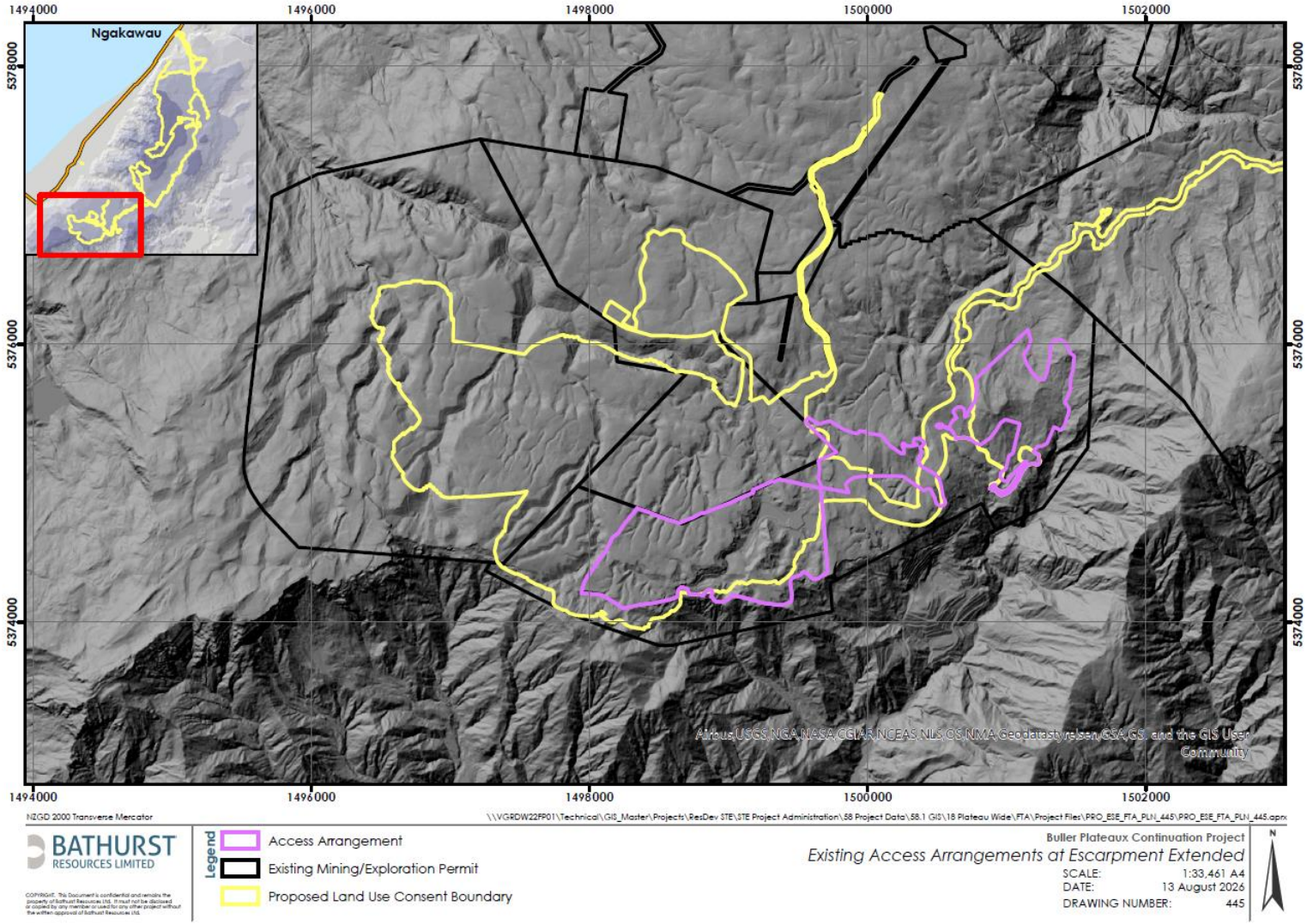


Figure 15-3: Existing Access Arrangement at Escarpment Extended

15.4 DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSAL

Bathurst seeks seven access arrangement approvals through the BPCP. These comprise one variation to an existing arrangement, new arrangements for land not currently covered as required, and one replacement arrangement that will supersede an existing arrangement. Together, they are intended to ensure that all Crown land required for mining, mining operations and associated management activities within the relevant permit areas is covered by an appropriate CMA access arrangement. For clarity, the access arrangements are intended to authorise not only physical mining and ancillary mining operations (including infrastructure and roads), but also activities necessary to manage, mitigate, monitor, rehabilitate, close and restore affected areas, including conservation and biodiversity-related works where those works form part of the Project or its management framework.

Geographically, the applications run from Stockton in the north, through the UWHR and MFS Sub-Areas, to ESE in the south. The approvals sought are:

- Two or three access arrangements at the Stockton Sub-Area over Crown land administered by DOC and LINZ, depending on whether the agencies agree to a joint access arrangement or not (applicant BT Mining):
  - a variation to the existing access arrangement (DOC Triangle) under Mining Permit 41 810;[156]
  - and a new access arrangement for DOC administered Crown land within the Stockton CML Replacement mining permit area, including the 2-5 Haul Road, aerial ropeway, powerline corridor, access roads and Ngākawau Rail Loadout;
  - a new access arrangement for LINZ administered[157] Crown land within the Stockton CML Replacement Mining Permit area;
- One DOC access arrangement for the southern portion of the UWHR within Mining Permit 41 515 (applicant BT Mining);
- One or two arrangements for the northern part of MFS over Crown land administered by DOC and LINZ, depending on whether the agencies agree to a joint access arrangement or not (applicant Buller Coal Ltd); and
- Two DOC access arrangements in the ESE Sub-Area:

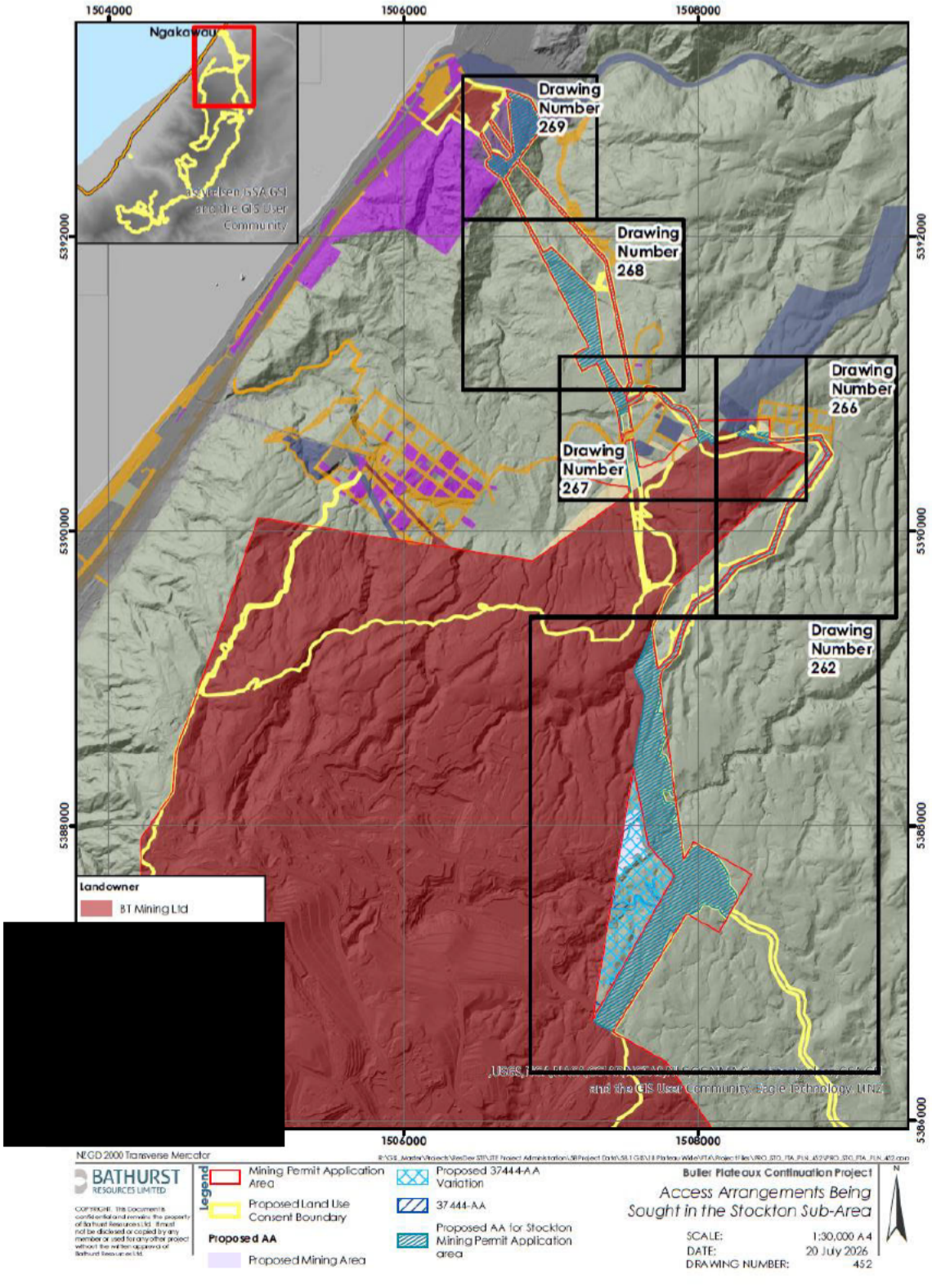
[156] This access arrangement is to be held solely between BT Mining and DOC.

[157] This land is, at the time of submission, unallocated and is described in detail in **Section 15.4.4.1** below, where an application to LINZ is being made as the likely administrator of the land.

- one in respect of the new mining permit for Sullivan and the existing Mining Permit 60 138 - Whareatea West (applicant Bathurst Coal Limited) mining permit area; and
- one for Mining Permit 51 279, which will supersede the existing access arrangement for the Escarpment Mine (applicant Buller Coal Ltd).

An overview of the access arrangements being sought in the Stockton Sub-Area are shown on **Figure 15-4** (drawing number 452) below. The access arrangement being sought in the UWHR is shown on **Figure 15-5** (drawing number 258) below. The access arrangement sought over the Crown land administered by DOC and LINZ within the Mount Frederick South Mining Permit application area is shown in **Figure 15-6** (drawing number 289_5). The access arrangements being sought in the ESE Sub-Area are shown in **Figure 15-7** (drawing number 254_1).

Activities on Crown land which is administered by DOC outside mining permit areas will require concessions rather than CMA access arrangements. Those concession applications are addressed in **Chapter A.10 – Conservation Act and Reserves Act**.



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Figure 15-4: Access Arrangements being sought in the Stockton Sub-Area

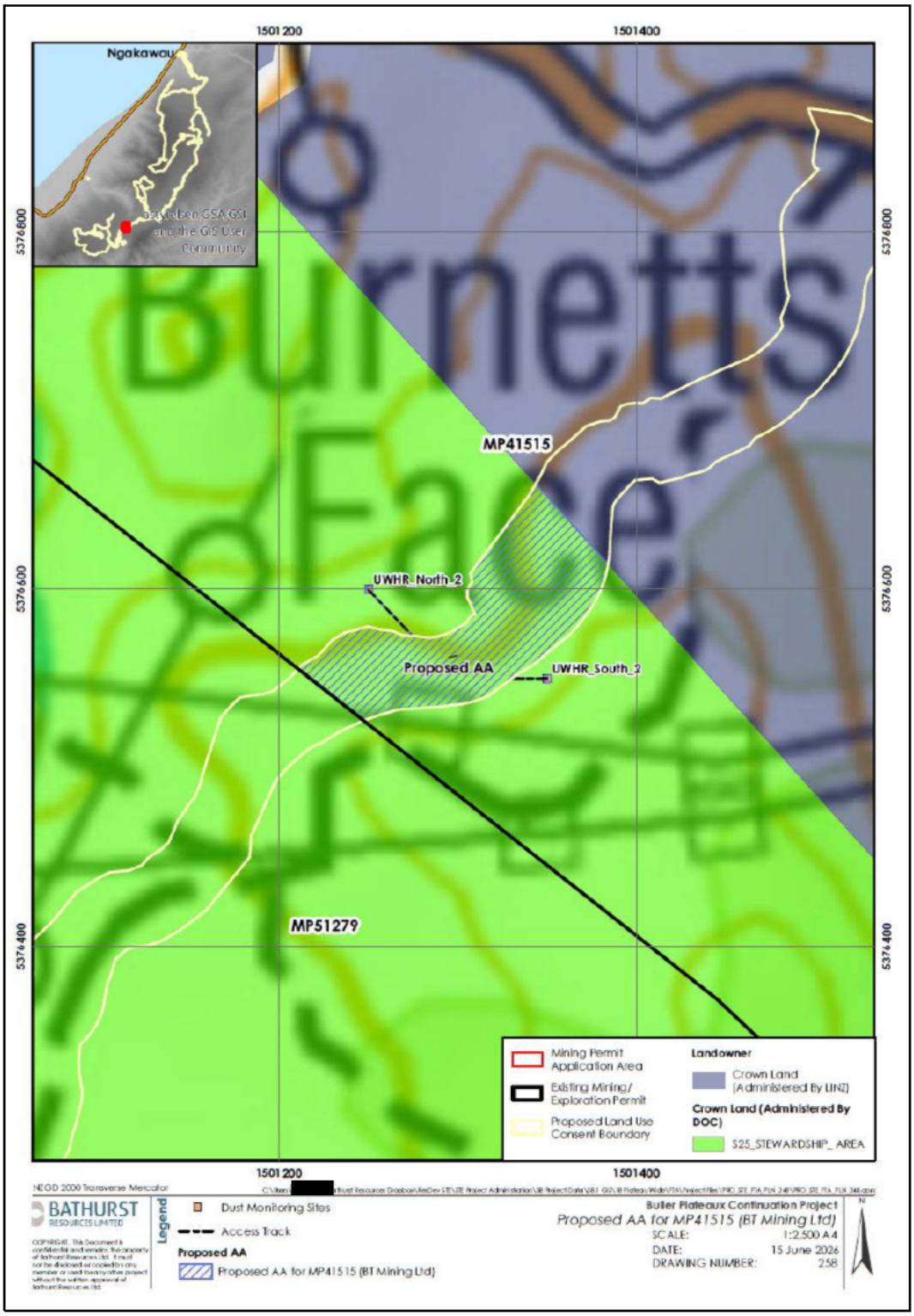
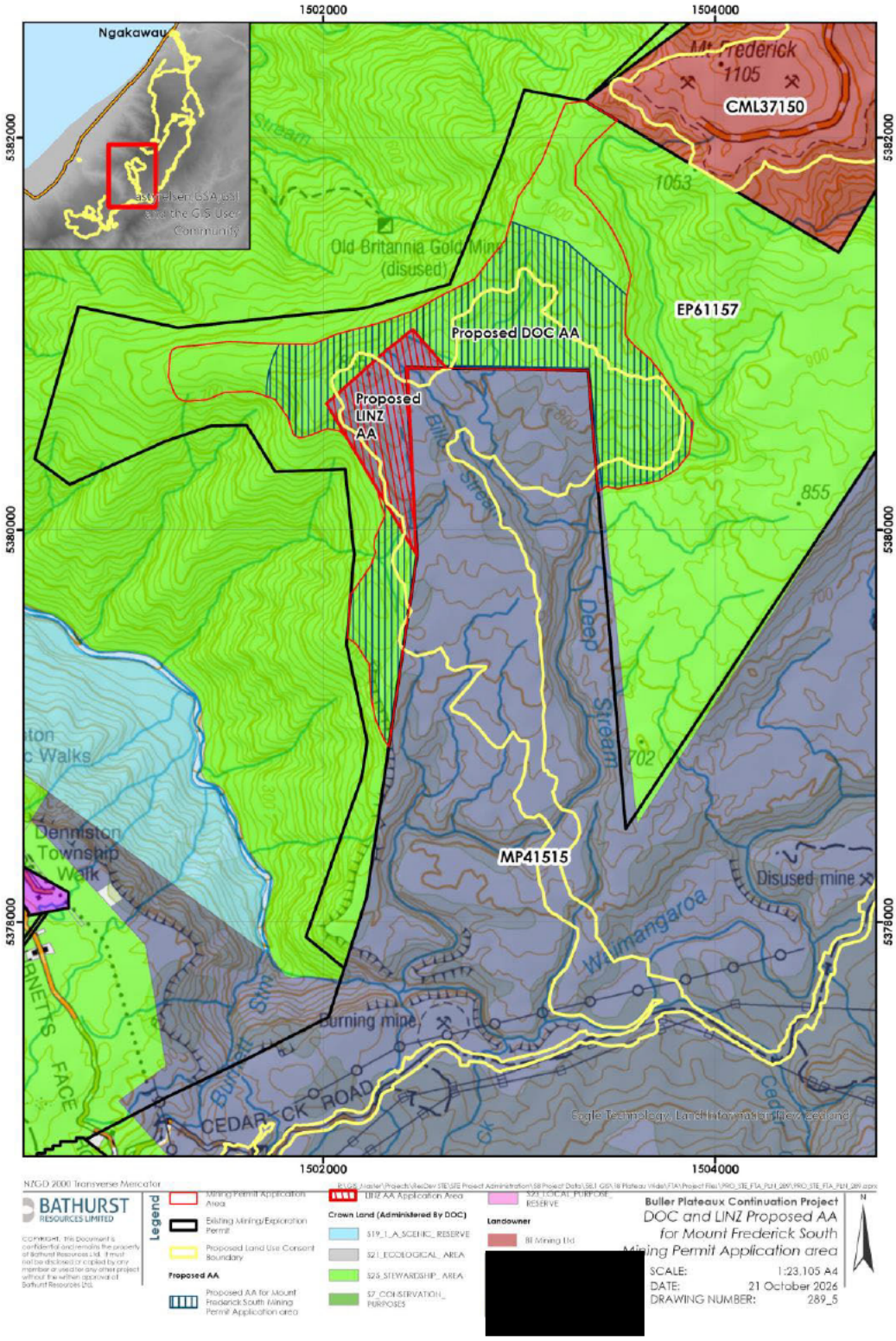


Figure 15-5: Access Arrangement being sought in the UWHR Sub-Area



130 **Figure 15-6: Access Arrangements being sought in the MFS Sub-Area**

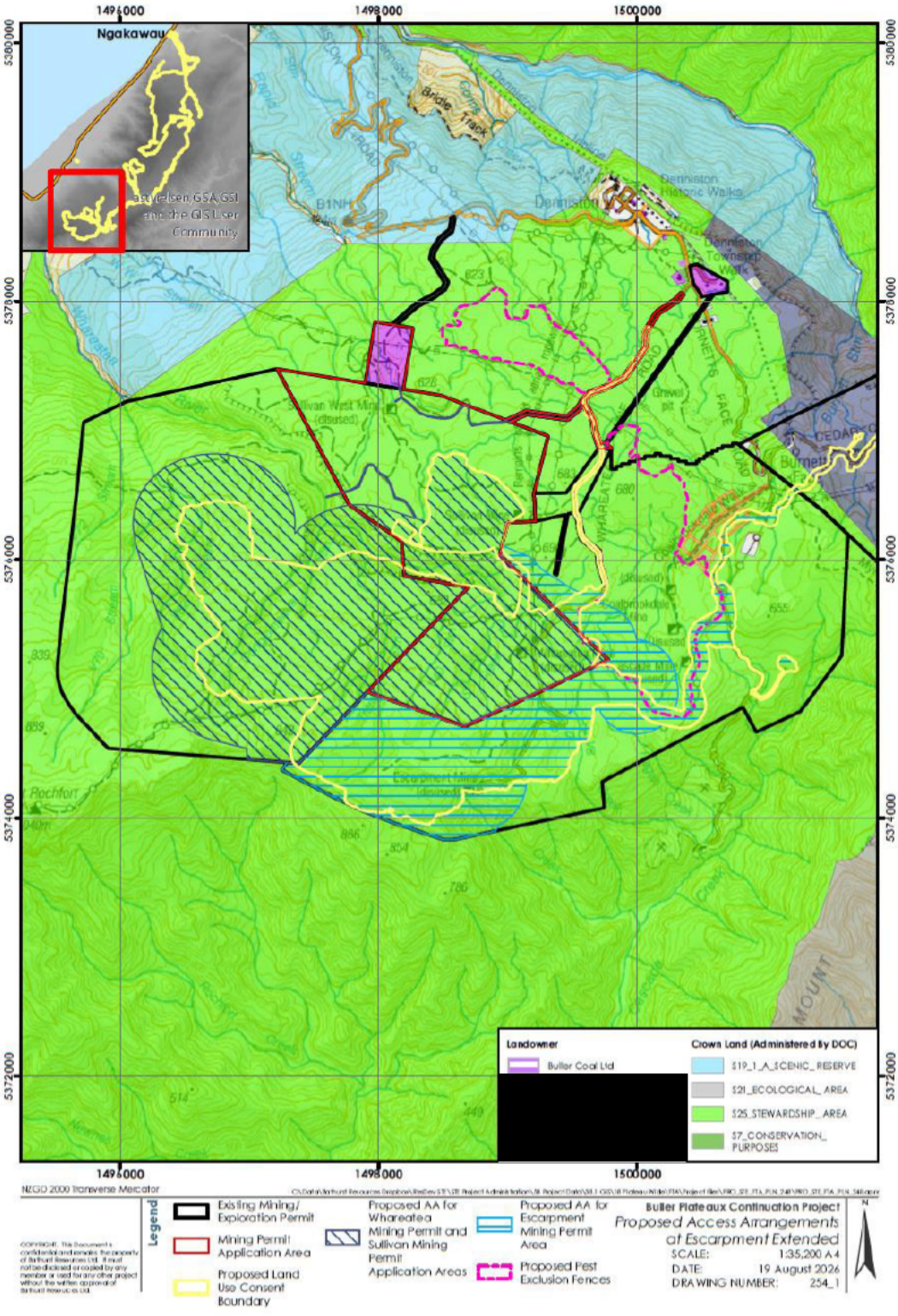


Figure 15-7: Access Arrangements being sought in the ESE Sub-Area

15.4.1 Suite of Access Arrangements

If all approvals sought for the BPCP are granted, then along with existing and continuing access arrangements there will be eight[158] operative access arrangements across the Project area, as shown in **Figure 15-8** (drawing number 454). These are:

Stockton

- The new access arrangement or arrangements for Crown land administered by DOC and LINZ within the Stockton CML Replacement mining permit area, depending on whether those agencies require a combined arrangement or separate arrangements;
- The varied DOC access arrangement 37 444-AA in respect of Mining Permit 41 810;

UWHR

- The two existing LINZ access arrangements under Mining Permit 41 515, which will continue to apply to part of the Upper Waimangaroa Haul Road;
- The new DOC access arrangement for the DOC-administered section of the Upper Waimangaroa Haul Road within Mining Permit 41 515;

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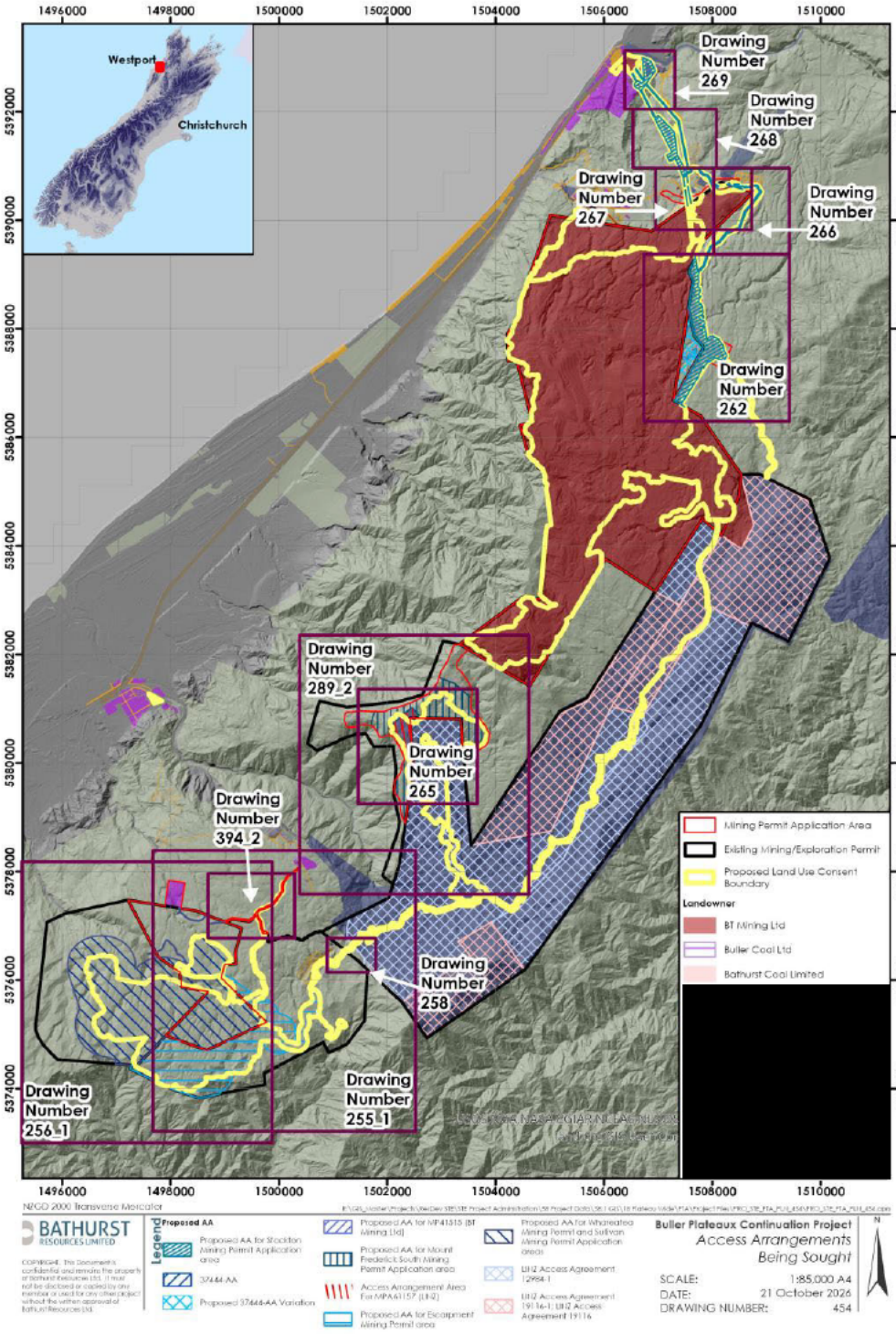
- The existing LINZ access arrangements for the southern part of MFS within Mining Permit 41-515
- The access arrangement or arrangements for the Mount Frederick South Mining Permit area over Crown land administered by DOC and LINZ (outside MP 41 515), depending on whether those agencies require a combined arrangement or separate arrangements;

ESE

- The replacement DOC access arrangement for Mining Permit 51 279; and
- The new DOC access arrangement for the Sullivan replacement mining permit area and Mining Permit 60 138 (Whareatea West).

For clarity, this total excludes other access arrangements that are required and cannot be sought through the FTAA process e.g. access arrangements in respect of unformed legal roads that lie with mining permit boundaries.

[158] In the case of joint access arrangements to be held with DOC and LINZ at the Stockton and MFS Sub-Areas, otherwise the total number of operative access arrangements will be 10.



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Figure 15-8: Access Arrangements across the BPCP (if all necessary arrangements are granted)

15.4.2 Relevant Statutory Analyses

Clause 3(d)(iii) and (iv) of Schedule 11 to the FTAA require information about the objectives of the Act under which the land is administered and any relevant Crown policy statement, management strategy or management plan.

For DOC-administered land, the relevant framework includes the Conservation Act 1987, the Reserves Act 1977 where applicable, the Conservation General Policy 2005 and the West Coast Tai Poutini Conservation Management Strategy. The detailed assessment is provided in **Chapter A.10 – Conservation Act and Reserves Act** and should be read with this Chapter. The land classification and purpose for which the land are held are described in each area-specific application under Section 15.4.4 below.

The access arrangements sought would enable lawful access for activities that are ancillary to, or form part of, prospecting, exploration and mining operations authorised under the relevant BPCP permits and approvals. They would also enable related environmental management, mitigation, monitoring, rehabilitation, closure and conservation activities required to implement the Project and associated conditions within the relevant access arrangement areas (as proffered in **Appendix 15.B1 – B8**). They do not alter the statutory purpose of the land or remove the need for decision-makers to consider the objectives of the legislation and management framework that apply to each landholding.

Subject to the conditions imposed through the fast-track process, the proposed arrangements are considered capable of being authorised because the activities are confined to identified application areas, form part of the broader Buller Plateaux mining system, and are supported by proposed management, mitigation, monitoring, progressive rehabilitation and closure obligations, as provided in **Part G** to this substantive application.

15.4.3 Consultation

The BPCP Community and Stakeholder Engagement Report (Bathurst 2026am), attached to this substantive application in **Part F**, sets out the consultation undertaken with DOC, LINZ and Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Waewae. A summary of that consultation is provided below and is also detailed in **Chapter A.5 – Application Approach and Structure**.

15.4.3.1 Department of Conservation

Bathurst has engaged, and will continue to engage, with DOC regarding the access arrangements sought over Crown land administered by the Minister of Conservation. That engagement relates to the location and extent of each proposed application area, the status and purpose of the affected land, the relationship between access arrangements and concessions required for activities outside mining permit areas, and the operational,

ecological, cultural, rehabilitation and compliance matters relevant to the proposed conditions of access. For the BPCP this includes, where relevant, the Stockton replacement permit areas, the DOC Triangle, the DOC-administered part of the UWHR, Deep Creek, Escarpment, Sullivan and Whareatea West.

15.4.3.2 LINZ

Bathurst has also engaged, and will continue to engage, with LINZ where access arrangements are required over Crown land administered by LINZ. That engagement is directed to confirming the legal status of the land, the extent of the relevant application areas, the relationship between existing arrangements and the new approvals sought through the BPCP, and the operational and rehabilitation obligations that would apply to Crown land affected by mining activities, haul road infrastructure and associated mining operations.

15.4.3.3 Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Waewae

Consultation with relevant iwi and hapū forms part of the substantive application process for the BPCP and is also relevant to the access arrangements sought under the CMA pathway. That consultation addresses the location and nature of the proposed activities, potential effects on cultural values, sites, wāhi tapu, customary interests and the wider environment, and the measures proposed to avoid, remedy or mitigate adverse effects. Ngāti Waewae prepared a CIA, attached in **Part B**.

15.4.3.4 Other Stakeholders

In addition, Bathurst recognises that comment may be invited from NZP&M and Heritage New Zealand in relation to the interface between the access arrangements sought and the relevant mining permits and permit applications.

15.4.4 Area-Specific Applications

This section describes each access arrangement sought by Sub-Area. For each application, it identifies the relevant applicant, land, purpose of access, key site context, and related approvals or assessments.

To avoid repetition, the detailed resource consent tables, environmental effects assessment, mitigation and monitoring measures are addressed in **Chapter A.8 – RMA Approvals Tables**, **Chapter A.6 – Assessment of Environmental Effects** and **Chapter A.7 – Management and Monitoring of Actual and Potential Environmental Effects**. The summaries below identify the matters most relevant to each access arrangement.

15.4.4.1 Stockton Sub-Area

Application for Mining Permit 41 810

BT Mining seeks to vary its existing access arrangement 37 444-AA (DOC Triangle) for Crown-owned land within Mining Permit 41 810. This Mining Permit sits on the eastern side of the Stockton Mine and forms part of the existing mining access framework.

BT Mining currently holds access arrangement 37 444-AA which provides access until 8 September 2040. It authorises access to 2.4 ha of public conservation land within the DOC Triangle for pipelines, powerlines and internal vehicle tracks.

A copy of Mining Permit 41 810 and the authorised access arrangement documentation (including variations) are attached to these application documents in **Appendix 15A**.

The variation is required because continued Stockton mining activities may require additional land, approximately 27.02 ha, for blast radius and potential fly rock deposition through to approximately FY33. It would also authorise associated mining and mining-operation activities within that area, including helicopter and drone use, drilling and blasting, extraction, monitoring, water management, tracks and services, vehicle access, safety management, rehabilitation, conservation or biodiversity management works where required, and incidental activities.

Mining Permit 41 810 covers is approximately 30.47 ha at approximately NZTM 1507485.39, 5387177.42, within Parcel ID 7493978.

Mining Permit 41 810 is bordered by BT Mining-owned land to the west and DOC-administered Crown land to the east. It lies within the Plover Stream Conservation Area, which is held as stewardship land, and the Ngākawau Ecological Area, which is held to protect forest and wildlife habitats. The relevant Conservation Act, CMS and WCTPCS context is addressed in **Chapter A.10 – Conservation Act and Reserves Act**, with related statutory assessment material in **Chapter A.9 – RMA Approvals – Statutory Assessment.** The 2-5 Haul Road runs parallel to its eastern boundary and Manchester Street crosses the southern point. Existing formed and unformed mining roads are present, and Ford Creek, a tributary of the Mangatini Stream, passes through the area. Minor watercourses may also be present.

There are no permanent or temporary aboveground structures, buildings or other amenities within this area. Beyond the roading network used for mining operations and limited recreational use of the wider Stockton Plateau,[159] there are no cultural or social environment

[159] However, this recreational use on the wider Plateau does not cover any area of the DOC Triangle.

matters specific to this Mining Permit 41 810 area (AIGID Group 2026b, Ngati Waewae, 2026). One historic artefact, the B tunnel, used as part of the Electric Loco Line (L28/20) traverses the area underground. The tunnel was constructed between 1908 and 1913 and is therefore not subject to an archaeological authority. An assessment against the historic heritage effects and effects assessment for its removal is provided in **Chapter A.6 – Assessment of Environmental Effects** and the Archaeological and Historic Heritage Assessment (Clough & Associates, 2026), provided in **Part B** to this substantive application.

Effects associated with continued Stockton mining, including effects relevant to the DOC Triangle, are assessed in **Chapter A.6 – Assessment of Environmental Effects**. Proposed mitigation, monitoring and management measures are set out in **Chapter A.7 – Management and Monitoring of Actual and Potential Environmental Effects**.

Existing and proposed resource consents relevant to the mining and mining operations within this access arrangement area, including those relating to land disturbance, water takes, discharges, damming and contaminant discharges, are identified in **Chapter A.8 – RMA Approvals**.

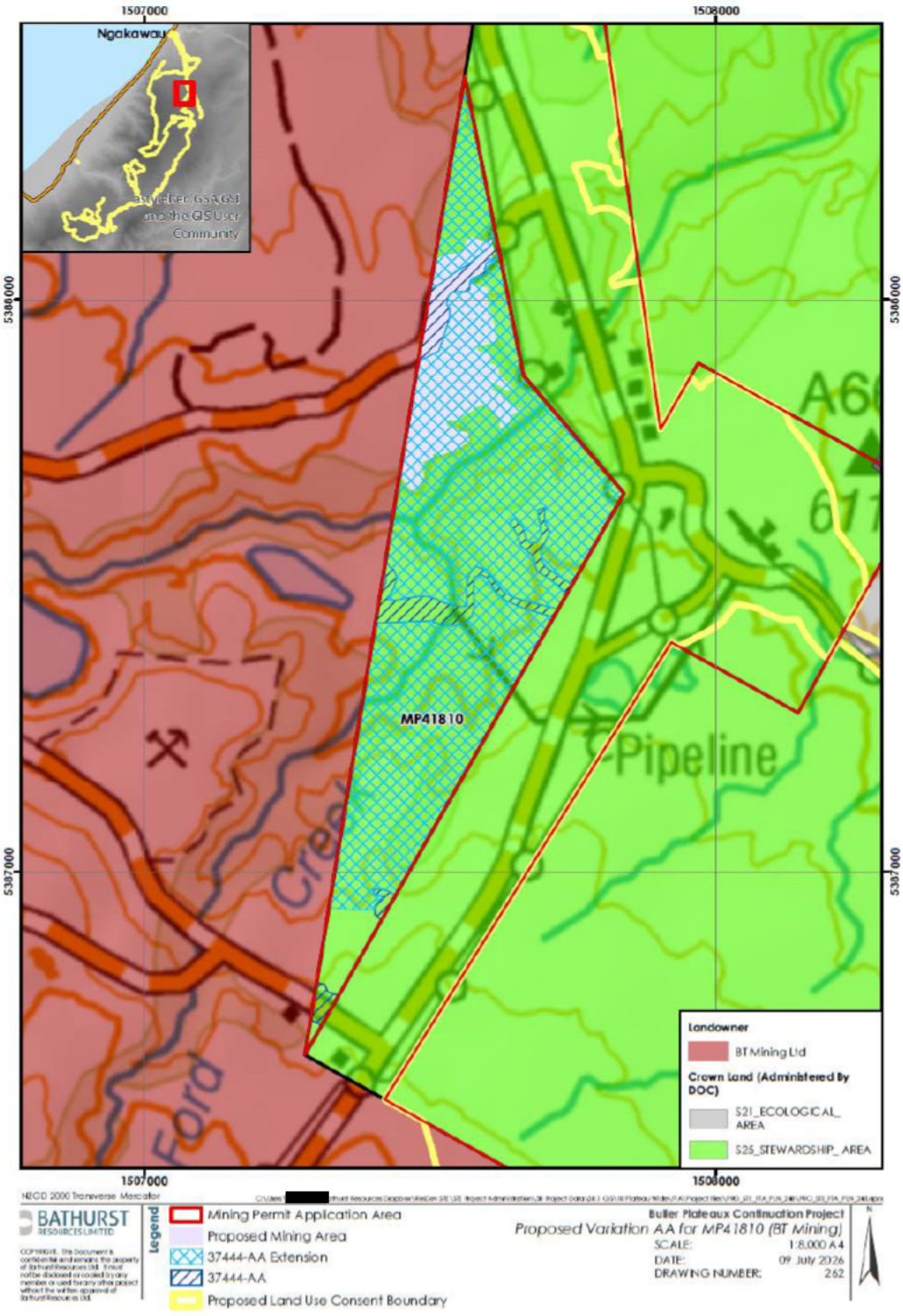


Figure 15-9: Access Arrangement Area for Mining Permit 41 810

Application for Stockton Access Arrangement

BT Mining is seeking a new access arrangement for Crown-owned land administered by DOC within the proposed Stockton CML replacement mining permit boundary. The replacement permit, including the existing CML and ACMLs, is described in **Chapter A.14 – Crown Minerals Act – Mining Permits.**

There are several parcels of unallocated Crown land within the proposed Stockton CML Replacement mining permit boundary. Consultation, as outlined in the Community and Stakeholder Engagement Report (Bathurst 2026am), has confirmed the land is administered by LINZ. For these applications, Bathurst's preference is for a joint access arrangement to be held for the Stockton arrangement. If, however, the DOC and LINZ wish separate instruments then Bathurst seeks aligned conditions for activities, monitoring, rehabilitation, reporting and compliance, so that obligations are consistent across the Stockton CML Replacement Mining Permit Area and unnecessary duplication is avoided. Details regarding the unallocated land are provided below, in this Section.

The proposed access arrangement covers discrete areas on the northern and eastern parts of the Stockton Mine, associated with existing infrastructure, including:

- The 2-5 Haul Road;
- The aerial ropeway corridor;
- The powerline corridor; and
- Ngākawau loadout connections.

The access arrangement is sought to enable the continued use, operation, inspection, maintenance, repair, upgrading, replacement and rehabilitation of these assets, together with ancillary mining-operation activities, including helicopter and drone use, and associated environmental management, monitoring, rehabilitation and conservation activities required to support the BPCP. All components are critical to mining at Stockton; the 2-5 Haul Road moves coal to the Coal Handling and Processing Plant and aerial ropeway terminus, including coal from MFS and ESE. Coal is then transported by aerial ropeway to the Ngākawau Rail Loadout. The same corridor also supports staff access, materials delivery, maintenance and rehabilitation activities.

The 2-5 Haul Road area has been extensively modified through previous mining activity. It includes existing operational buildings and structures, the haul road itself, associated access roads and several first-order streams leading into Ford Stream. Where the application area extends north along Burma Road to Tin Town Corner and the main gate, the proposed access area is limited to the haul road corridor.

The surrounding land is administered by DOC and includes the Plover Stream Conservation Area, Ngākawau Ecological Area, Stockton and Millerton conservation areas, Stockton Scenic Reserve and Ngākawau Local Purpose Reserve, as shown in the figures above. Further detail on those land classifications is provided in **Chapter A.10 – Conservation Act and Reserves Act**. The Conservation Act, Reserves Act, CMS and WCTPCS are therefore relevant to this application. Their objectives and policy context are also addressed in **Chapter A.10 – Conservation Act and Reserves Act.**

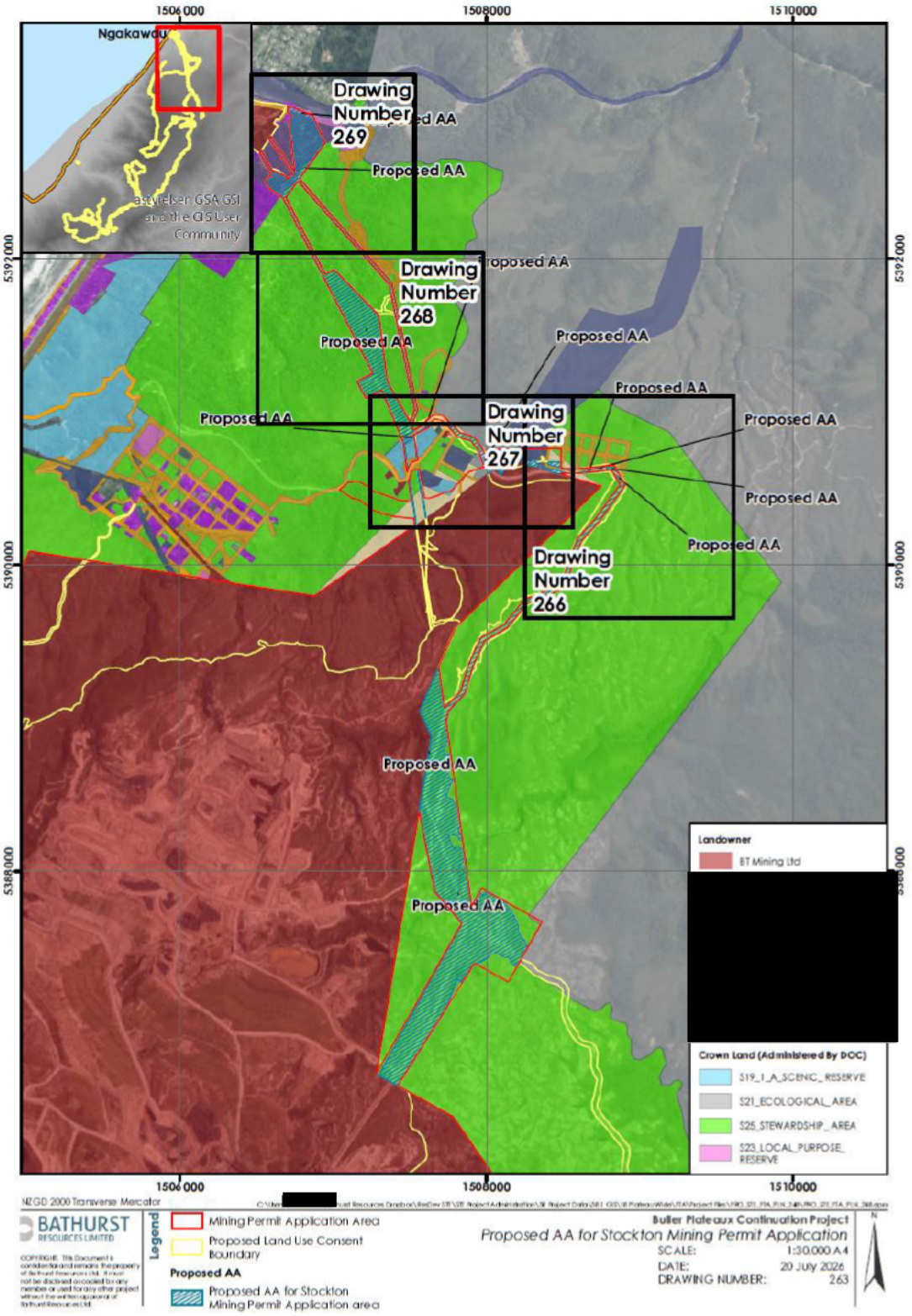
There are several areas of the 2-5 haul road and the other areas where access is proposed under this access arrangement that lie outside the boundaries of the mining permit and therefore require a concession from DOC. Concessions are addressed in **Chapter A.10 – Conservation Act and Reserves Act**.

The Stockton Scenic Reserve component is already modified by the aerial ropeway terminus, roading and vegetation clearance. One tributary to Mine Creek is located within or immediately adjoining that area.

Existing and proposed resource consents relevant to these Stockton infrastructure areas, including those relating to land disturbance, water takes, discharges, damming and contaminant discharges, are identified in **Chapter A.8 – RMA Approvals**.

These areas are shown together in **Figure 15-10** (drawing number 263) and individually in **Figures 15-11** to **15-14** below and are located at approximately:

- 1507987 E, 5387605 N (2-5 haul road, drawing number 266 and 267);
- Between 1509392 E, 5385207 N and 1506545 E, 5392813 N (powerline corridor, drawing number 268);
- Between 1506459 E, 5392832 N and 1507433 E, 5390911 N (aerial ropeway, drawing number 268);
- 1506755 E, 5392946 N (Ngākawau, drawing number 269).



340 **Figure 15-10: Access Arrangement Areas for Stockton - Overview**

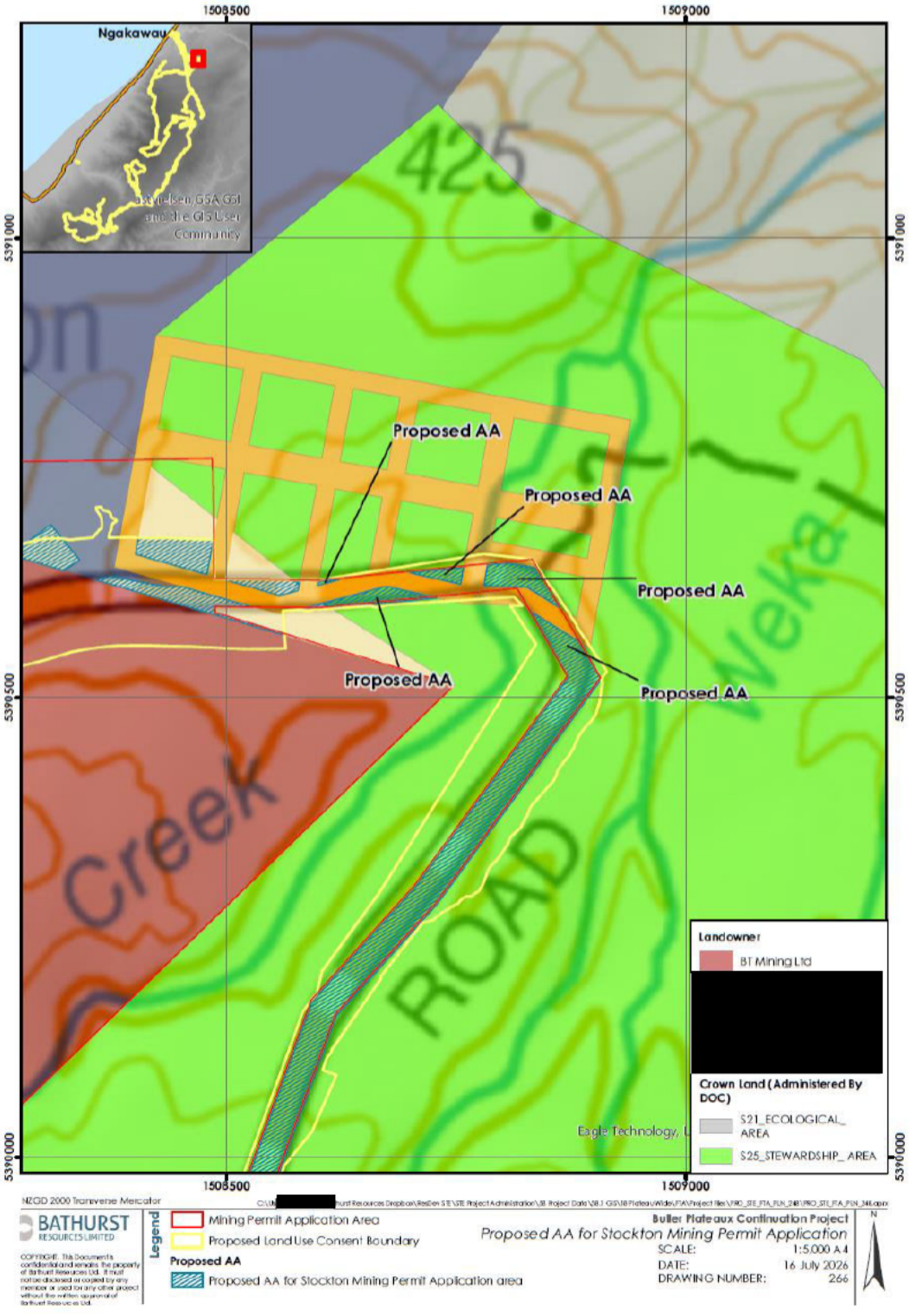


Figure 15-11: Proposed Stockton Access Arrangement Area Along the 2 to 5 Haul Road

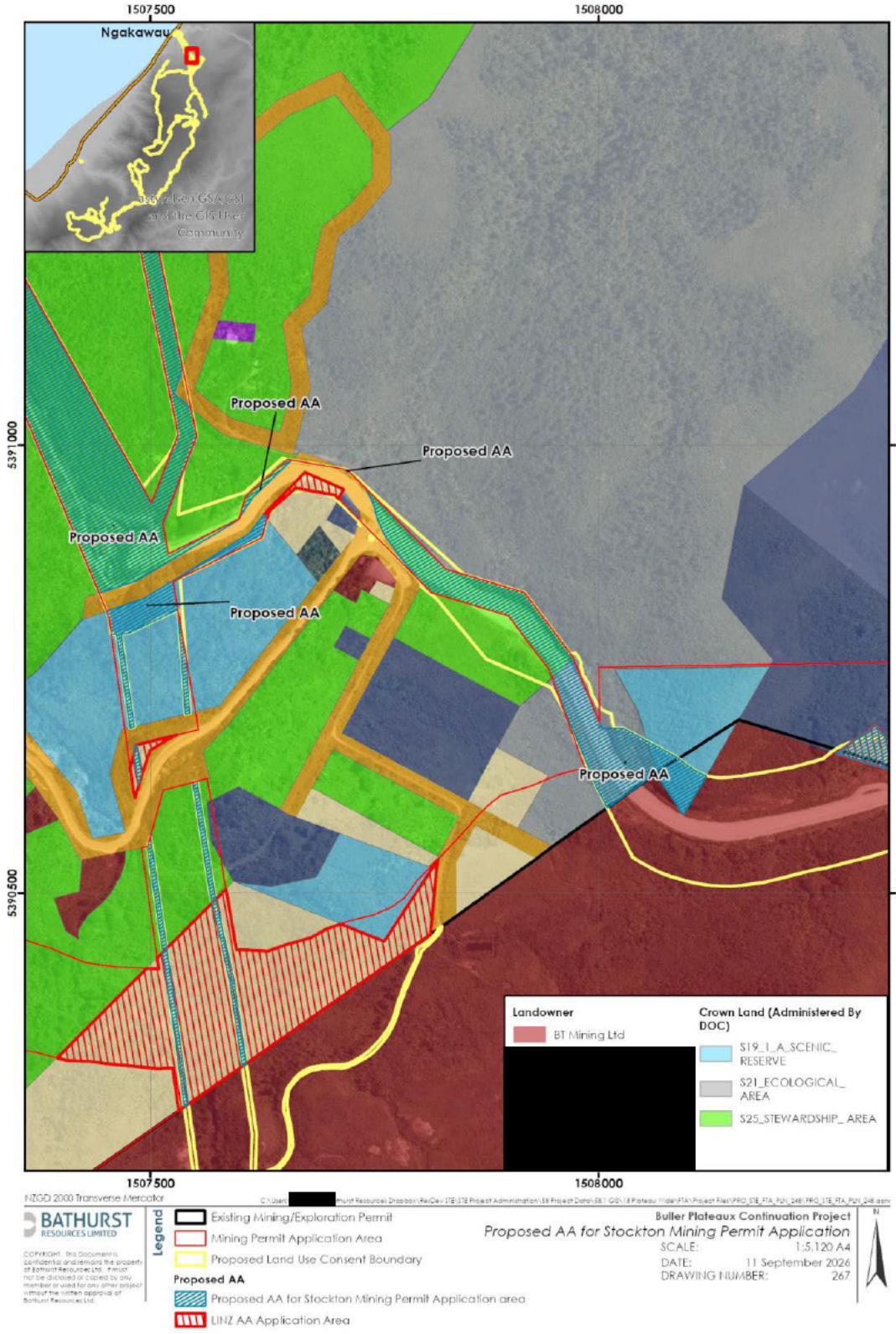


Figure 15-12: Proposed Stockton Access Arrangement Area at the 2 to 5 Haul Road Terminus

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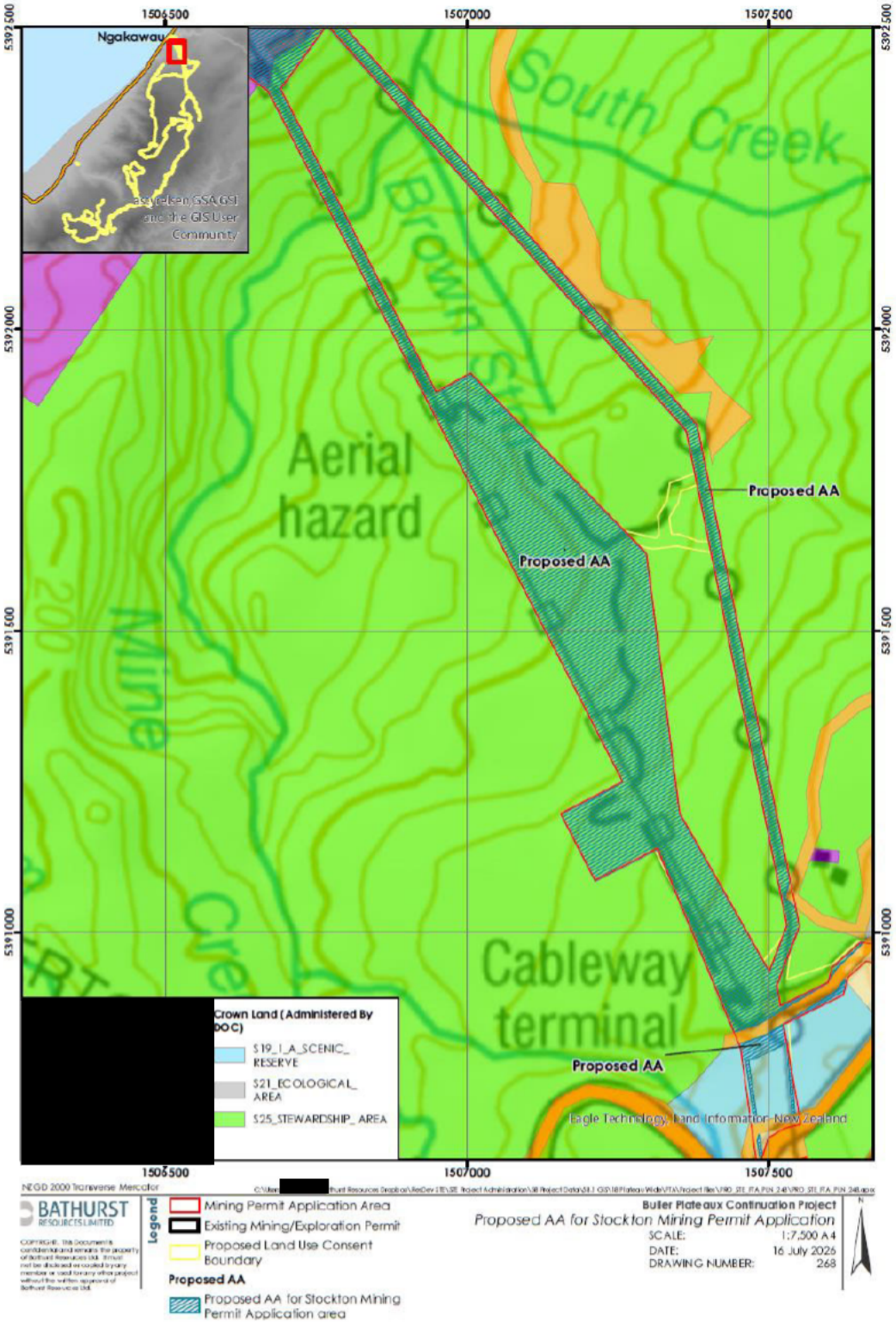
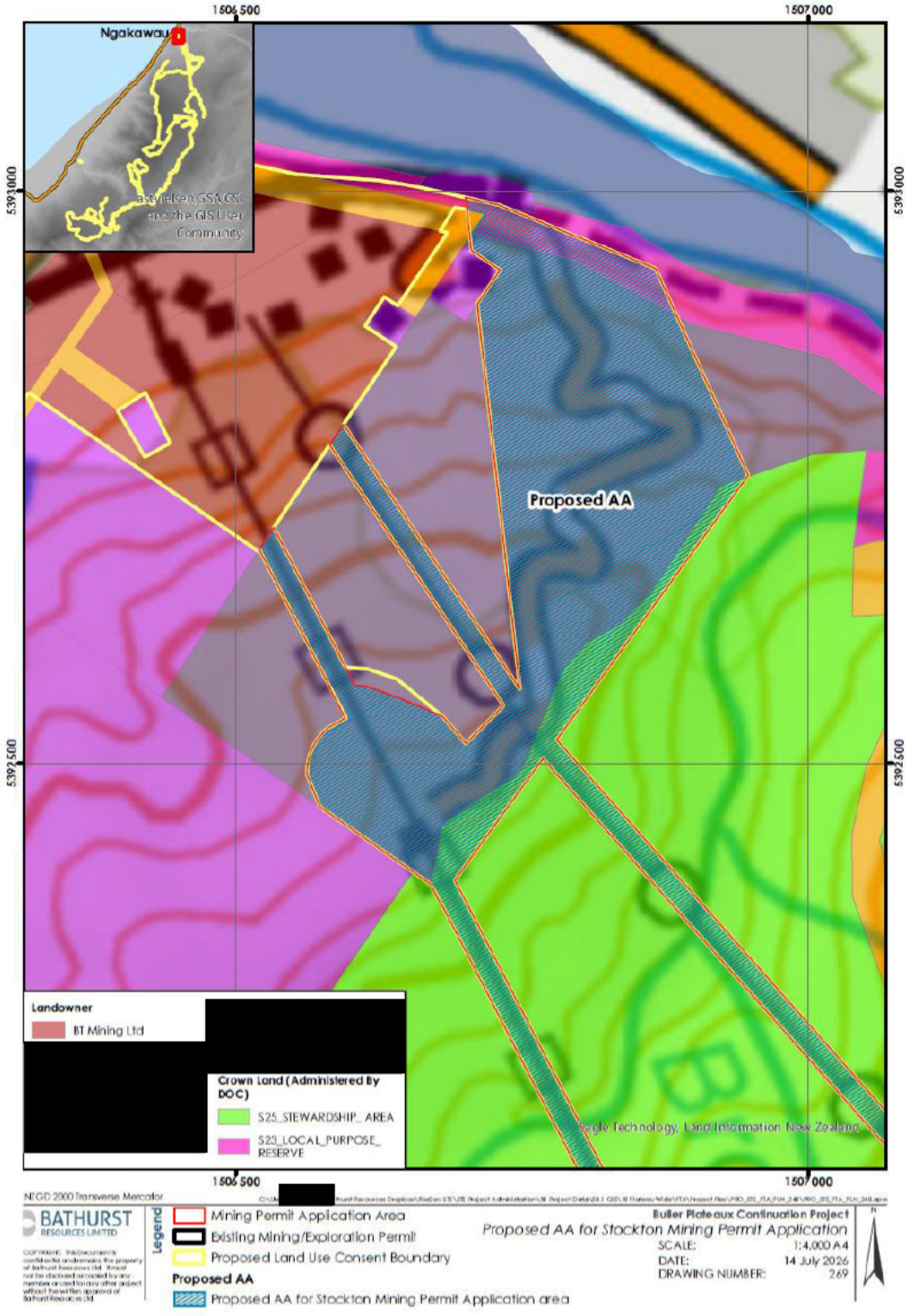


Figure 15-13: Proposed Stockton Access Arrangement Area at the Aerial Ropeway and Powerline Corridor



350 **Figure 15-14: Proposed Stockton Access Arrangement Area at Ngākawau**

Application for Unallocated Crown Land Access Arrangement at Stockton

As described in the Application for Stockton Access Arrangement above, there are several parcels of unallocated Crown land at the Stockton Gatehouse, specifically along the terminus of the 2 – 5 Haul Road at the aerial ropeway and at the aerial ropeway terminus itself, which are administered by LINZ.

These land parcels are shown in **Figure 15-14** (drawing number 497_2) and are located at approximately:

- 1507436.961 E, 5390266.878 N – Parcel ID 7488481 – Crown Land (under action);
- 1507490.395 E, 5390638.613 N - Parcel ID 7259336 – Crown Land New Zealand Gazette 2010 – Section 20 SO 426887;
- 1507675.59 E, 5390924.259 N – Parcel ID 3660362 – Crown Land Block VII (under action) Ngākawau Survey District;
- 1508569.461 E, 5390579.484 N – Parcel ID 7493979 – Crown Land (under action);
- 1508532.753 E, 5390638.613 N – Parcel ID 7493126 - Crown Land Block VII (under action) Ngākawau Survey District; and
- 1508444.299 E, 5390685.302 N – Parcel ID 7493867 – Crown Land Block VII (under action) Ngākawau Survey District.

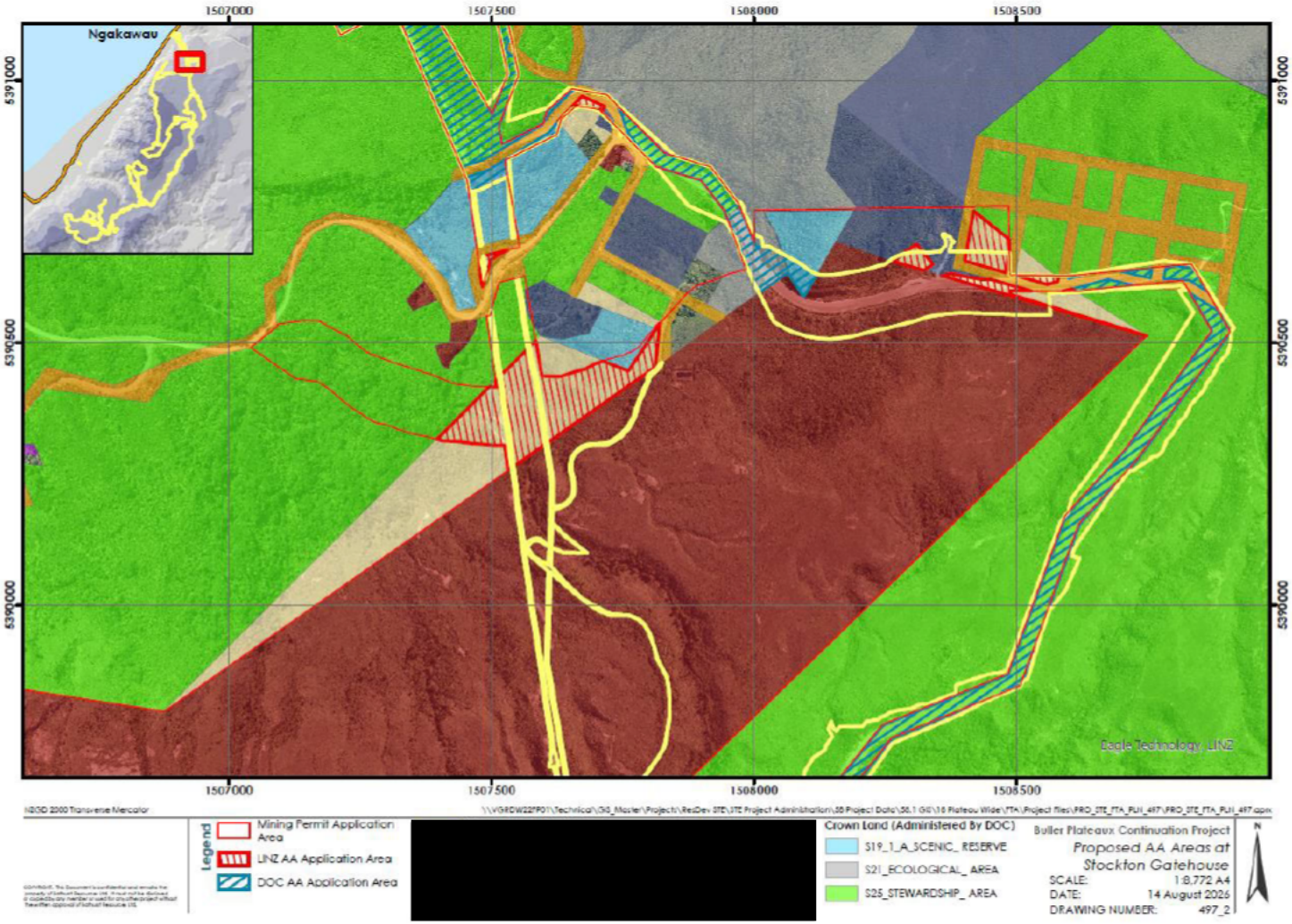


Figure 15-15: Unallocated Crown Land - Stockton Access Arrangement

15.4.4.2 Upper Waimangaroa Haul Road Sub-Area

The UWHR Sub-Area is subject to two existing LINZ access arrangements under Mining Permit 41 515. Those arrangements authorise access over LINZ-administered land, are not the subject of this application, and will continue to be relied on. A separate access arrangement is sought only for the DOC-administered portion of the corridor.

Application for a portion of the UWHR

BT Mining seeks a DOC access arrangement for Crown-owned land, approximately 0.91 ha, at the southern end of Mining Permit 41 515. A copy of Mining Permit 41 515 is attached as **Appendix 15.A**.

The proposed area is south of Cedar Creek Road, approximately 300 m south-east of the junction with Burnetts Face Road, and crosses beneath an existing powerline. There are no buildings, aboveground structures or watercourses within the area. Myra's Track joins Coalbrookdale Walk to the west, but no recreational track is located within the proposed access area.

The arrangement is sought to authorise construction, establishment, use, operation, maintenance and rehabilitation of the proposed UWHR connection between the ESE Sub-Area and existing coal processing infrastructure at Stockton by widening the existing formed road to enable movement of mining equipment and haul vehicles. This includes earthworks, vegetation clearance, road formation, drainage and culvert works, slope-stability measures, utilities and communications where required, vehicle movements including helicopter and drone use, safety infrastructure, temporary construction activities, ongoing maintenance, environmental monitoring, rehabilitation, conservation management works and any associated fencing or pest-control infrastructure required within the access arrangement area.

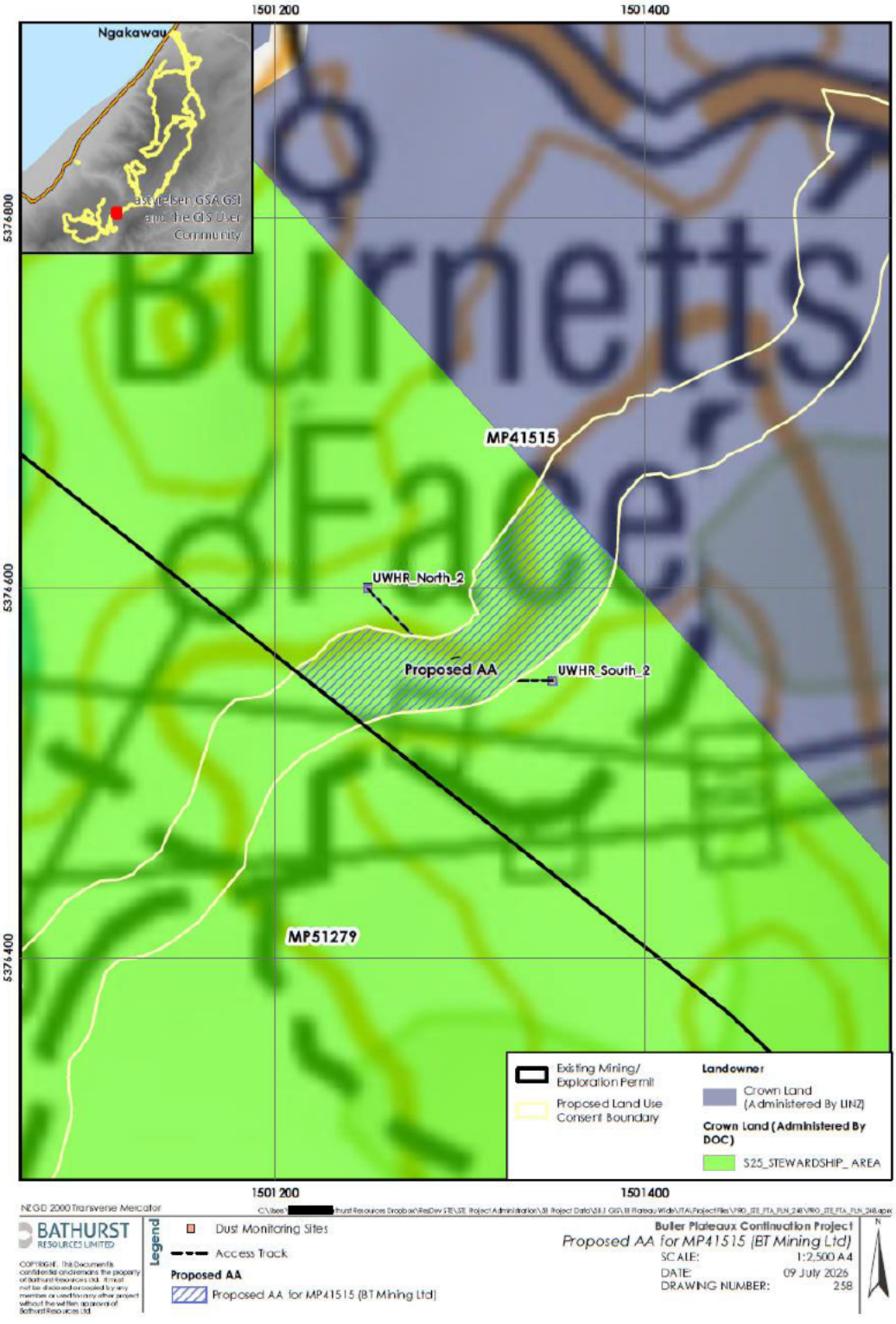
There are also two dust monitoring sites proposed within this area and their location is shown on **Figure 15-16** below (drawing number 258), along with walking tracks to these sites.

The land is within the Mount Rochfort Conservation Area, which is identified as having stewardship land status. The relevant Conservation Act, CMS and WCTPCS context is addressed in **Chapter A.10 – Conservation Act and Reserves Act**.

Effects associated with the UWHR, including this access area, are assessed in **Chapter A.6 – Assessment of Environmental Effects**, with proposed mitigation and management measures addressed in **Chapter A.7 – Management and Monitoring of Actual and Potential Environmental Effects**.

Bathurst does not currently hold BDC or WCRC resource consents for this specific area.

Resource consents sought for construction and operation of the UWHR are identified in **Chapter A.8 – RMA Approvals.**



410 **Figure 15-16: Access Arrangement Area for the lower portion of the UWHR**

15.4.4.3 Mount Frederick South Sub-Area

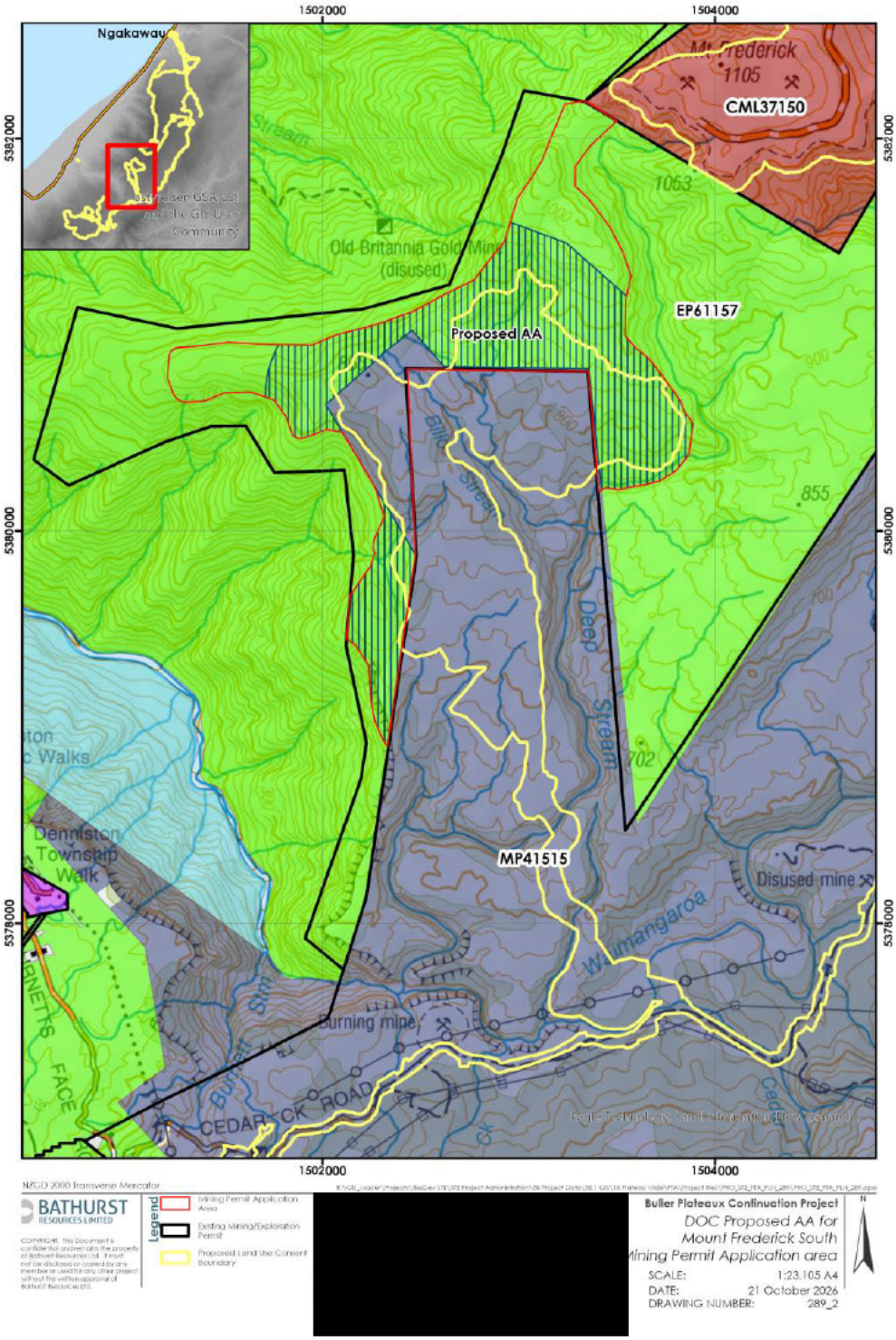
Application for DOC Mount Frederick South Mining Permit Access Arrangement

Buller Coal Limited seeks an access arrangement for Crown-owned land administered by DOC within the proposed Mount Frederick South Mining Permit boundary of the northern part of MFS.

The access arrangement is sought to provide for exploration, prospecting, mining and associated mining operations, including the deposition of fly-rock, and helicopter and drone use. For the BPCP, this includes establishing, operating, managing, monitoring, maintaining and rehabilitating mining areas and associated infrastructure within the Mount Frederick South Mining Permit area, together with related environmental management, conservation, biodiversity, pest-control, fencing, monitoring and restoration activities required to implement approved management plans and conditions as are proffered in **Part E** and **Part G** to this substantive application.

The land within the proposed access arrangement is approximately 26.04 ha, located at approximately 1502074 E, 5381385 N and is shown in **Figure 15-17** (drawing number 209_2) below.

The land is within the Waimangaroa–Granity Conservation Area, which is identified as being held as stewardship land. The relevant Conservation Act, CMS and WCTPCS context is addressed in **Chapter A.10 – Conservation** Act **and Reserves Act.**



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Figure 15-17: Access Arrangement Area for Mount Frederick South Mining Permit (DOC)

The area contains several watercourses, including Billo Stream and tributaries that flow to Deep Stream. There are no existing aboveground structures, buildings or amenities,

although there are historic underground mine workings and areas that have been disturbed by these activities.

Effects associated with the MFS Sub-Area, including the Mining Permit application area, are assessed in **Chapter A.6 – Assessment of Environmental Effects**. Proposed mitigation and management measures are addressed in **Chapter A.7 – Management and Monitoring of Actual and Potential Environmental Effects**.

Existing exploration-related consents and proposed consents for the mining activities are identified in **Chapter A.8 – RMA Approvals**.

Application for LINZ Mount Frederick South Mining Permit Access Arrangement

Buller Coal Limited also seeks an access arrangement for Crown-owned land administered by LINZ within the proposed mining permit boundary.

The access arrangement is sought for the same purposes as the DOC access arrangement: to provide for exploration, prospecting, mining and mining operations, helicopter and drone use, together with related environmental management, conservation, biodiversity, pest-control, fencing, monitoring and restoration activities required to implement approved management plans and conditions within the mining permit area as are proffered in **Part E** and **Part G** to this substantive application.

The land within the proposed access arrangement is approximately 125.81 ha, located at approximately 2412270 E, 5942138 N and is shown in Error! Reference source not found. (drawing number 265) below.

If DOC and LINZ require separate instruments, the substantive conditions should be aligned so the Mount Frederick South Mining Permit area is managed consistently.

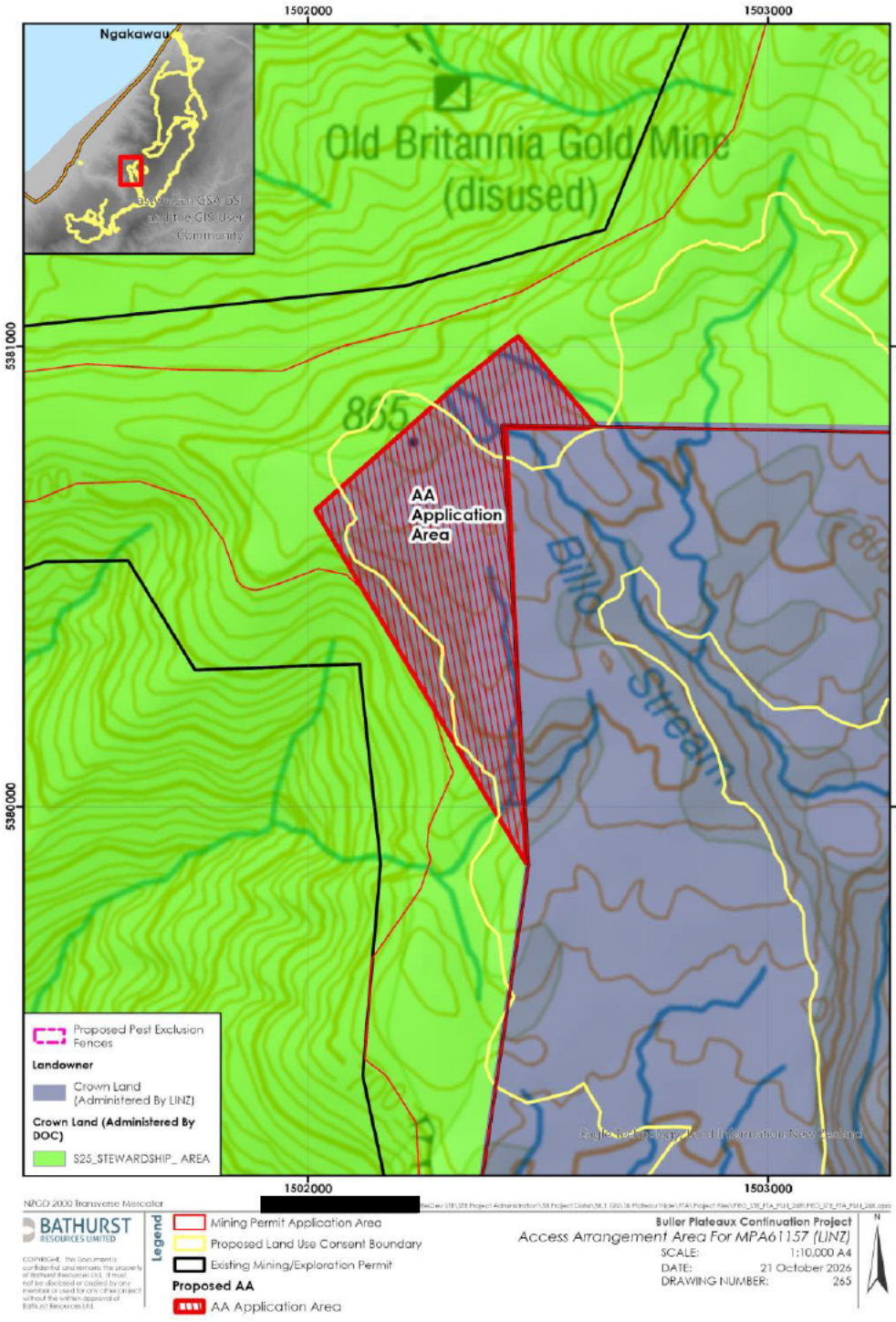


Figure 15-18: Access Arrangement Area for Mount Frederick South Mining Permit (LINZ)

Combined Mount Frederick South Access Arrangement

460 As discussed, Bathurst's preference is for a single access arrangement for the Mount Frederick South Mining Permit application area. If, however, the DOC and LINZ wish

separate instruments then Bathurst seeks aligned conditions for activities, monitoring, rehabilitation, reporting and compliance, so that obligations are consistent across the Mount Frederick South Mining Permit area and unnecessary duplication is avoided.

465 For completeness, **Figure 15-19** (drawing number 289_5) below shows both the DOC and LINZ access arrangements together.

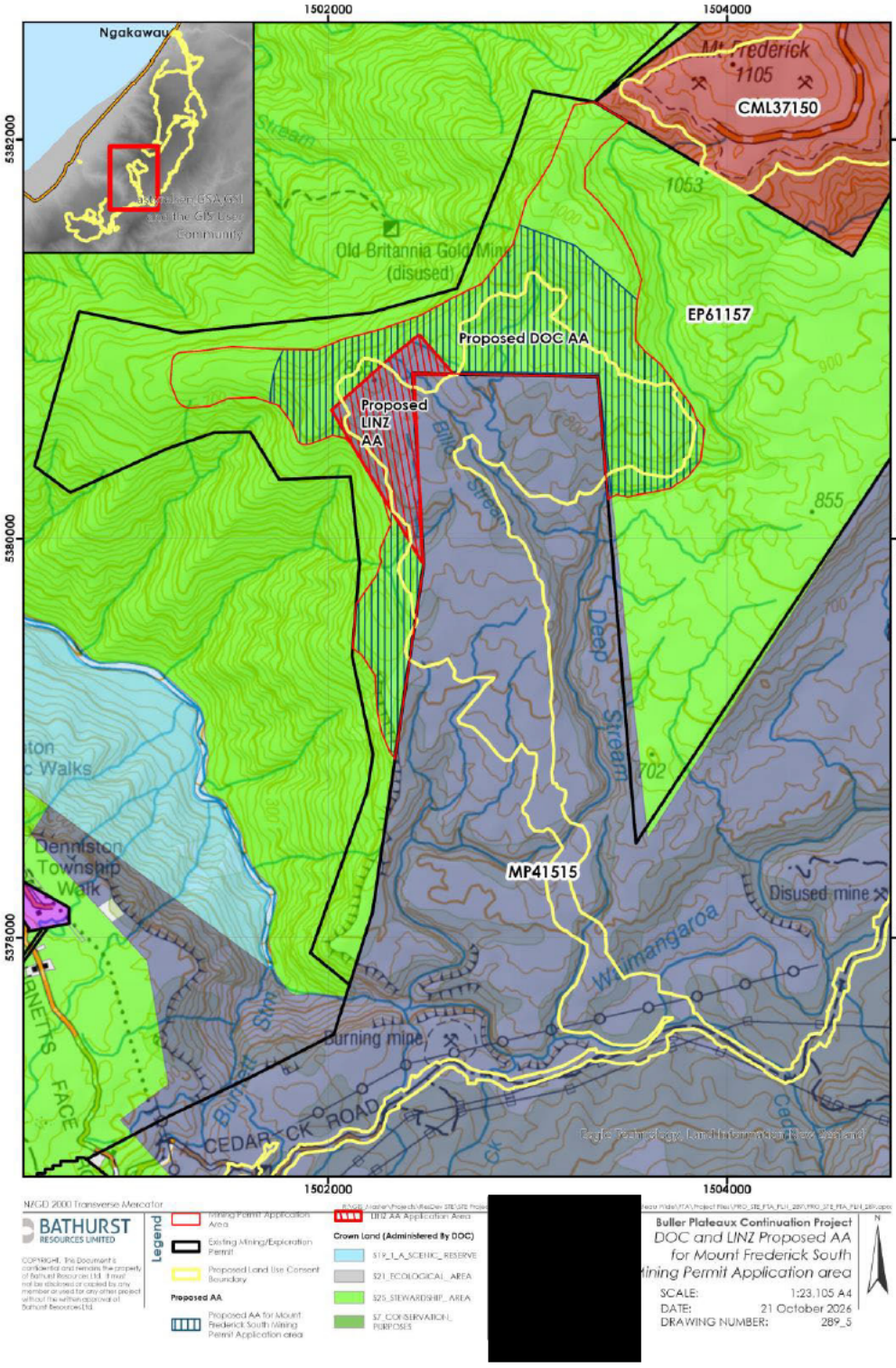


Figure 15-19: Joint Access Arrangement for the Mount Frederick South Mining Permit Application Area

15.4.4.4 Escarpment Extended Sub-Area

Bathurst requires two separate access arrangements within the ESE Sub-Area to align with the mining permit owners. Buller Coal Ltd own Mining Permit 51 279 (Escarpment) and Bathurst Coal Ltd own Mining Permit 60 138 (Whareatea West) and are the applicant for the Sullivan CML Replacement as detailed in **Chapter A.14 – Crown Minerals Act Approvals – Mining Permits**.

Application for Escarpment

Buller Coal Limited seeks an access arrangement for Crown-owned land administered by DOC within Mining Permit 51 279. A copy of Mining Permit 51 279 is attached in **Appendix 15.A**.

An existing access arrangement applies to part of the area covered by Mining Permit 51 279. Buller Coal Limited intends to surrender that access arrangement when the new access arrangement is granted, so ESE is managed under one comprehensive access arrangement and one set of conditions.

The access arrangement is sought to authorise exploration, prospecting, mining and mining operations. For ESE, this includes continued and expanded open-cast mining, drilling and blasting, excavation and handling of coal and overburden, haul roads including part of the UWHR and internal tracks, operation and maintenance of infrastructure and services, ancillary works, helicopters and use of drones, water management and treatment, environmental monitoring, conservation and biodiversity management works, and associated roading or access tracks where relevant, and progressive rehabilitation and closure activities.

The proposed access arrangement area is shown in **Figure 15-20** (drawing number 255_1) below.

The area is approximately 343.06 ha and is located within Mining Permit 51 279 at approximately NZTM 1499932 E, 5376592 N.

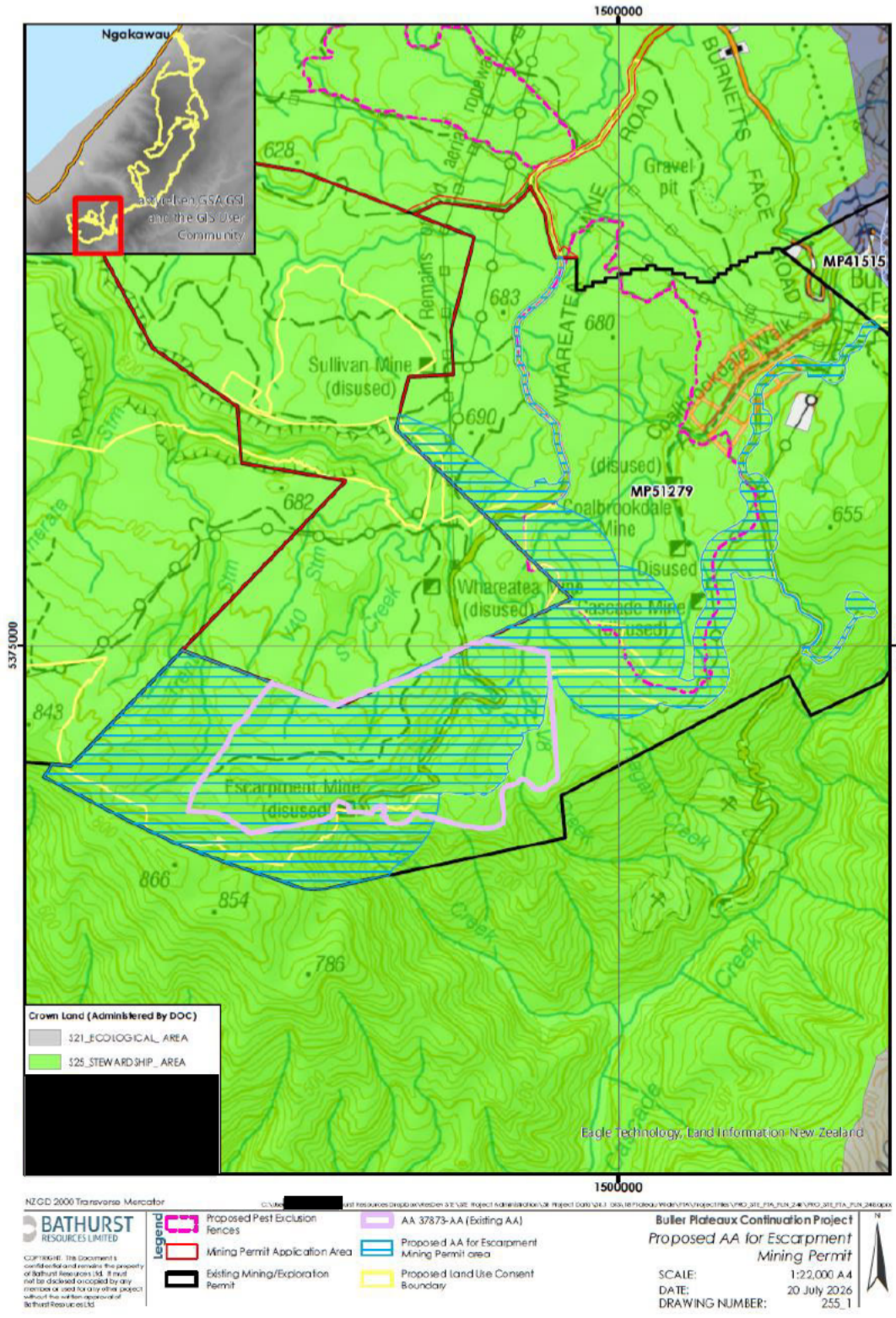
The land is within the Mount Rochfort Conservation Area. The relevant Conservation Act, CMS and WCTPCS context is addressed in **Chapter A.10 – Conservation Act and Reserves Act.**

The area contains numerous watercourses, including tributaries, creeks and streams. Several adits associated with the historic Escarpment Mine are present, along with formed and unformed roads, powerlines on poles and pylons, and vehicle tracks.

Effects associated with the ESE Sub-Area, including MP 51 279, are assessed in **Chapter A.6 – Assessment of Environmental Effects**. **Chapter A.7 – Management and Monitoring** of

505 Actual and Potential Environmental Effects addresses proposed mitigation and management measures.

Existing Escarpment mine consents and proposed BPCP consents for mining activities, the predator-free enclosure and UWHR are identified in **Chapter A.8 – RMA Approvals.**



510 **Figure 15-20: Access Arrangement Area for MP 51 279**

Application for Sullivan Replacement Mining Permit Area and MP 60 138 (Whareatea West)

Bathurst Coal Limited, which will be the holder of both mining permits, seeks an access arrangement for Crown land administered by DOC within both mining permit areas.

A copy of Mining Permit 60 138 is attached to this Chapter in **Appendix 15.A**. Details of the Sullivan CML replacement mining permit are provided in **Chapter A.14 – Crown Minerals Act Approvals – Mining Permits**.

The access arrangement is sought to authorise mining and mining operations within those areas, including fly-rock deposition and helicopter and drone use. This includes site establishment, vegetation clearance, drilling and blasting, excavation and extraction of coal and overburden, haulage and access, roads and supporting infrastructure, services and utilities, water management and treatment, stockpiling and laydown activities, helicopters and use of drones, environmental monitoring, conservation and biodiversity management works, pest-exclusion or predator-free fencing and associated access or maintenance activities where relevant, and progressive rehabilitation and closure works. As this access arrangement is required to enable mining and mining activities within MP 51 279, the conditions for the access arrangement are required to mirror those of the Mining Permit to ensure compliance is achievable.

The area of the access arrangement sought is approximately 584.8 ha, and is shown in **Figure 15-21** (drawing number 256_1) and **Figure 15-22** (drawing number 394) below, at approximately NZTM 1498612 E, 5376580 N. There are two water monitoring locations, shown as red dots on **Figure 15-21** below, that sit outside the wider the wider footprint for this access arrangement.

The land is within the Mount Rochfort Conservation Area. The relevant **Conservation Act**, CMS and WCTPCS context is addressed in **Chapter A.10 – Conservation Act and Reserves Act.**

The area contains numerous watercourses, including tributaries, creeks and streams. Historic adits associated with the Whareatea and Sullivan mining areas are present, together with formed and unformed roads, powerlines on poles and pylons, possible remnants of the old aerial ropeway, and vehicle tracks.

Effects associated with the ESE Sub-Area, including Sullivan and Whareatea West, are assessed in **Chapter A.6 – Assessment of Environmental Effects**. **Chapter A.7 – Management and Monitoring** of Actual and Potential Environmental Effects addresses proposed mitigation and management measures.

Proposed resource consents for mining activities in this area are identified in **Chapter A.8 – RMA Approvals**.

Taken together, the information in this Chapter, the figures and plans, and the cross-referenced project-wide Chapters and technical assessments provide the level of information required for the access arrangement applications under clause 3 of Schedule 11 to the FTAA.

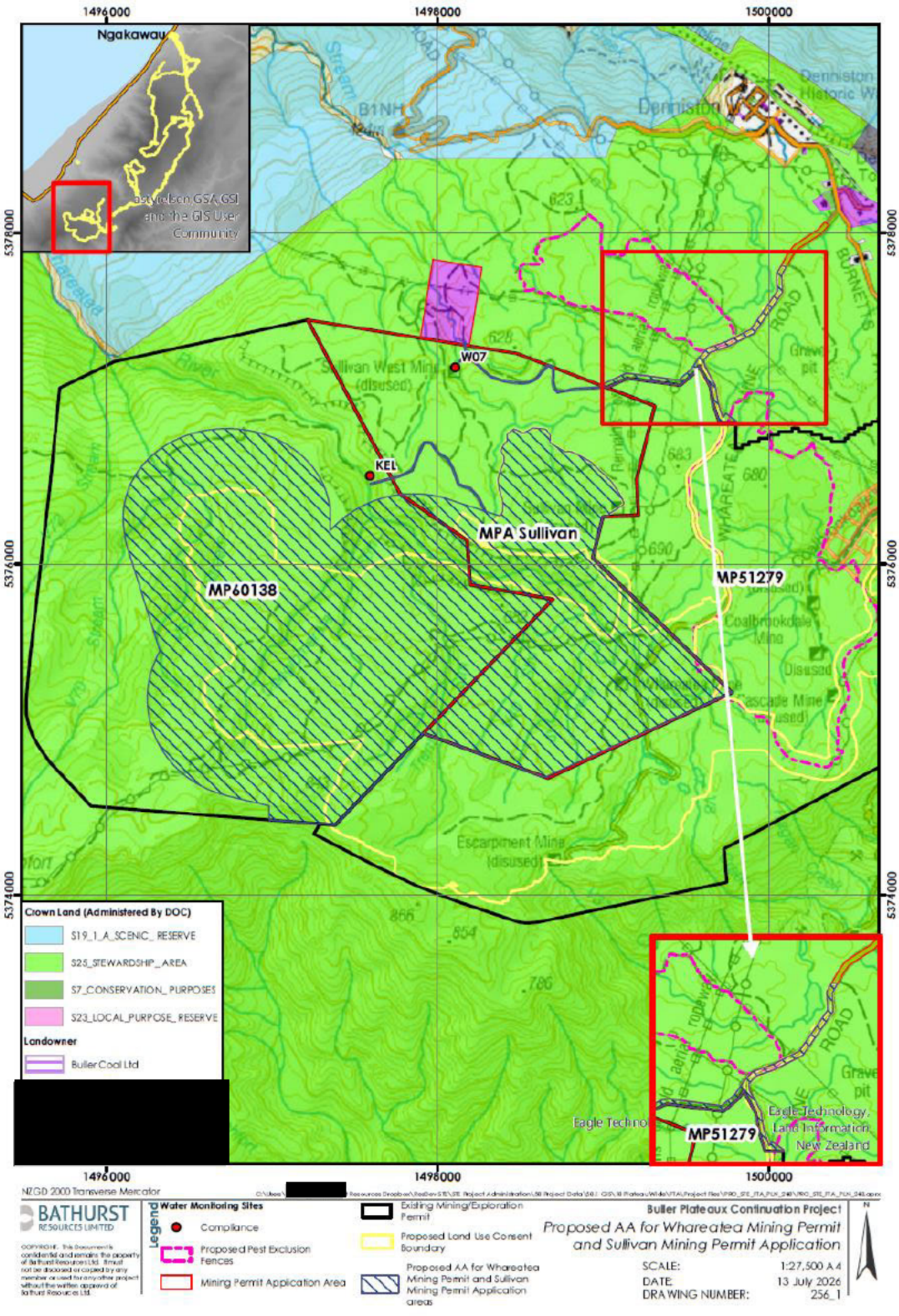
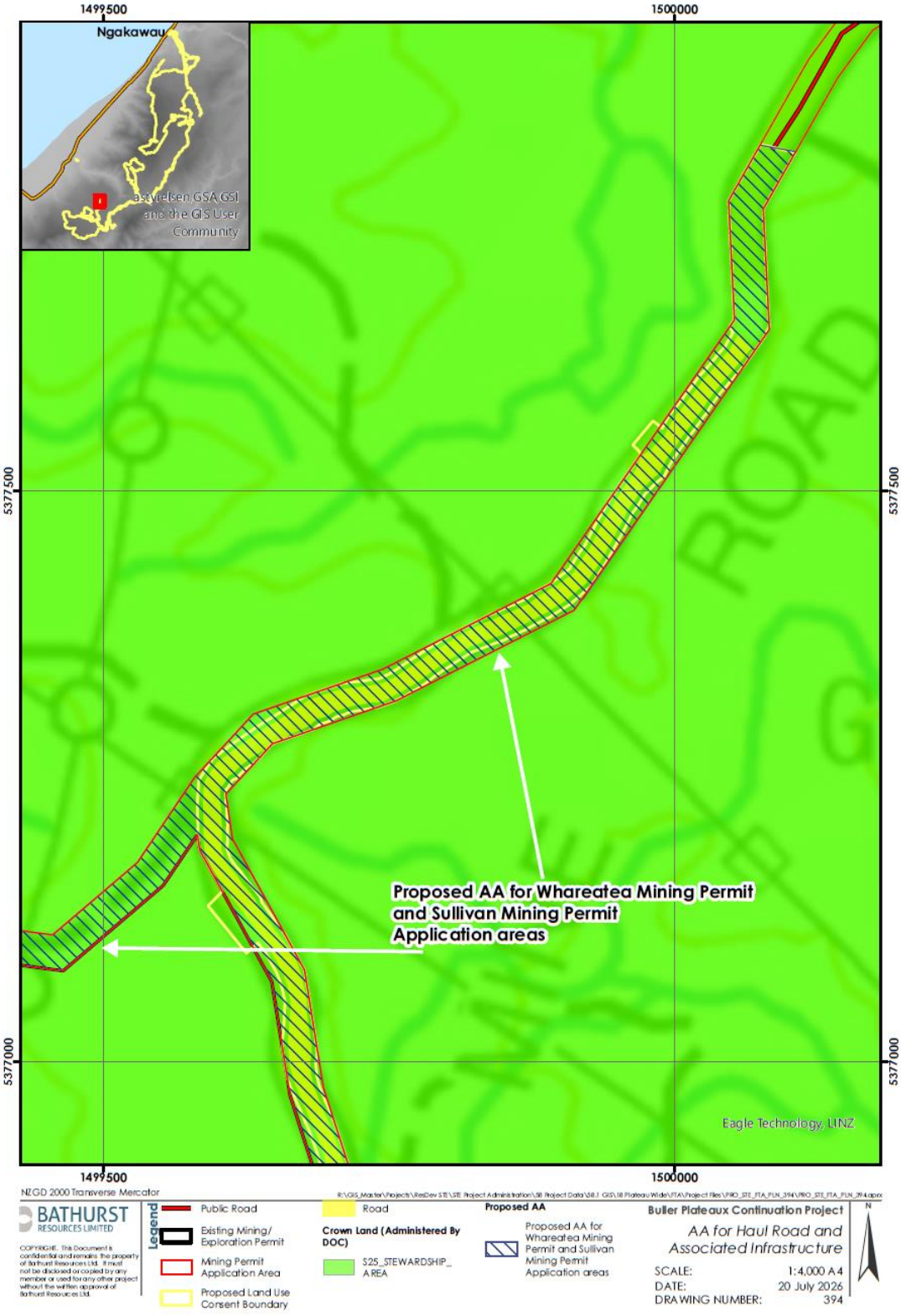


Figure 15-21: Overview of Access Arrangement Area for Sullivan Mining Permit and MP 60 138 (Whareatea West)



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Figure 15-22: Access Arrangement Area for the Sullivan Mining Permit and MP 60 138 at the Haul Road and Infrastructure Area