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Ruth Henderson
Deputy Chief Parliamentary Counsel
Dated 10 September 2026

TASMANIA

NATURE CONSERVATION (OPEN SEASONS) ORDER 2004

STATUTORY RULES 2004, No. 10

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**NATURE CONSERVATION (OPEN SEASONS)
ORDER 2004**

I make the following order under section 30(1) of the *Nature Conservation Act 2002*.

Dated 20 February 2004.

JUDY JACKSON
Minister for Environment and Planning

PART 1 – PRELIMINARY

1. Short title

This order may be cited as the *Nature Conservation (Open Seasons) Order 2004*.

2. Commencement

This order takes effect on the day on which its making is notified in the *Gazette*.

3. Interpretation

(1) In this order,

partly protected wildlife has the same meaning as in the *Wildlife Regulations 1999*.

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- (2) The *Acts Interpretation Act 1931* applies to the interpretation of this order as if the order were by-laws.
- (3) Any period specified in this order and identified by days or dates is inclusive of those days and dates.

PART 2 – BIRDS

4. Open season for wild duck

- (1) In this clause –

wild duck means any bird of a species of the family Anatidae that is a form of partly protected wildlife.

- (2) The open season for wild duck in each year is the period –

- (a) starting on the Saturday nearest 8 March of the year; and
- (b) ending on the Sunday nearest 8 June of the year, except where that Sunday immediately precedes the second Monday in June, in which case the period ends on the second Monday in June.

- (3) During an open season referred to in subclause (2), a person may only take up to 10 wild duck in a single day.

5. Open season for short-tailed shearwater (muttonbird): muttonbird licences

- (1) For the holder of a muttonbird licence, the open season for muttonbird in each year is the period starting at 8.00 a.m. on the Saturday nearest 1 April of the year and ending on the third Sunday following that day, except where that day immediately precedes Easter Monday, in which

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case the period ends on Easter Monday of the year.

- (2) During the open season, juvenile muttonbirds may be taken from the rookeries specified in Schedule 1 to this order.
- (3) During an open season, the holder of a muttonbird licence may only take up to 25 muttonbirds in a single day.

6. Open season for short-tailed shearwater (muttonbird): commercial licences

- (1) For the holder of a commercial muttonbird catcher's licence, the open season for muttonbird in each year is the period starting on 27 March of the year and ending on 30 April of the year.

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- (2) During the open season, juvenile muttonbirds may be taken from the rookeries specified in a licence referred to in subclause (1).

7. Open season for brown quail

- (1) The open season for brown quail in each year commences on the Saturday nearest 15 May of the year and ends on the seventh Sunday following that Saturday.
- (2) During an open season referred to in subclause (1), a person may only take up to 20 brown quail in a single day.

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8. Open season for common pheasant

- (1) The open season for common pheasant in each year is the period starting on the Saturday immediately before the second Monday in June of the year and ending on the Sunday immediately before the second Monday in June of the year.
- (2) The open season for common pheasant applies only to –
 - (a) adult male pheasant; and
 - (b) the municipal area of King Island.
- (3) During an open season referred to in subclause (1), a person may only take up to 3 adult male pheasants in a single day.

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9. Open season for European fallow deer

(1) In this clause –

adult male deer means male deer with branching antlers;

antlerless deer means deer without antlers, including female deer and male deer that have cast their antlers;

Deer Management Zone 1 means the area of land shown as Deer Management Zone 1 and bounded by heavy black lines on Plan 11700 in the Central Plan Register, a reduced copy of which is set out, for illustrative purposes only, in Schedule 2 to this order;

European fallow deer means a mammal of the species *Dama dama dama* that is partly protected wildlife;

immature male deer means male deer with antlers that do not branch.

(2) The open season for European fallow deer in each year is –

(a) in Deer Management Zone 1 –

(i) for adult male deer – the period starting on the Saturday nearest 26 February of the year and

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ending on the sixth Sunday
following that day; and

(ii) for antlerless deer – the period
starting on 15 March of the year
and ending on 15 November of
the year; and

(b) in another part of the State – the period
starting on 1 February of the year and
ending on 31 January of the subsequent
year.

(3) A person may take no more than 2 adult male deer in Deer Management Zone 1 during an open season referred to in subclause (2)(a)(i).

(4) To avoid doubt, the taking of immature male deer is prohibited in Deer Management Zone 1 during an open season referred to in subclause (2)(a).

10. Open season for wallaby

(1) In this clause –

wallaby means a mammal of a species of the
family Macropodidae that is partly
protected wildlife.

(2) The open season for wallaby in each year is the period starting on 1 February of the year and ending on 31 January of the subsequent year.

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Part 4 – Miscellaneous Amendments

PART 4 – MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS

11. *National Parks and Wildlife (Open Seasons) Order 2001* revoked

The *National Parks and Wildlife (Open Seasons) Order 2001* is revoked.

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SCHEDULE 1 – MUTTONBIRD ROOKERIES

Clause 5(2)

	Rookery
	Furneaux Group
1.	Inner Sister Island Conservation Area
2.	Outer Sister Island Conservation Area
3.	Little Chalky Island
4.	Little Dog Island Game Reserve
5.	Little Green Island Conservation Area
6.	Little Island
7.	Marriott Reef
8.	Pasco Islands
9.	Passage Island
10.	Pelican Island
11.	Prime Seal Island
12.	Puncheon Island
13.	Roydon Island
14.	Sentinel Island
	Hunter Group
15.	Bird Island Game Reserve

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	Rookery
16.	Harbour Islets
17.	Petrels Game Reserve
18.	Ranger Point Rookery on Three Hummock Island State Reserve
19.	Robbins Island
20.	Stack Island Game Reserve
21.	Walkers Island
	King Island Group
22.	Badger Box
23.	Barrier Creek
24.	Bold Head
25.	Boulder Point
28.	Catarique Point
30.	Fraser Bluff
31.	Grassy
32.	Naracoopa Beach
33.	New Year Island Game Reserve
34.	Red Hut
35.	Rocky Point

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	Rookery
36.	Sandblow Point
37.	Seal Rocks State Reserve
38.	Wash and Springs
39.	Whistler Point
40.	Wickham Lighthouse

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**SCHEDULE 2 – PLAN FOR EUROPEAN FALLOW
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NOTE:

1. Deer Management Zone 1 is shown hereon shaded and surrounded by heavy black lines
2. All boundaries of Zone 1 are indicated by heavy black lines and their positions are defined by land parcel boundaries or straight lines unless otherwise described.
3. Details of individual land parcel boundaries may be accessed through the Land Information System Tasmania (the LIT).
4. CPR11700 comprises this index plan and 14 annexure sheets. For a more detailed view of the zone boundaries, refer to the relevant annexure sheets of this plan.

The figure is a detailed map of Deer Management Zone 1 in Tasmania. The zone is outlined by a thick black line and is divided into 14 numbered annexure sheets (1-14). The map shows the coastline of Tasmania, including the Tasman Strait to the north and the Bass Strait to the south. Major towns and roads are visible. A scale bar at the bottom left indicates distances from 0 to 40 kilometers. A north arrow is located in the bottom right corner. The map is titled 'DEER MANAGEMENT ZONE 1' in large, bold, capital letters across the center.

DEER MANAGEMENT ZONE 1 INDEX PLAN

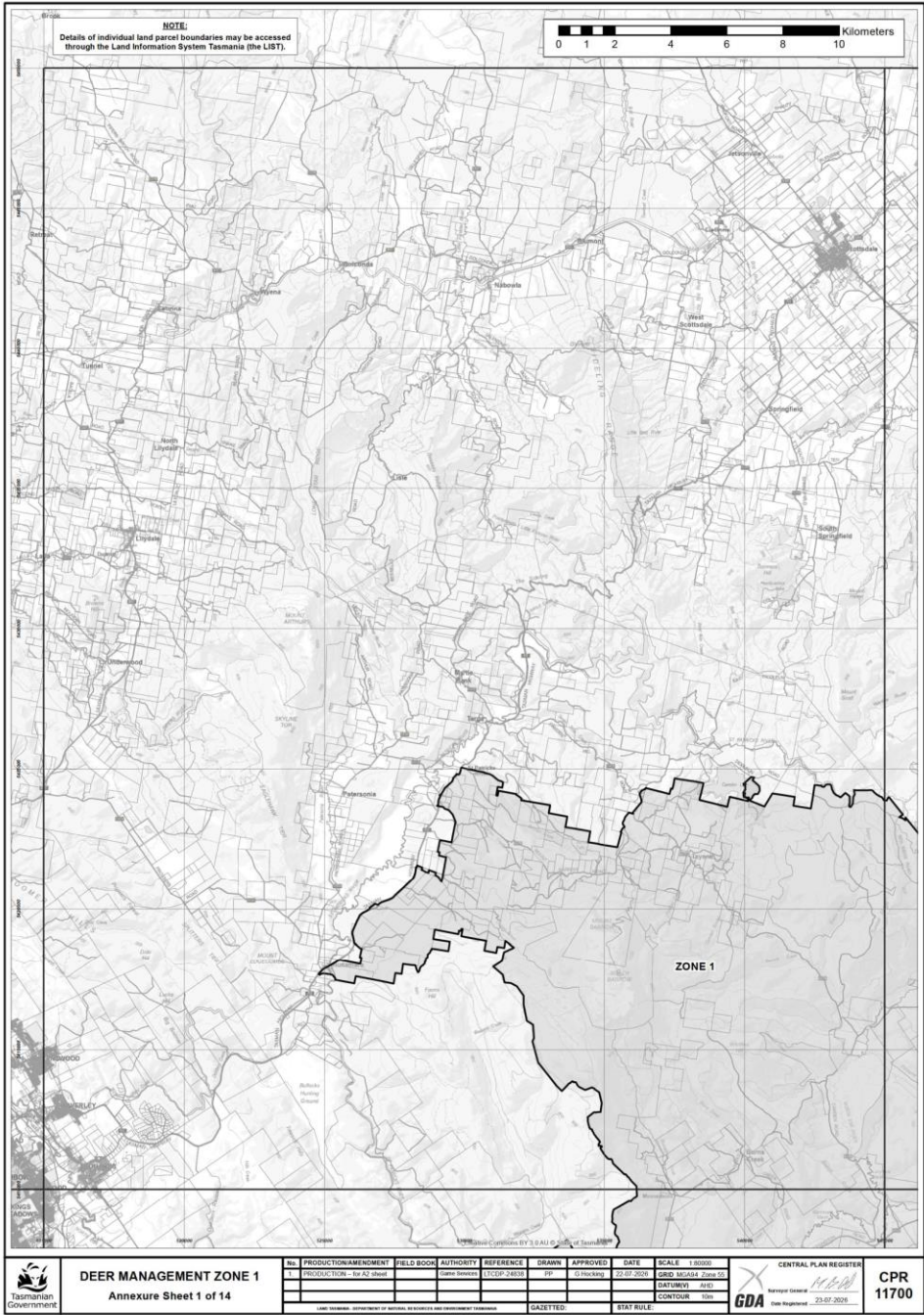
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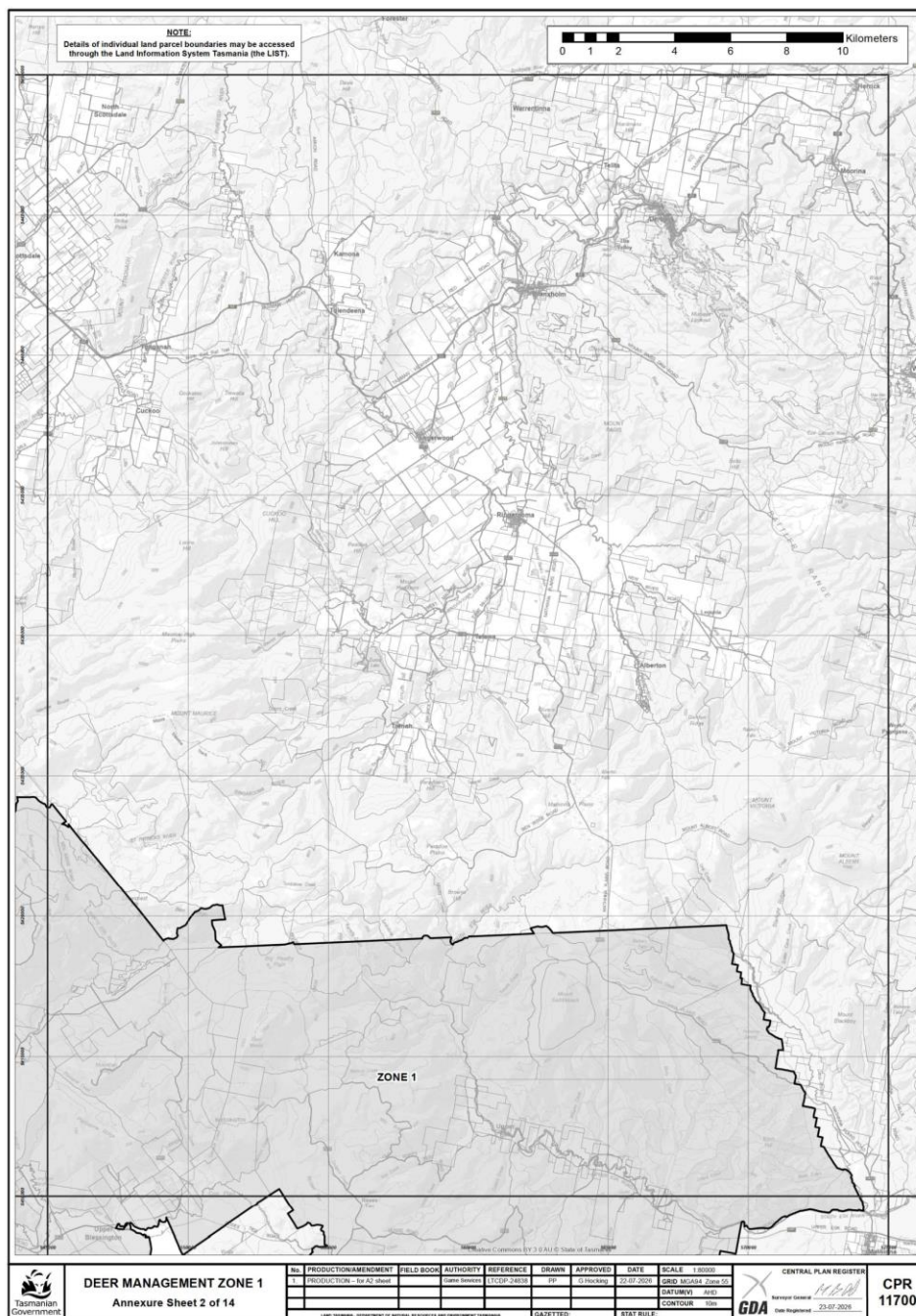
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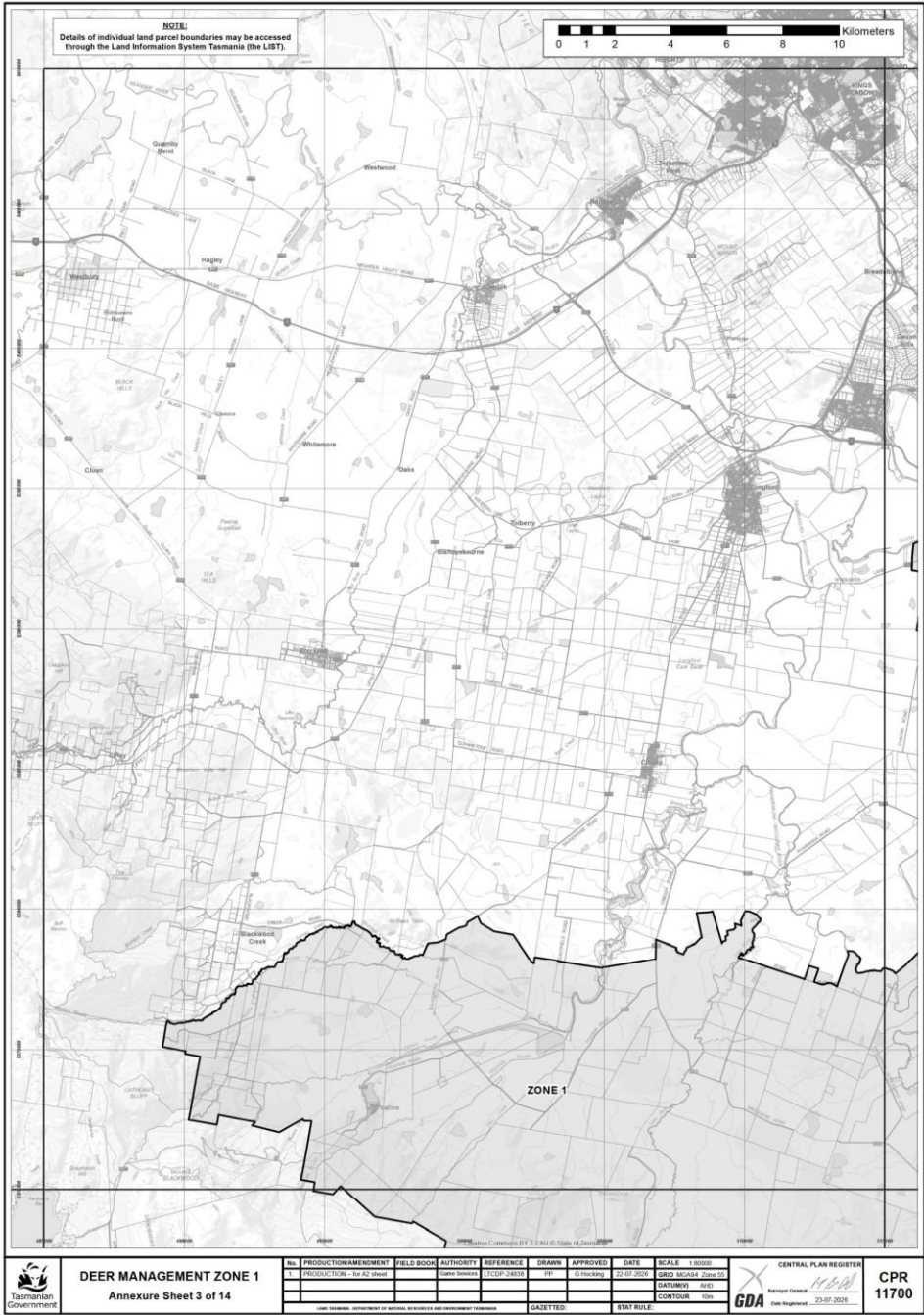
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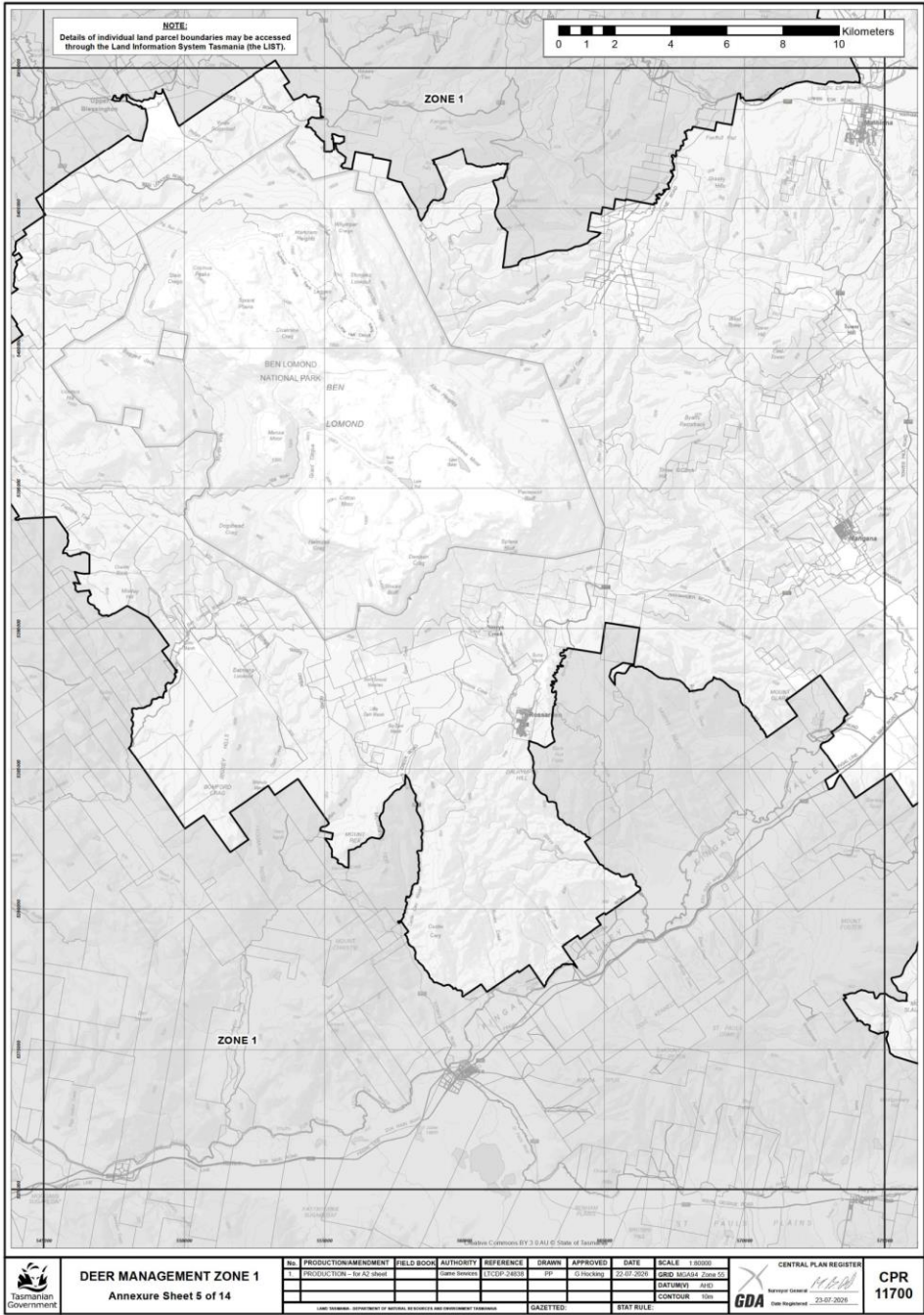


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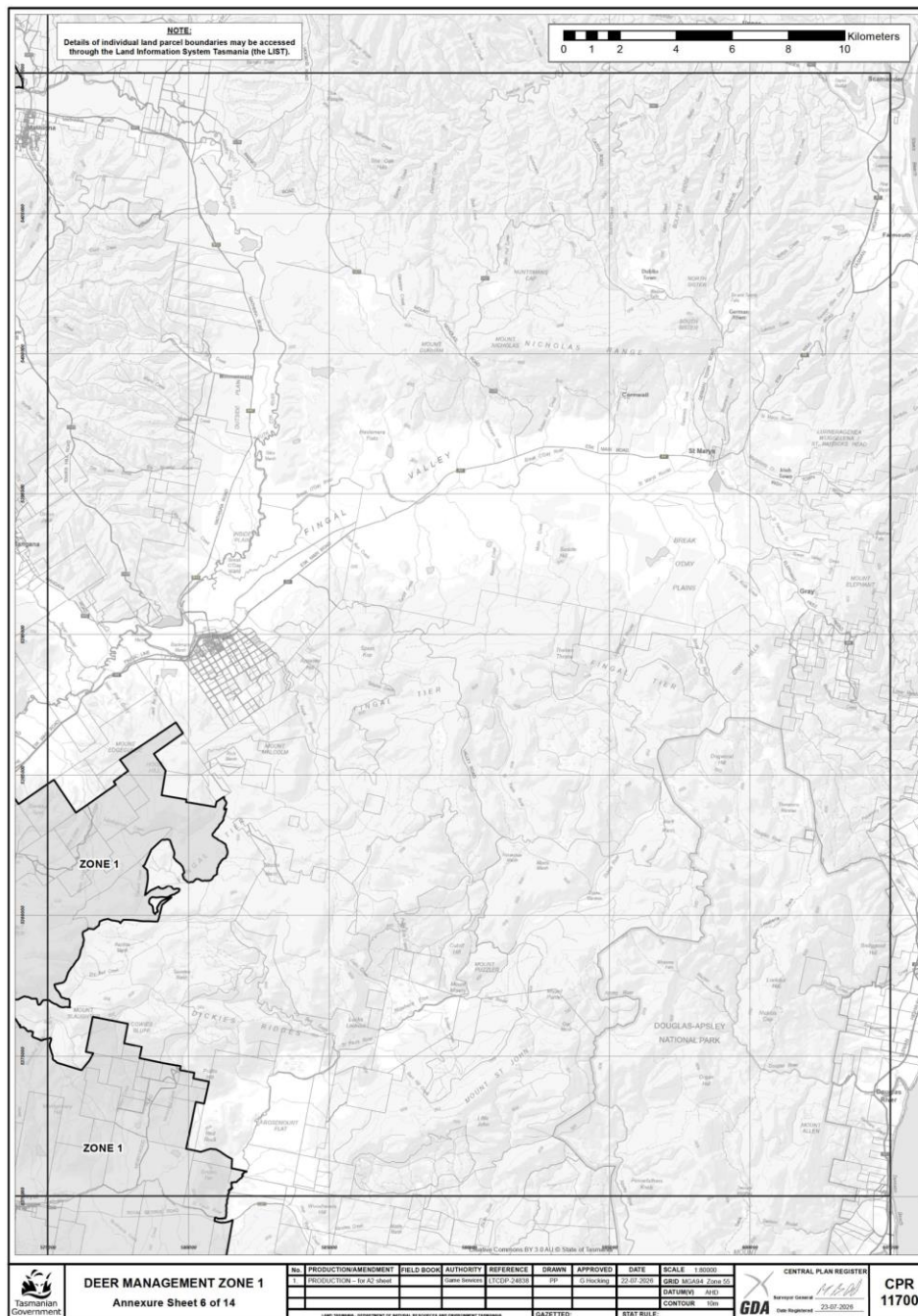
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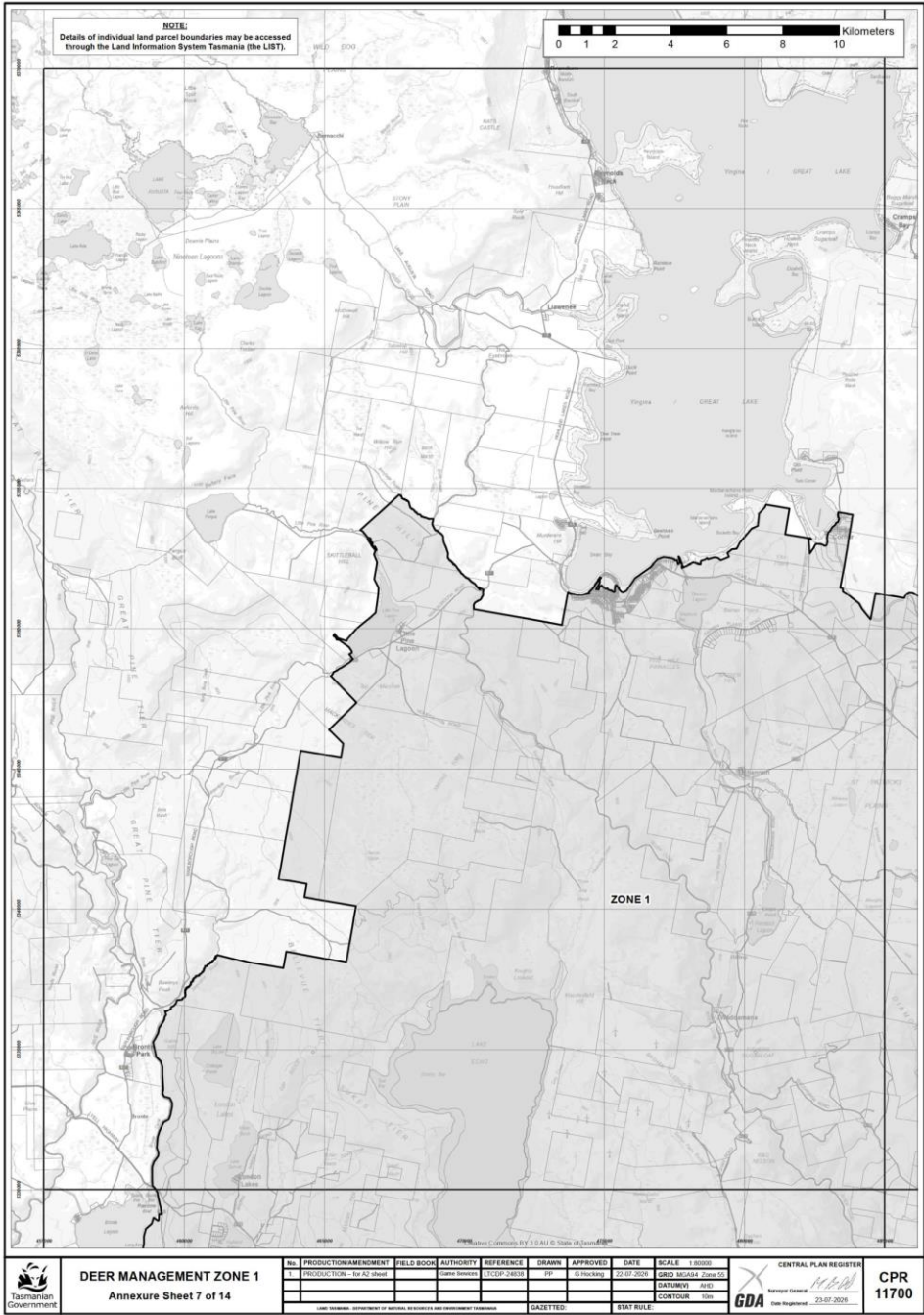
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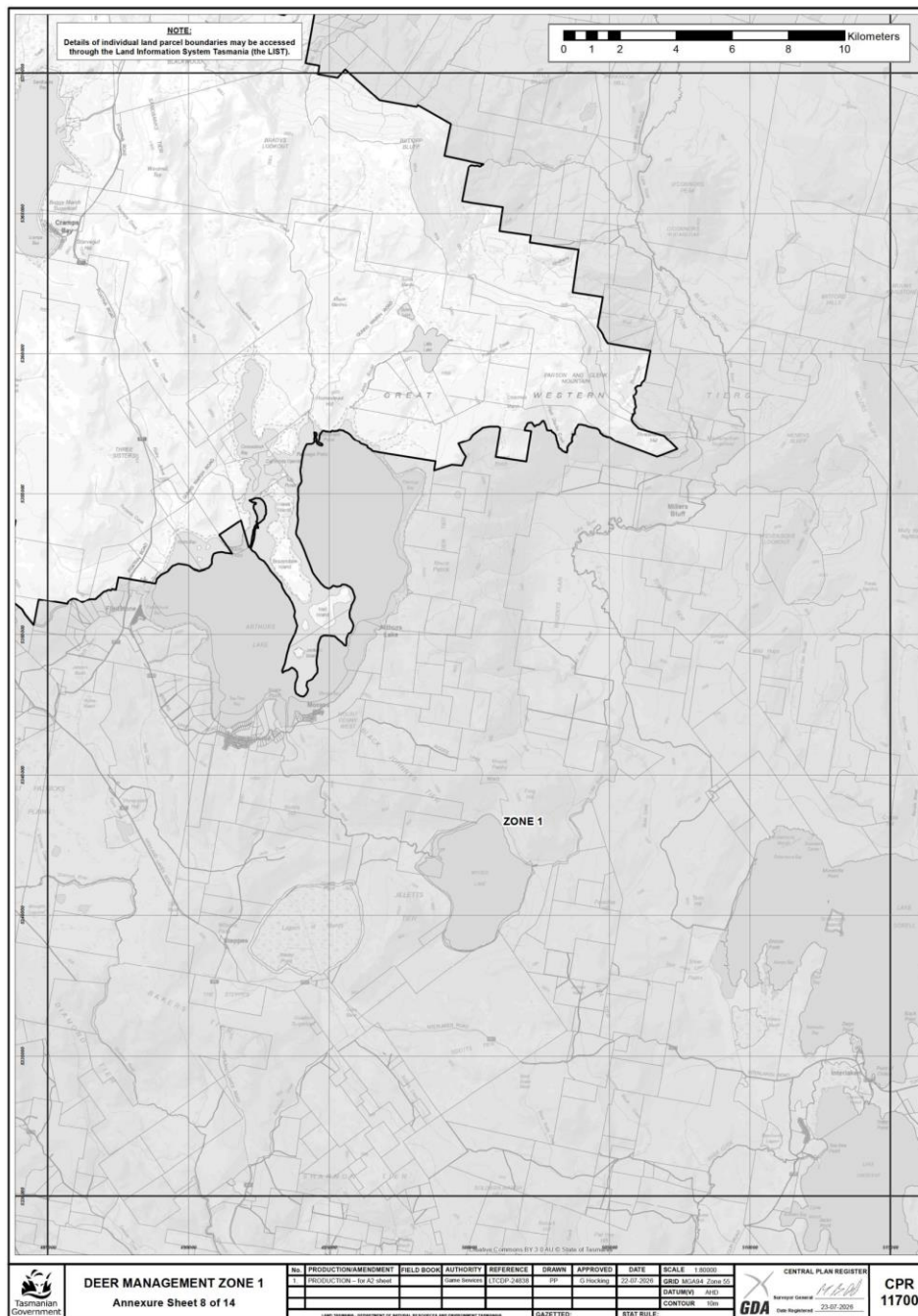
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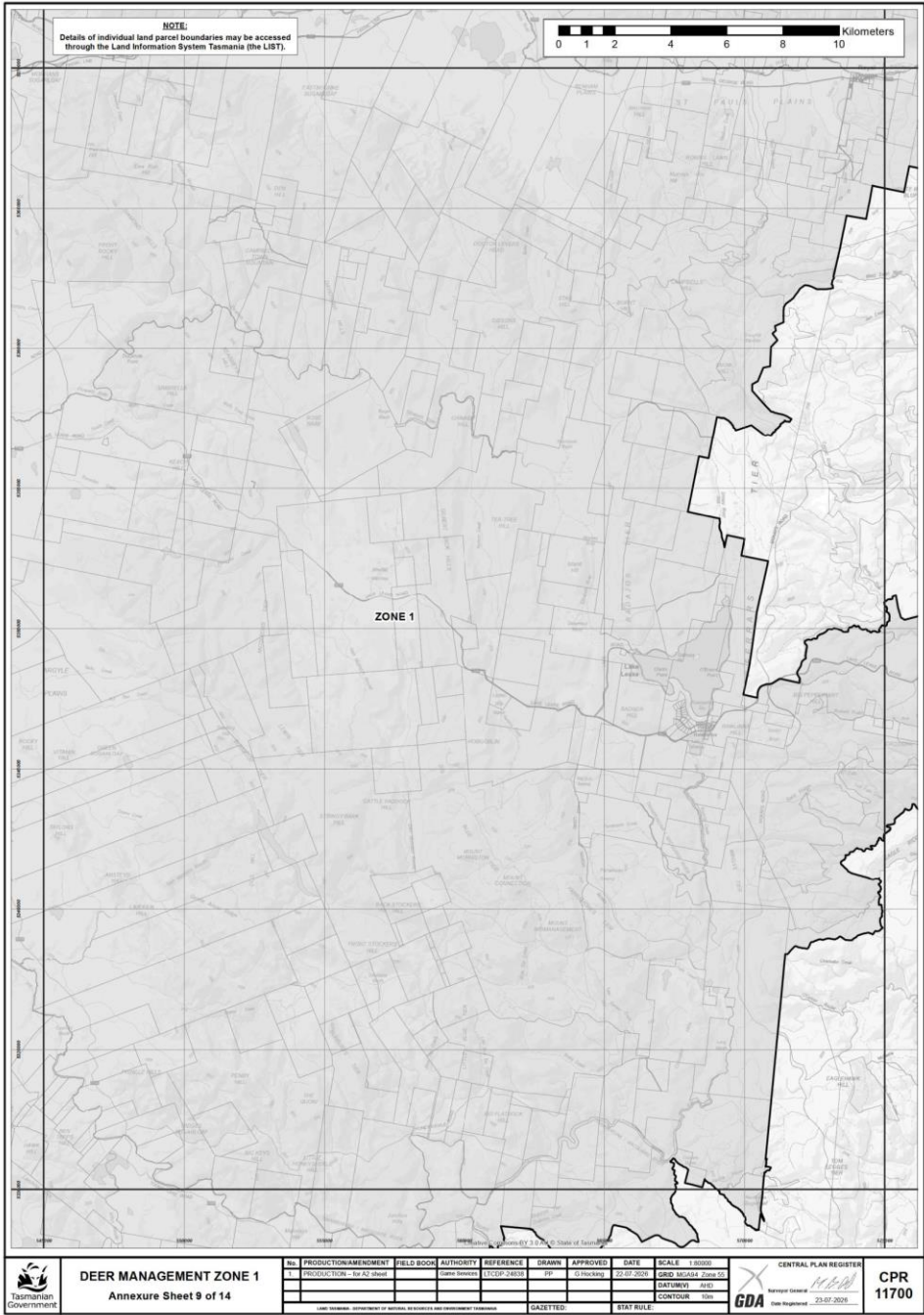
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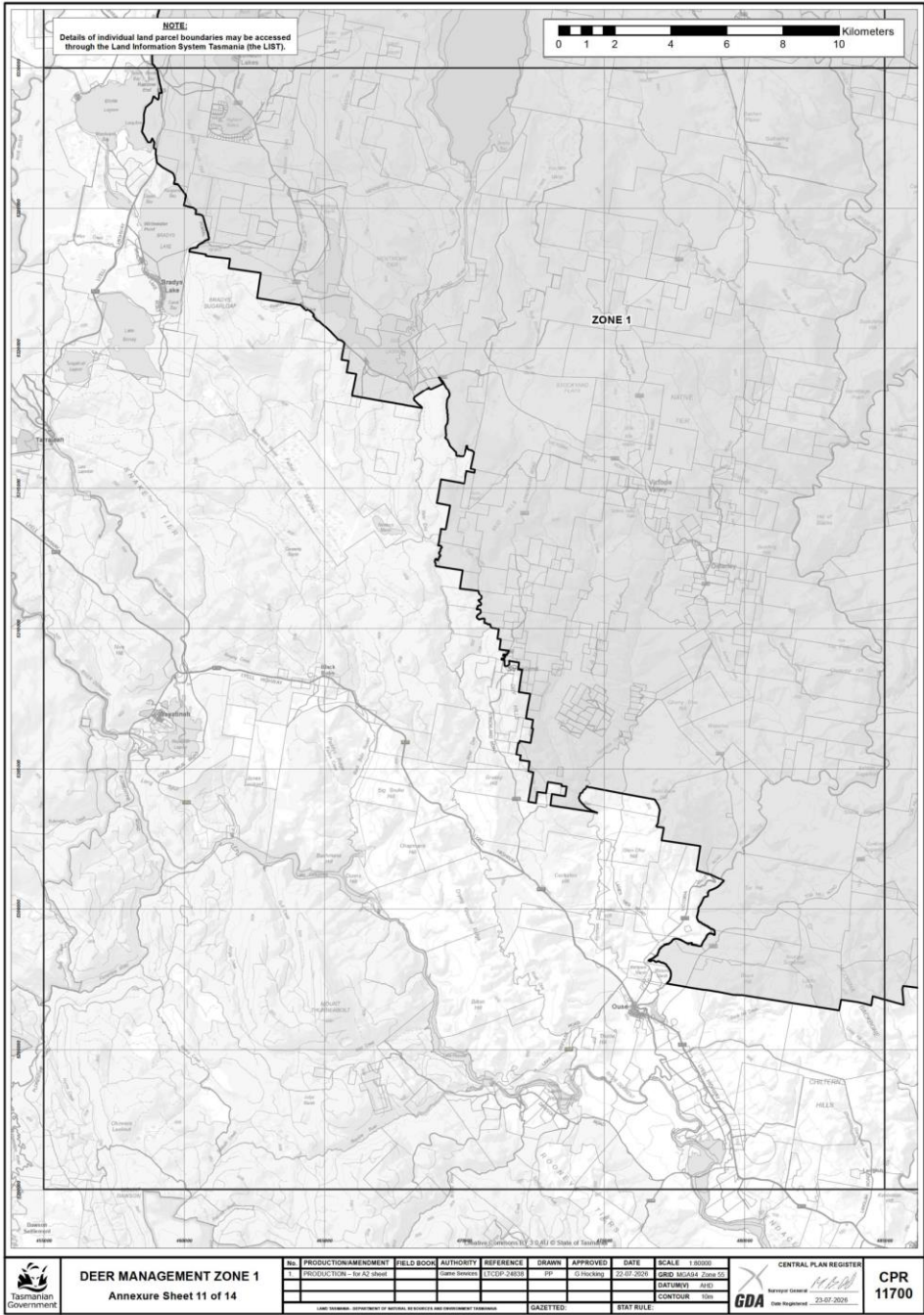


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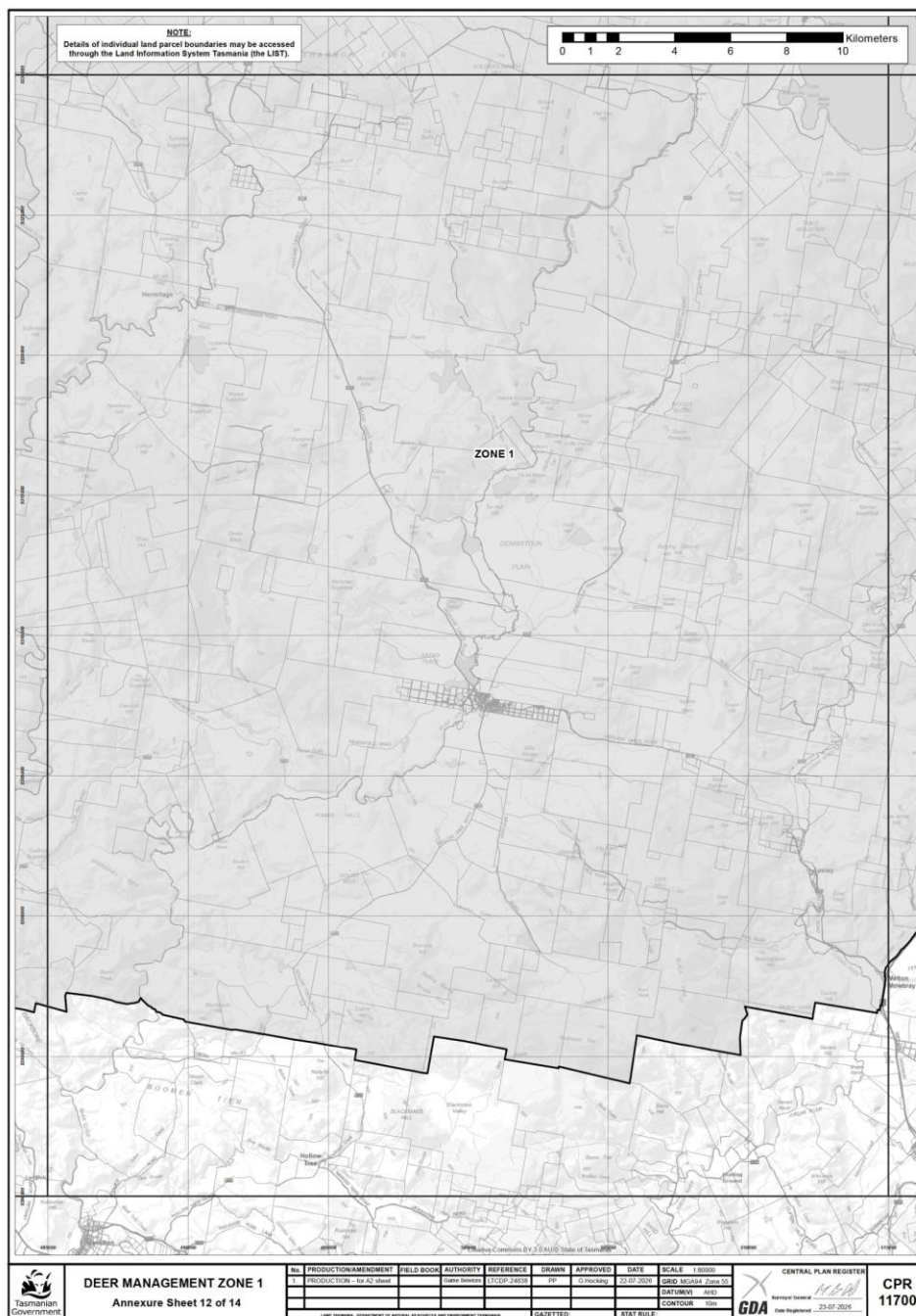
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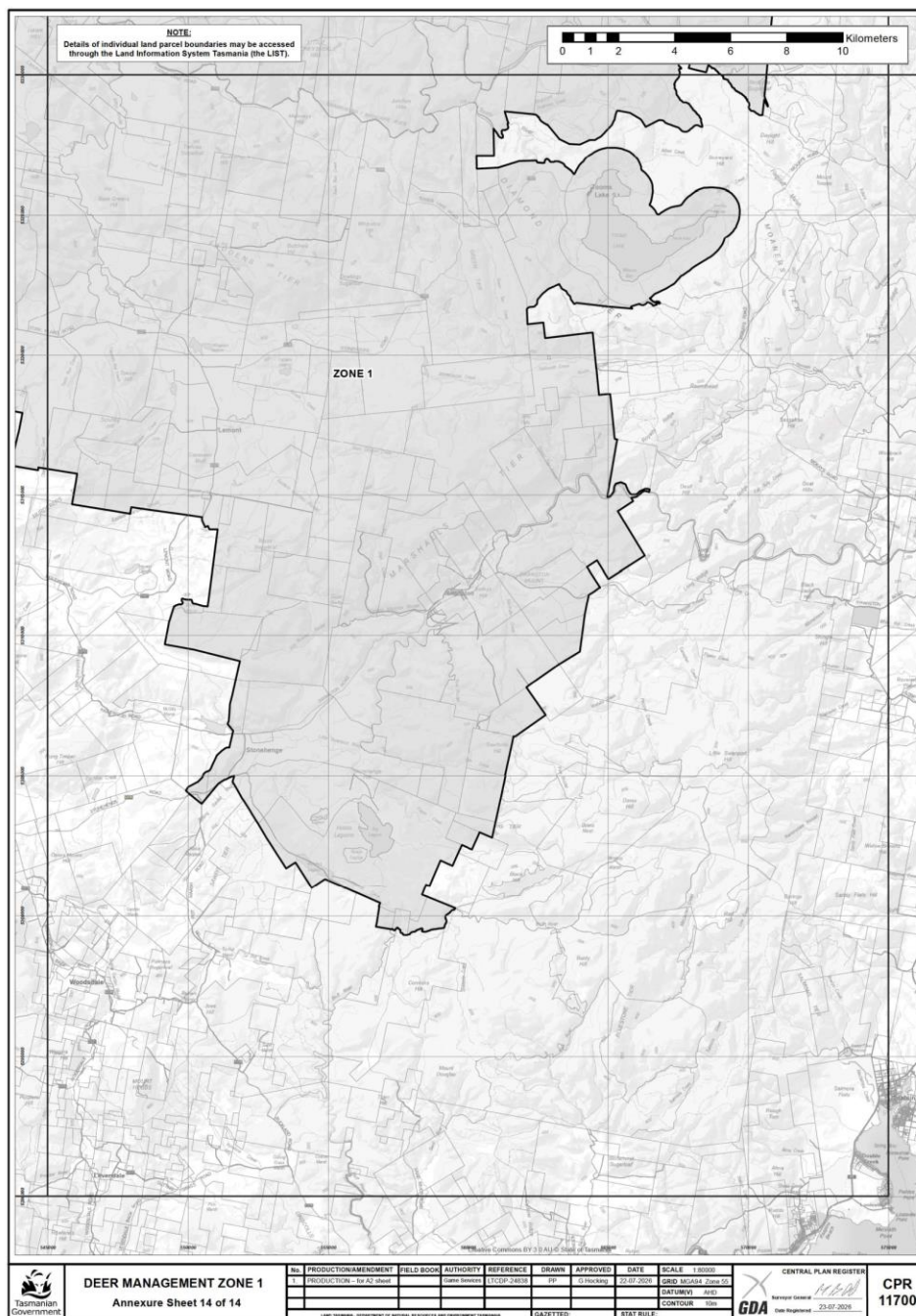


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This order is administered in the Department of Primary Industries, Water and Environment.

NOTES

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Citation	Serial Number	Date of commencement
<i>Nature Conservation (Open Seasons) Order 2004</i>	S.R. 2004, No. 10	10.3.2004
<i>Nature Conservation (Open Seasons) Amendment Order 2005</i>	S.R. 2005, No. 25	20.4.2005
<i>Nature Conservation (Open Seasons) Amendment Order 2006</i>	S.R. 2006, No. 158	1.1.2007
<i>Nature Conservation (Open Seasons) Amendment Order 2007</i>	S.R. 2007, No. 9	7.3.2007
<i>Nature Conservation (Open Seasons) Amendment Order 2008</i>	S.R. 2008, No. 34	30.4.2008
		31.12.2008 Expiry of clause 6(1A) on 31 December 2008
<i>Nature Conservation (Open Seasons) Amendment Order 2010</i>	S.R. 2010, No. 19	17.2.2010
<i>Nature Conservation (Open Seasons) Amendment Order 2011</i>	S.R. 2011, No. 35	27.4.2011
<i>Nature Conservation (Open Seasons) Amendment Order 2012</i>	S.R. 2012, No. 22	9.5.2012
<i>Nature Conservation (Open Seasons) Amendment Order 2013</i>	S.R. 2013, No. 19	1.5.2013
<i>Nature Conservation (Open Seasons)</i>	S.R. 2015, No. 13	1.4.2015

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<i>Amendment Order 2015</i>		
<i>Nature Conservation (Open Seasons) Amendment (Deer) Order 2015</i>	S.R. 2015, No. 87	9.12.2015
<i>Nature Conservation (Open Seasons) Amendment Order 2016</i>	S.R. 2016, No. 16	30.3.2016
<i>Nature Conservation (Open Seasons) Amendment (Deer) Order 2016</i>	S.R. 2016, No. 120	21.12.2016
<i>Nature Conservation (Open Seasons) Amendment Order 2017</i>	S.R. 2017, No. 100	20.12.2017
<i>Nature Conservation (Open Seasons) Amendment Order 2019</i>	S.R. 2019, No. 14	27.3.2019
<i>Nature Conservation (Open Seasons) Amendment (Deer) Order 2019</i>	S.R. 2019, No. 86	25.12.2019
<i>Nature Conservation (Open Seasons) Amendment (Muttonbird) Order 2020</i>	S.R. 2020, No. 21	25.3.2020
<i>Nature Conservation (Open Seasons) Amendment (Take Limits) Order 2022</i>	S.R. 2022, No. 3	26.2.2022
<i>Nature Conservation (Open Seasons) Amendment Order 2026</i>	S.R. 2026, No. 66	9.9.2026

TABLE OF AMENDMENTS

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Clause 4	Amended by S.R. 2006, No. 158 Substituted by S.R. 2007, No. 9, S.R. 2012, No. 22 Amended by S.R. 2022, No. 3
Clause 5	Amended by S.R. 2006, No. 158, S.R. 2015, No. 13, S.R. 2016, No. 16, S.R. 2019, No. 14 and S.R. 2022, No. 3
Clause 6	Amended by S.R. 2008, No. 34
Clause 7	Amended by S.R. 2005, No. 25 and S.R. 2011, No. 35 Substituted by S.R. 2013, No. 19 and S.R. 2022, No. 3
Clause 8	Amended by S.R. 2022, No. 3
Clause 9	Amended by S.R. 2010, No. 19, S.R. 2015, No. 87, S.R. 2016, No. 120, S.R. 2017, No. 100, S.R. 2019, No. 86 Substituted by S.R. 2022, No. 3 and S.R. 2026, No. 66
Clause 10	Amended by S.R. 2006, No. 158 Substituted by S.R. 2026, No. 66
Schedule 1	Amended by S.R. 2012, No. 22, S.R. 2015, No. 13, S.R. 2016, No. 16, S.R. 2019, No. 14 and S.R. 2020, No. 21
Schedule 2	Inserted by S.R. 2026, No. 66