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# A Visual Resource Assessment Report

## Bauxite Mining in Reserve C-37 Albany Highway

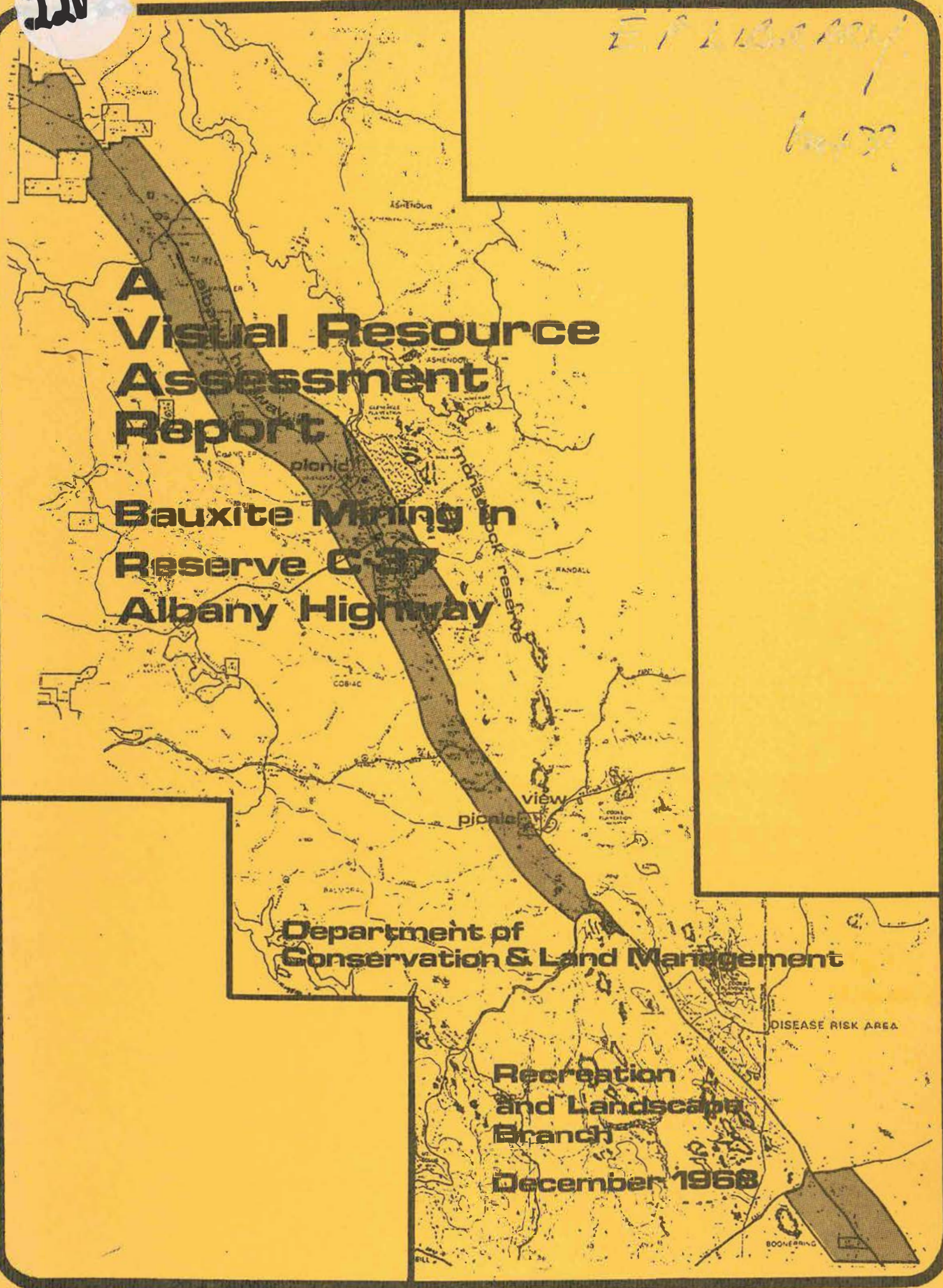
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VISUAL RESOURCE  
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REPORT

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Reserve C-37  
Albany Highway

A description and analysis of the  
visual resource in terms of proposed  
mining activity

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## INTRODUCTION

Significant reserves of bauxite ore are known to exist adjacent to the Albany Highway. A portion of the resource lies within Reserve C-37 as defined by System 6 EPA recommendations. ALCOA has expressed its interest in extracting the bauxite.

The visual resource (landscape), while an intangible value, is of immense benefit to the community. Social, physical and spiritual wellbeing of our urbanized community is influenced by such values.

The objectives of this report are:

1. to systematically identify and assess the visual resources of the project area;
2. to determine the ability of the project landscape to absorb change without visual degradation;
3. to identify areas of conflict between bauxite extraction sites and visual resources;
4. to assess the degree of impact of proposed extraction sites; and
5. to make appropriate recommendations where conflicts are identified.

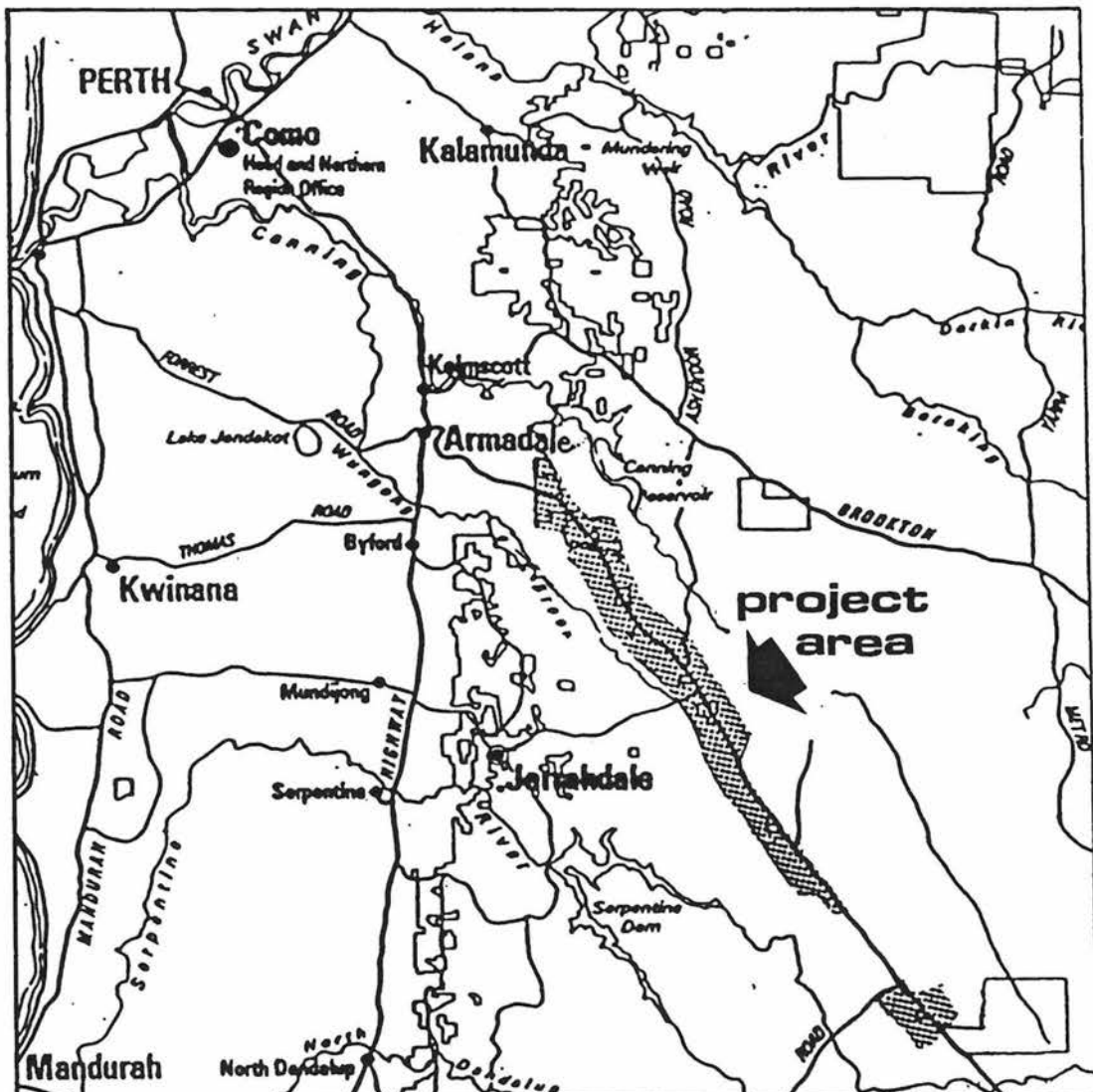
In order to objectively understand the visual resource values within the project area, a systematic method of visual resource analysis and assessment has been used.



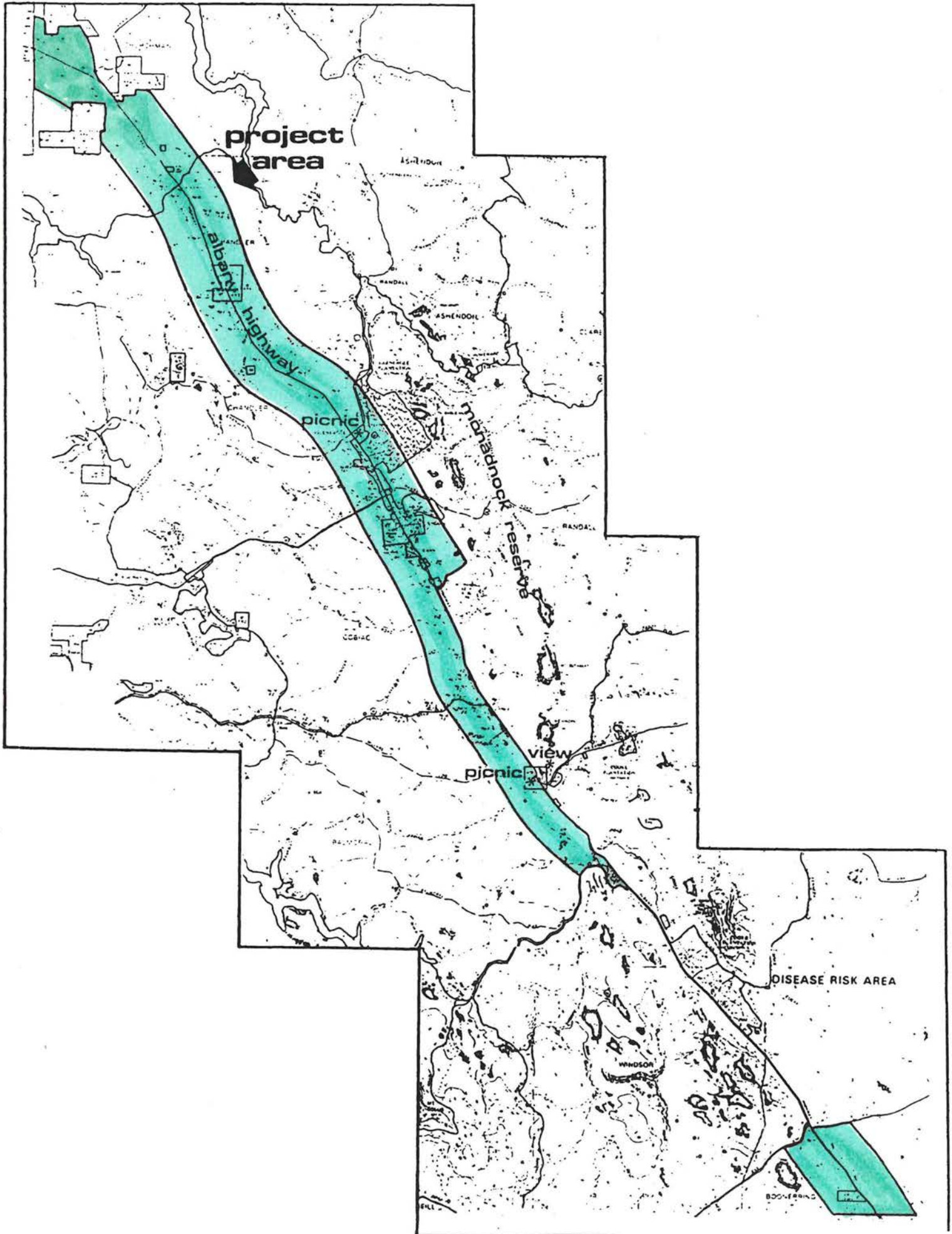
## THE SITE

The portion of Reserve C-37 called the Project Area is located adjacent to the Albany Highway between Bedforddale Hill and North East Road - a distance of approximately 50km. The Reserve generally extends for one kilometre on both sides of the highway except where the Monadnock Reserve is defined. It is located 7km from Armadale and 35km from Perth.

The Albany Highway is a major 'gateway' travel route providing primary access to Perth from points south and south-east. Many urban residents depart the city via the highway in search of recreation activities and scenery. Points of interest close to the study area include the Monadnock Reserve, reservoirs (Canning and Wungong), fishing, picnicking, camping and walking. More distant destinations include the Stirling Ranges National Park and the south coast.



LOCATION MAP



## RESERVE C-37 IN CONTEXT

The project area was included as part of a larger land unit, C-37 Brookton and Albany Highways, in the report, The Darling System - System 6 Part II: Recommendations for Specific Localities (EPA - 1983).

The Reserve justification statement is as follows: "Although there has been some replacement of natural vegetation with introduced eucalypts and pine, the forests of the Brookton and Albany Highways remain relatively intact over long distances. There are many wildflowers to be seen in the understoreys, their composition changing with different soil types and with rainfall. **It is important that the natural vegetation be retained both for its appeal to visitors and for scientific study. Some of the plants are rare**".

The Albany Highway landscape, including the project area, was the subject of a detailed corridor study with management prescriptions entitled The View from the Road (Herbert and Schmidt, 1984).

The objectives of the study were to describe major landscape elements, identify degraded landscapes and recommend management procedures to maintain the desired visual values and to enhance degraded landscapes.

The prescriptions, which applied to harvest and thinning of roadside plots, rehabilitation of gravel pits and enhancement of dieback areas, were approved by the Forests Department (now C.A.L.M.) for phased implementation. Initial works have concentrated on removal of smaller softwood plots and general roadside cleanup. The work is continuing.

The Albany Highway is a major travel route in WA which passes through landscapes of immense scenic diversity and visual attraction. While portions of the highway viewshed have been degraded by past activities, the long term enhancement plan adopted by C.A.L.M. will ensure that the Highway through the jarrah forest will remain a major scenic gateway into the metropolitan area.

## PAST LANDSCAPE ALTERATIONS

The project area has had a long history of landscape alteration ranging from forest settlements, to roadhouses for early travellers, to extensive pine planting during the 1950's and 60's. In addition dieback and the subsequent rehabilitation of infected areas with pine and introduced eucalypt species have resulted in obvious alterations to the naturally established visual character of the area. While some alterations have enhanced the scenic quality of the roadside landscape, most have introduced form, colour and texture quite alien to the desired landscape characteristics and both physically and visually degrade the environment. While past alterations are evident, even dominant, within very localized segments of Reserve C-37, the overall visual image retained by highway travellers is undoubtedly positive - jarrah forest, monadnocks and other naturally established landscape elements.

The publication, The View From The Road, with its management prescriptions effectively analyses past alterations within the project area and recommends effective rehabilitation techniques. The scenic quality has been significantly enhanced since implementation of the recommendations began in 1984.



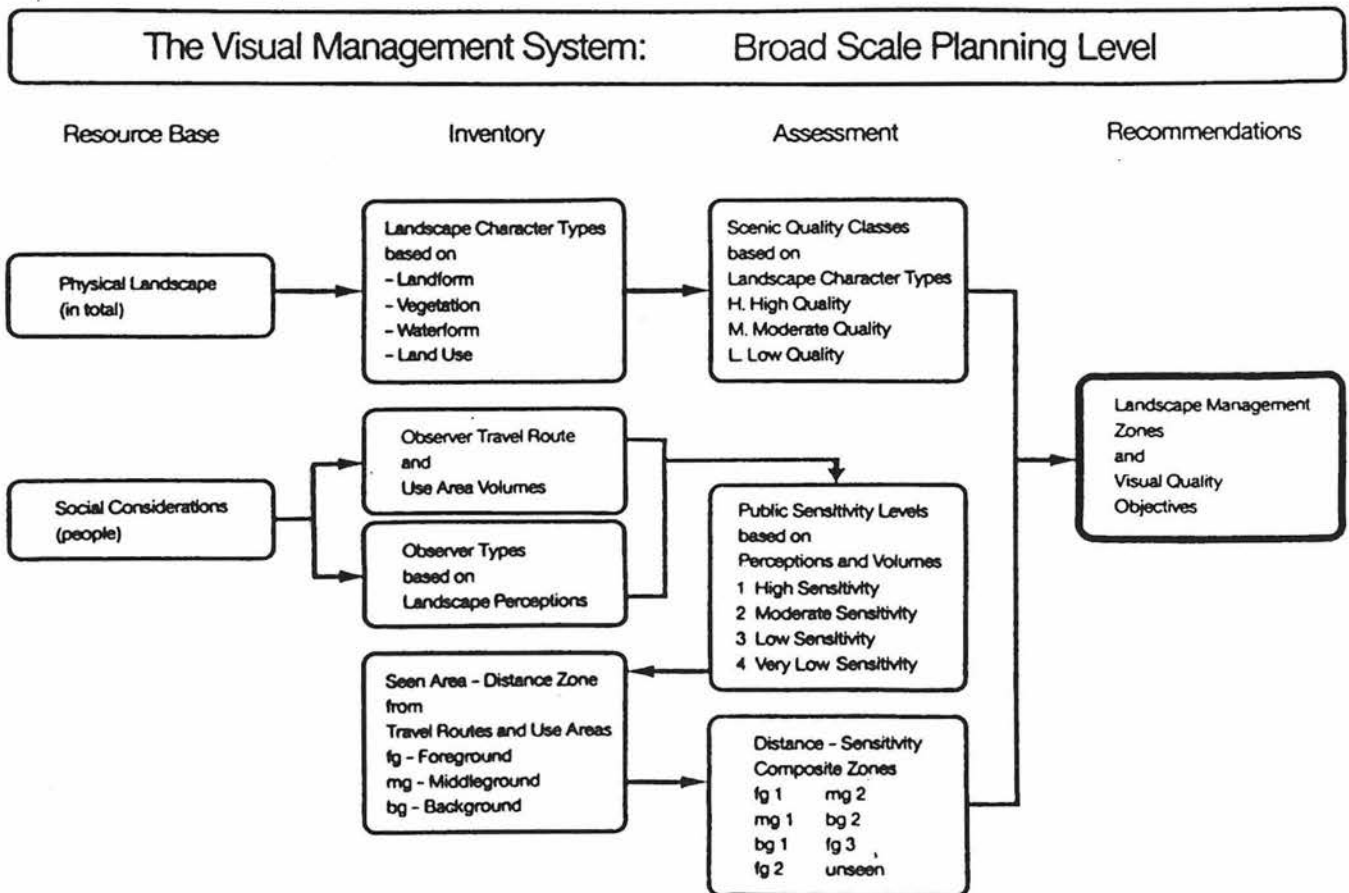
## THE ASSESSMENT METHOD

A system of visual resource management developed by the Forests Commission, Victoria has been used to inventory and assess the visual resources of the project area. The system provides an objective base and context in which landscape altering operations can be evaluated and potential impacts considered.

The inventory is based upon two resource factors:

1. the physical landscape (landscape character type and scenic quality);
2. social considerations (the people who view the landscape).

The Landscape Management Zones which result provide visual quality objectives which state the degree of acceptable alteration within each zone.



**PROJECT AREA - ASSESSMENT SUMMARY**

- Landscape Character Type -	<b>Darling Plateau</b>
- Scenic Quality Class -	<b>Moderate</b>
- Sensitivity Level -	
Albany Highway -	<b>Level I</b>
Jarrahdale Road -	<b>Level I</b>
Gleneagle Picnic Ground -	<b>Level II</b>
Sullivan Rock Picnic Ground -	<b>Level II</b>
Monadnock Tracks -	<b>Level II</b>
Landscape Management Zone -	<b>A</b>
Visual Quality Objectives -	<b>Inevident Alteration</b>

A full explanation follows:

## VISUAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM - BROADSCALE ASSESSMENT

### Step 1 Landscape Character Typing

The project area lies entirely within the Darling Plateau Landscape Character Type, a broadscale area of land with common visual characteristics.

The type is characterized by a plateau landform which is dissected by active V to U-shaped valley drainages. The resulting landforms appear as moulded ridges and domes. A series of granitic peaks or monadnocks which rise to over 500 metres contrast sharply with the surrounding hills and become focal points of exceptional visual interest. Granitic rock outcroppings or surface rock faces are also distinctive landforms.

The landscape type is almost entirely forested. Tall stands of jarrah and marri occupy the higher land while blackbutt and flooded gum thrive in wetter valley locations. The understorey stands, where present, are predominantly banksia, casuarina and dryandra. The resultant broadscale land cover patterns are a subtle blending of colour and textured variation between valleys and hilly landforms. Detailed-scale patterns are more obvious as textural diversity becomes more prominent.

Waterbodies are major visual components of the type. The westerly tending streams maintain V-shaped valleys at higher elevations but expand into broader U-shaped configurations on the flatter portions of the plateau. Falls and rapids occur in the type and become points of visual distinction. Man-made waterbodies are important visual features as well. Canning Dam, Churchman Brook Dam, Wungong Dam and Serpentine Dam are prominent examples.

The naturally established landscape character has been significantly altered by man's activities. Roads, softwood plantations, dams, settlements, towers, power lines, walking tracks, recreation sites, gravel pits and bauxite extraction have significantly altered the landscape characteristics of the Darling Plateau Landscape Type.

#### **Project Specific Comment:**

Reserve C-37 is typical of this landscape type. Landform is rolling hilly terrain with a nearly continuous vegetation canopy. There is a gradual transition in vegetation density, size and species composition from northwest to southeast along the highway reserve. In general, the forest diminishes in height and becomes more open further east with Wandoo appearing in localised areas. Rock outcroppings occur throughout the project area.

## Step 2 Scenic Quality Classification

A detailed description, inventory and assessment of scenic quality within the project area was not possible as classification criteria for the Darling Plateau Landscape Character Type is not yet finalized. An interim frame of reference which follows describes the relative range of scenic quality elements which exist within the Character Type. These are written in terms of diversity, naturalness and ruggedness in landform, vegetation and waterform.

### High Scenic Quality

#### Landform

- ° Isolated peaks, ranges or conical hills with distinctive form that become focal points.
- ° Rock outcroppings or boulders.
- ° Well defined steep-sided valley gorges tending to V-shape.

#### Vegetation

- ° Strongly defined patterns in such combinations as Eucalypt forest, naturally appearing openings or softwood plantings, and streamside vegetation.
- ° Unique stands of vegetation which create unusual form, colour, texture or spacing in comparison to surrounding vegetation.

#### Water

- ° Permanent rivers, lakes, marshes or resevoirs.

### Moderate Scenic Quality

#### Landform

- ° Rounded hills, ridges and peaks which are not visually dominant.
- ° Broad shallow valleys tending to U-shape.

#### Vegetation

- ° Generally canopied forest cover with some evident pattern but lacking uniqueness.

#### Water

- ° Intermittent streams.



Low Scenic Quality

Landform

- ° Indistinctly dissected land lacking visual variety relative to the surrounding landscape.

Vegetation

- ° Extensive areas of similar vegetation with few evident patterns.

**Project Specific Classification:**

Study area landscapes are classified almost entirely as Moderate Scenic Quality. Areas of High Scenic Quality include all rock outcroppings, low swampy areas and streamside zones. Of special note are extensive areas of High Scenic Quality which lie in close proximity to the study area and are visible from the highway.

### Step 3 Sensitivity Levelling

The assessment of public sensitivity to visual resource values is an important factor in managing landscape resources. Elements considered in the study area include numbers of viewers, type of travel route (road or walking track) and type of use area (picnic ground or wayside). Other factors which influence public sensitivity such as observer type, level of scenic concern, or expected images are unfortunately unknown.

Criteria used for classification of travel routes and use areas follows:

#### Level 1 - High Sensitivity

- ° Freeways and State highways with more than 500 vehicles/day.
- ° Classified tourist roads.
- ° Main sealed roads with more than 75 vehicles/day.
- ° Recreation, cultural or scenic sites and viewpoints of national or interstate significance.
- ° Walking tracks of national significance.
- ° Residential areas with high degrees of scenic concern.
- ° Interstate passenger rail lines with daily daylight service.
- ° Rail lines of cultural, historic or scenic significance.
- ° Navigable rivers, lakes, and resevoirs of national recreation significance.

#### Level 2 - Moderate Sensitivity

- ° Main sealed roads with more than 50 vehicles/day.
- ° Forest access and other roads with more than 35 vehicles/day.
- ° Roads with less than 35 vehicles/day, but planned for recreation promotion within 5 years.
- ° Recreation, cultural or scenic sites of state significance.
- ° Walking tracks of state or high local significance.
- ° Residential areas with moderate degrees of scenic concern.

- ° State passenger rail lines with daily rural town service.
- ° Navigable rivers, lakes and resevoirs of state recreation significance.

#### Level 3 - Low Sensitivity

- ° Timber management roads with occasional recreation traffic up to 10 vehicles/day.
- ° Walking tracks of low local significance.
- ° State passenger rail lines with less than daily rural town service.

#### Level 4 - Very Low Sensitivity

- ° Timber management roads with infrequent recreation traffic less than 3 vehicles/day.
- ° Forest tracks with infrequent recreation usage.

#### Project Specific Levelling:

Level 1 - Albany Highway; MRD counts indicate over 2 000 vehicles (up to 5 000 people at 2.5 per vehicle) use this highway per day. While no perception studies are available, there is little doubt that a great many travellers anticipate and expect undisturbed or naturally inspired scenery once beyond Armadale.

Level 1 - Jarrahdale Road; major access to Jarrahdale. Counts unknown but assumed to be over 75 per day.

Level 2 - Gleneagle picnic ground; estimates of use indicate that up to 200 people visit this destination or wayside stop during peak use periods; of state significance.

Level 2 - Sullivan Rock picnic ground and trailhead; estimates of use indicate that up to 30 people visit this site during peak periods; of state significance.

Level 2 - Bibbulmun Track - currently being realigned to a site traversing the Monadnock Reserve. Use figures unknown; of state significance.

Level 2 - Other Monadnocks walking tracks - Mt Cooke, Mt Vincent, Mt Cuthbert, Mt Randall, Eagle Hill; user numbers unknown but published in Forests on Foot; assumed of state significance.

#### Step 4 Seen Area Mapping

The seen area is the landscape that can be viewed from a road or other observation point; the viewshed. Where the observer is offered a sequence of views as along a highway, the cumulative viewshed is mapped. Seen area is based entirely on topographic screening as vegetation screening is transitory - easily removed by man, fire or disease.

#### **Specific Project Comment:**

Seen area was mapped from the Albany Highway, Gleneagle picnic ground, Sullivan Rock picnic ground and Sullivan Rock trail.

#### Screening Analysis

Mapping of roadside vegetation screening can be a useful management tool - particularly in planning short term, low impact alterations to the visual resources.

#### **Specific Project Comment:**

Roadside vegetation was rated for its screening potential according to the following categories:

1. Dense - views restricted to roadside clearing - no penetration.
2. Moderately dense - filtered views with pockets of dense understory - generally allowing penetration into the vegetation zone but not to the limit of potential seen area.
3. Sparse - filtered views with very little screening capability - generally allowing view penetration to the limit of potential seen area.
4. Open - unobstructed view.



### Step 5 Distance Zone Mapping

The distance between the viewer and the landscape is an important variable factor when managing the visual resource. Three distance zones are used:  
foreground (fg) - from the observer to .5 km,  
middleground (mg) - from .5 km to 6.5 km,  
background (bg) - from 6.5 km to 16 km.

#### **Project Specific Comment:**

The entire seen area within the project area as viewed from the Albany Highway, Gleneagle and Sullivan picnic grounds and Sullivan Rock track falls within the foreground distance zone. Textural detail in the landscape is highly visible.

Step 6 Landscape Management Zoning

Integration of Scenic Quality Class and Sensitivity Level - Distance Zone results in Landscape Management Zones. Zones indicate areas of relative concern for visual resource values.

The matrix used follows:

MATRIX		(2) DISTANCE ZONE - SENSITIVITY LEVEL							
		fg-1	mg-1	bg-1	fg-2	mg-2	bg-2	fg-3	U
(1) SCENIC QUALITY CLASS	H	A	A	A	A	B	B	B	B
	M	A	B	B	B	B	C	C	C
	L	B	B	B	B	C	C	C	C
		(3) LANDSCAPE MANAGEMENT ZONE							

Matrix key:

- (1) Scenic Quality Classes  
 H - High  
 M - Moderate  
 L - Low

- (2) Sensitivity Levels  
 1 - High  
 2 - Moderate  
 3 - Low  
 4 - Very Low

- (2) Distance Zones  
 fg - foreground  
 mg - middleground  
 bg - background  
 u - uninventoried levels 3 or 4,  
 and unseen in levels 1, 2 or 3

- (3) Landscape Management Zone = Visual Quality Objectives  
 A = IA - Inevident Alterations  
 B = AA - Apparent Alterations  
 C = DA - Dominant Alterations

**Project Specific Comment:**

The project area is rated as Landscape Management Zone A based upon a Moderate Scenic Quality and Foreground-Level 1 Sensitivity Level.

Visual quality objectives are established for each Management Zone. These provide measurable standards or objectives for management of the visual resources.

For Zone A the Visual Quality Objective is Inevident Alteration

This states that management alterations (any change) should range from visually inevident to temporarily apparent. When apparent, the period of impact (contrast) should not exceed one year.

**THE ALCOA PROPOSAL**

ALCOA has identified 16 broadscale zones of laterite which lie entirely or partly within the project area. Within these zones, 56 probable ore bodies have been identified and mapped. The location of each is approximate as Company supplied data is mapped at 1:50 000 scale.

Company representatives have expressed the desire to extract all known ore from the project area. Alcoa's 6-10 year mine plan (November, 1986) for Jarrahdale Mine Site includes the region west of the Albany Highway and south to Jarrahdale Road.

## DETAILED ASSESSMENT

The Visual Management System provides broadscale zones of landscape concern with visual quality objectives. These indicate broadscale levels of scenic concern and degrees of desirable alteration throughout the landscape.

In order to understand how easy or difficult it may be to achieve the desired Visual Quality Objective, it is necessary to assess site specific factors in terms of a proposed alteration.

Each laterite area and probable ore unit has been assessed using maps, aerial photos and on-site analysis. Data gathered has been recorded on an analysis and assessment form. Factors considered are:

Screening category  
View analysis  
    number of view points  
    critical travel direction  
    angle of view  
    duration of view  
Status of screen.

In addition the laterite areas, ore units, screening category, the study area boundary and foreground seen area boundary are shown on maps at 1:25 000 scale.

A visual impact projection, which indicates the ability of a landscape to absorb change without losing its intrinsic character, results. Categories are:

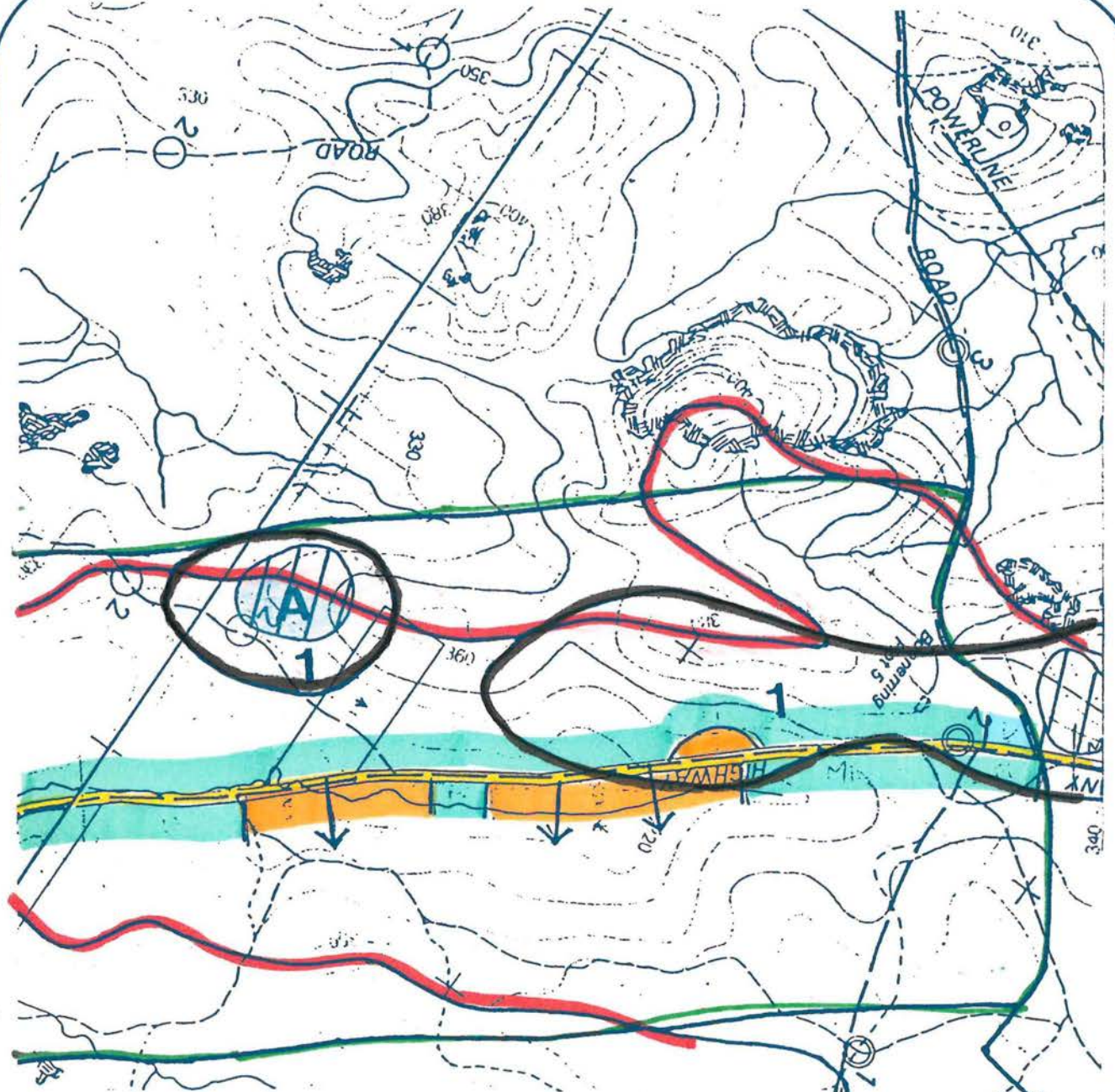
1. High impact - A dominant visual impact would result.
2. Moderate impact - An apparent impact would result.
3. Low impact - An inevident impact would result.

The final recommendations are objectively based on both broadscale objectives, detailed assessment data and visual impact projection. Categories are:










1. Acceptance - little or no visual impact anticipated.
2. Possible - subject to further detailed assessment and extraction conditions.
3. Unacceptable - severe negative impact certain.

An assessment summary begins on page 80.





**LEGEND**

study area	
travel route	
seen area	
laterite zone	
ore unit	
dense screen	
moderate	
sparse	
open	
scale	<b>1 : 25 000</b>

ALBANY HIGHWAY RESERVE - ALCOA PROPOSAL

## Visual Resource Analysis and Assessment

• LATERITE AREA

Number 1

• PROBABLE ORE UNIT

Letter A

• SCREENING CATEGORY from POTENTIAL HIGHWAY VIEWPOINTS

Dense, Moderately Dense, Sparce, Open: \_\_\_\_\_

Moderately Dense

Discussion: \_\_\_\_\_

• VIEW ANALYSIS

Number of Primary View Points: highway and designated way-side potential view only - currently screened.

Critical Travel Direction: northbound

Angle of View: 30-45°

Duration of View: moderate potential

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

• STATUS of SCREEN

Stable, dieback prone, in transition, unpredictable: Stable

wet area veg. stable to jarrah woodland

Discussion: View to unit is currently screened

No change expected

• VISUAL IMPACT PROJECTION - ASSUMING EXTRACTION

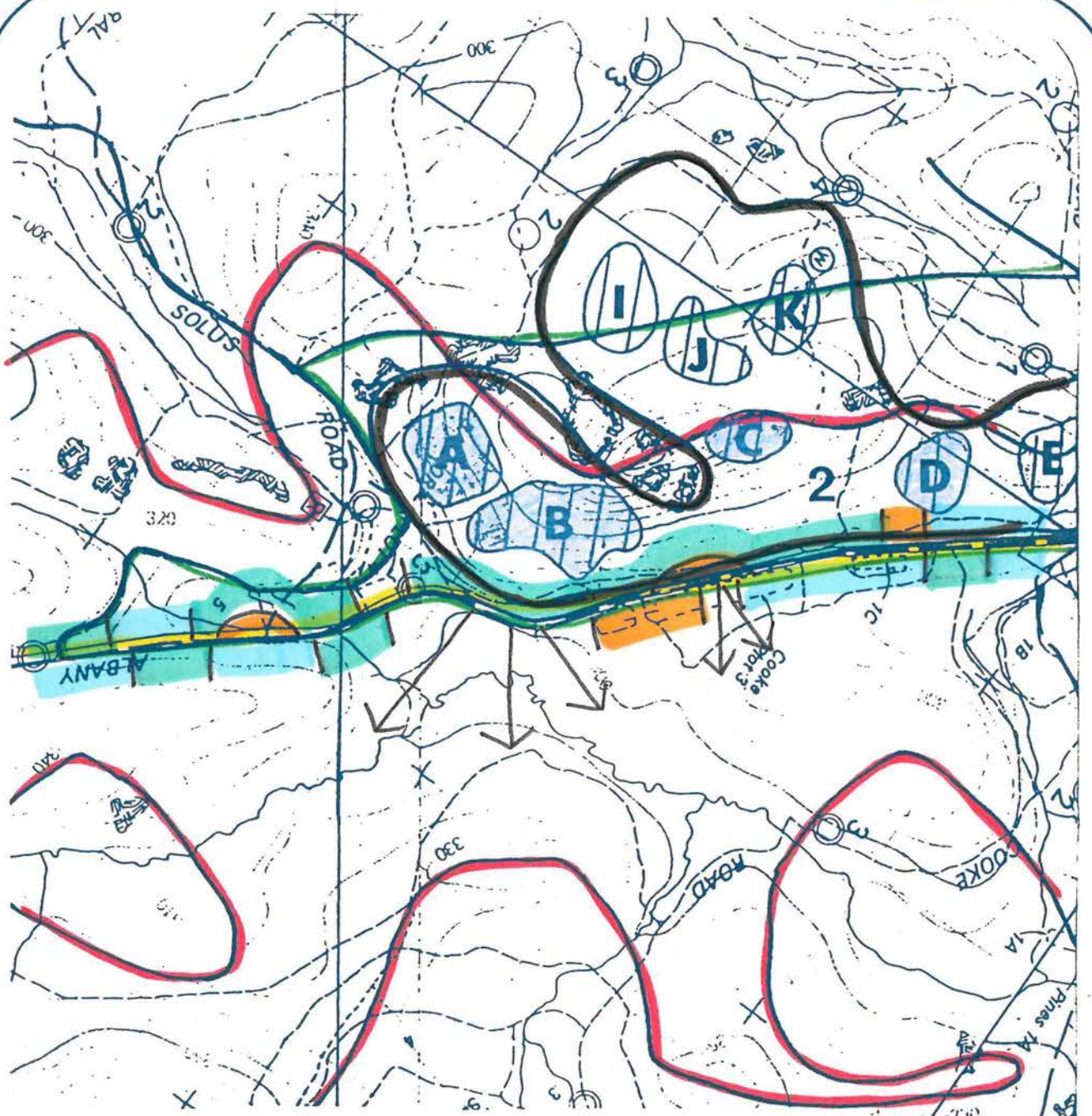
High, Moderate, Low: Low

Discussion: Inevitable alteration assuming maintenance of screen.

• ASSESSMENT/RECOMMENDATION

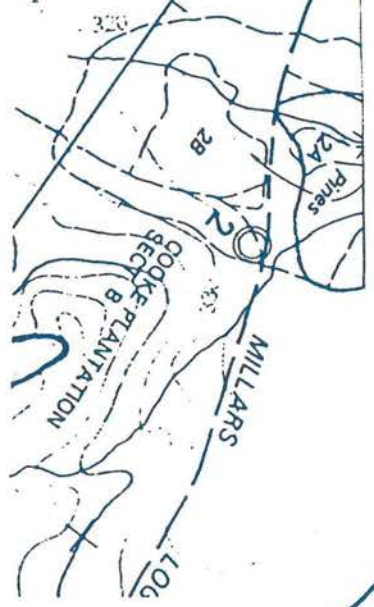
No problems anticipated





**LEGEND**

study area	
travel route	
seen area	
laterite zone	
ore unit	
dense screen	
moderate	
sparse	
open	
scale	<b>1 : 25 000</b>



## ALBANY HIGHWAY RESERVE - ALCOA PROPOSAL

## Visual Resource Analysis and Assessment

## • LATERITE AREA

Number

2

## • PROBABLE ORE UNIT

Letter

A

## • SCREENING CATEGORY from POTENTIAL HIGHWAY VIEWPOINTS

Dense, Moderately Dense, Sparse, Open: \_\_\_\_\_

Sparse to open; some moderately dense  
 Discussion: Most of unit is fully open to highway viewpoints;  
 Some screening of low portion of unit

## • VIEW ANALYSIS

Number of Primary View Points: \_\_\_\_\_

highway - many

Critical Travel Direction: \_\_\_\_\_

north - unseen to south bound

Angle of View: \_\_\_\_\_

focal view - focussed by hwy alignment

10-30°

Duration of View: \_\_\_\_\_

extended period

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

forms skyline from highway viewpoints

## • STATUS of SCREEN

Stable, dieback prone, in transition, unpredictable: \_\_\_\_\_

Paperbark wet area will remain open; some pine

Discussion: will be removed immediately.

The area is to be managed for view enhancement and preservation.

## • VISUAL IMPACT PROJECTION - ASSUMING EXTRACTION

High, Moderate, Low: \_\_\_\_\_

High

Discussion: \_\_\_\_\_

Dominant Alteration - majority of unit  
 on lateral ridgeline - part of skyline

## • ASSESSMENT/RECOMMENDATION

Unacceptable in any form  
 Negative impact certain if mined -



ALBANY HIGHWAY RESERVE - ALCOA PROPOSAL**Visual Resource Analysis and Assessment**

- **LATERITE AREA** Number 2
- **PROBABLE ORE UNIT** Letter B
- **SCREENING CATEGORY from POTENTIAL HIGHWAY VIEWPOINTS**  
Dense, Moderately Dense, Sparce, Open: Open

Discussion: Very little effective screening - even more exposed than 2-A

• **VIEW ANALYSIS**

Number of Primary View Points: highway - fg and mg Sullivan Rock Track

Critical Travel Direction: northbound, southbound

Angle of View: focal landscape - skyline from both highway and Sullivan viewpoints

Duration of View: long

Other: critical focal skyline

• **STATUS of SCREEN**

Stable, dieback prone, in transition, unpredictable: \_\_\_\_\_

Open landscape with remain

Discussion: pine to be removed, wet area and Sullivan Rock will remain with little veg. screen.

• **VISUAL IMPACT PROJECTION - ASSUMING EXTRACTION**

High, Moderate, Low: \_\_\_\_\_

Discussion: Dominant alteration High

• **ASSESSMENT/RECOMMENDATION**

Negative impact certain if mined. Unacceptable in any form



ALBANY HIGHWAY RESERVE - ALCOA PROPOSAL

Visual Resource Analysis and Assessment

- LATERITE AREA Number 2
- PROBABLE ORE UNIT Letter C

• SCREENING CATEGORY from POTENTIAL HIGHWAY VIEWPOINTS  
 Dense, Moderately Dense, Sparse, Open: Variable; Immediate fg screen, mod  
dense but open from points north on highway and  
 Discussion: Sullivan Rock, Mt. Vincent

• VIEW ANALYSIS  
 Number of Primary View Points: highway, wayside and Sullivan  
walking track.  
 Critical Travel Direction: Southbound only

Angle of View: focal to 20°, viewers below on highway

Duration of View: long duration from track and roadside  
wayside

Other: located on skyline

• STATUS of SCREEN  
 Stable, dieback prone, in transition, unpredictable: dieback prone  
hence patchwork of mod. dense to open adjacent to unit.  
 Discussion: Critical Views, however are open with  
no screening potential.

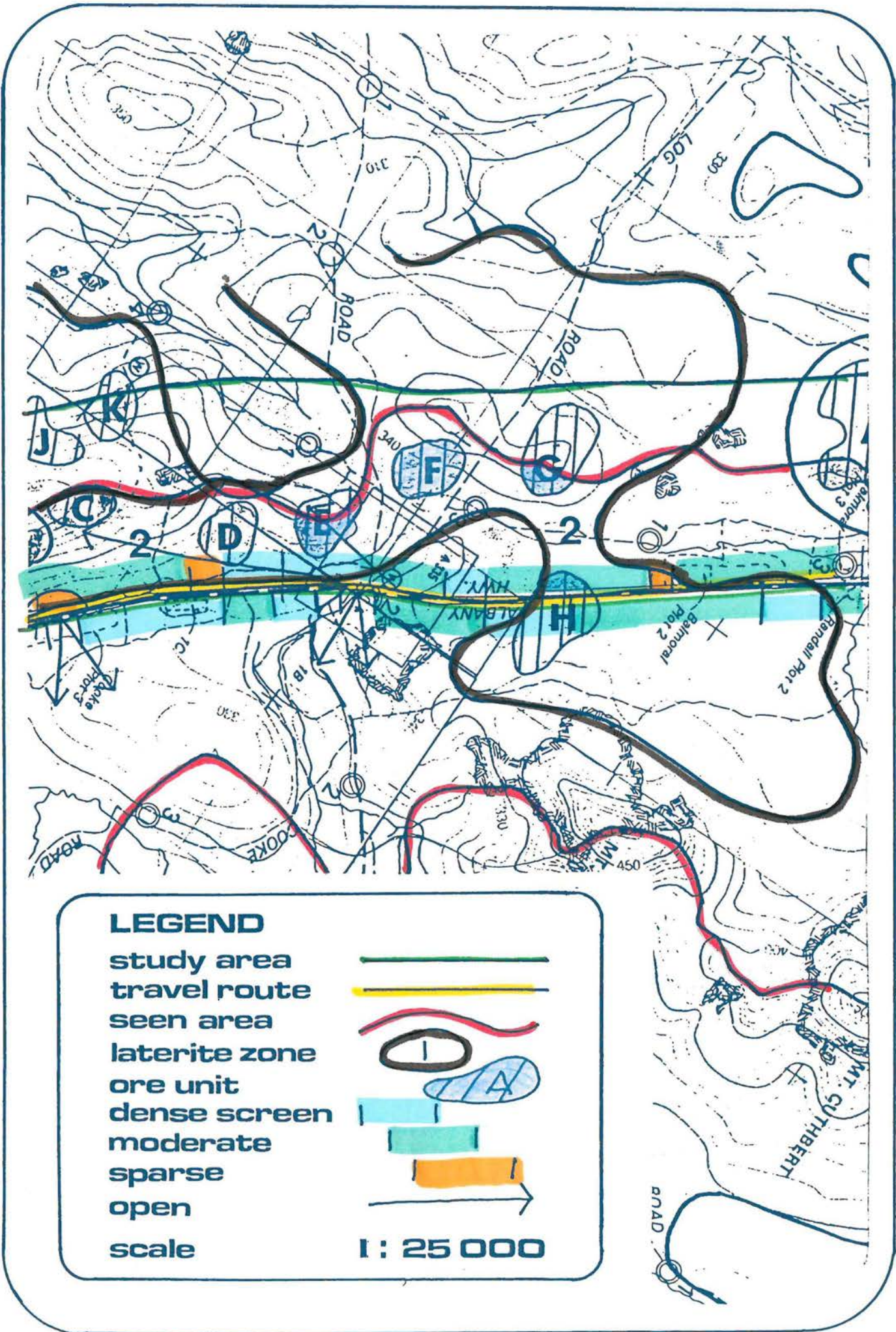
• VISUAL IMPACT PROJECTION - ASSUMING EXTRACTION High  
 High, Moderate, Low:  
 Discussion: Dominant Alteration

• ASSESSMENT/RECOMMENDATION Unacceptable, long term  
Negative impact certain

ALBANY HIGHWAY RESERVE - ALCOA PROPOSALVisual Resource Analysis and Assessment

- **LATERITE AREA** Number 2
- **PROBABLE ORE UNIT** Letter D
- **SCREENING CATEGORY from POTENTIAL HIGHWAY VIEWPOINTS**  
**Dense, Moderately Dense, Sparce, Open:** Sparce to dense on highway,  
Open From Sullivan Rock  
**Discussion:** \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_
- **VIEW ANALYSIS**  
**Number of Primary View Points:** highway, views mostly screened;  
walking track  
**Critical Travel Direction:** northbound  
**Angle of View:** 30-45° fg northbound; feature view from  
Sullivan Rd track, also fg.  
**Duration of View:** short from hwy, long from track  
**Other:** ore unit very close to highway
- **STATUS of SCREEN**  
**Stable, dieback prone, in transition, unpredictable:** in dieback prone  
area - roadside screen doubtful, open from track  
**Discussion:** \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_
- **VISUAL IMPACT PROJECTION - ASSUMING EXTRACTION**  
**High, Moderate, Low:** High - Dominant  
**Discussion:** Alteration from track, Moderate from  
Highway - Apparent Alteration
- **ASSESSMENT/RECOMMENDATION** Unacceptable





**LEGEND**

study area

travel route

seen area

laterite zone

ore unit

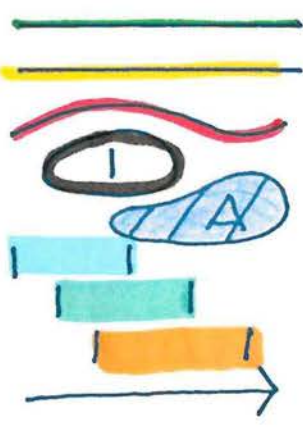
dense screen

moderate

sparse

open

scale



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ALBANY HIGHWAY RESERVE - ALCOA PROPOSAL

## Visual Resource Analysis and Assessment

- **LATERITE AREA** Number 2
- **PROBABLE ORE UNIT** Letter E
- **SCREENING CATEGORY from POTENTIAL HIGHWAY VIEWPOINTS**  
**Dense, Moderately Dense, Sparse, Open:** Dense to Mod. dense adjacent to hwy; open from Sullivan Rock  
**Discussion:** \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_
- **VIEW ANALYSIS**  
**Number of Primary View Points:** highway, and Sullivan Rock  
Mt. Vincent  
**Critical Travel Direction:** Southbound  
**Angle of View:** 10-30° feature view along hwy alignment; viewer above from Sullivan Rk.  
**Duration of View:** Short on highway; long for walkers  
**Other:** panorama from S. Rock to units B, C, D, E, F+G
- **STATUS of SCREEN**  
**Stable, dieback prone, in transition, unpredictable:** dieback prone; unstable  
**Discussion:** \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_
- **VISUAL IMPACT PROJECTION - ASSUMING EXTRACTION**  
**High, Moderate, Low:** Moderate - Apparent Alteration from  
**Discussion:** highway; Dominant Alteration from S. Rock, Mt. Vincent  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
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 \_\_\_\_\_
- **ASSESSMENT/RECOMMENDATION**  
Unacceptable  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
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ALBANY HIGHWAY RESERVE - ALCOA PROPOSAL

Visual Resource Analysis and Assessment

• LATERITE AREA Number 2

• PROBABLE ORE UNIT Letter F

• SCREENING CATEGORY from POTENTIAL HIGHWAY VIEWPOINTS

Dense, Moderately Dense, Sparse, Open: Moderate to dense  
adjacent to highway; Open from Sullivan Rock +  
Discussion: Mt. Vincent

• VIEW ANALYSIS

Number of Primary View Points: highway - currently screened  
Walking Track to Mt. Vincent

Critical Travel Direction: -

Angle of View: feature views from walking track

Duration of View: long

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

• STATUS of SCREEN

Stable, dieback prone, in transition, unpredictable: roadside dieback prone but currently stable

Discussion: \_\_\_\_\_

• VISUAL IMPACT PROJECTION - ASSUMING EXTRACTION

High, Moderate, Low: Low - Inevident

Discussion: Alteration from highway: High-Dominant  
Alteration from Sullivan Rock, Mt. Vincent

• ASSESSMENT/RECOMMENDATION

Unacceptable

ALBANY HIGHWAY RESERVE - ALCOA PROPOSAL

## Visual Resource Analysis and Assessment

- **LATERITE AREA** Number 2
- **PROBABLE ORE UNIT** Letter G
- **SCREENING CATEGORY from POTENTIAL HIGHWAY VIEWPOINTS**  
**Dense, Moderately Dense, Sparse, Open:** Moderately dense to dense roadside; Open from Sullivan Rk track, Mt Vincent  
**Discussion:** only eastern part of unit seen from surveyed viewpoints.
- **VIEW ANALYSIS**  
**Number of Primary View Points:** Sullivan Rock; highway - currently screened; Mt Vincent  
**Critical Travel Direction:** none  
**Angle of View:** feature view from Sullivan Rock  
**Duration of View:** long  
**Other:** located on ridgeline as seen from S. Rock Track
- **STATUS of SCREEN**  
**Stable, dieback prone, in transition, unpredictable:** dieback prone  
**Discussion:**
- **VISUAL IMPACT PROJECTION - ASSUMING EXTRACTION**  
**High, Moderate, Low:** High - Dominant Alteration from Sullivan T.  
**Discussion:** Low - Inevident from highway, Western Portion of unit could be mined if no vegetation on ridgeline were disturbed - No notch on Skyline.
- **ASSESSMENT/RECOMMENDATION**  
No mining on ridge or east side - also check view from Mt. Vincent.  
West side - likely OK All seen from Vincent

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- LATERITE AREA

Number 2

- PROBABLE ORE UNIT

Letter H

- SCREENING CATEGORY from POTENTIAL HIGHWAY VIEWPOINTS

Dense, Moderately Dense, Sparse, Open:

Much of unit lies UNDER the highway, Open from Sullivan Road and Mt. Vincent.

Discussion:

Portions of unit are outside Reserve - Screening is dense to mod. dense adjacent to road

- VIEW ANALYSIS

Number of Primary View Points: \_\_\_\_\_

Critical Travel Direction: everywhereAngle of View: on top - fgDuration of View: long and intense

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

- STATUS of SCREEN

Stable, dieback prone, in transition, unpredictable:

dieback prone but stable at present

Discussion: \_\_\_\_\_

- VISUAL IMPACT PROJECTION - ASSUMING EXTRACTION

High, Moderate, Low:

High - Dominant Alteration

Discussion: \_\_\_\_\_

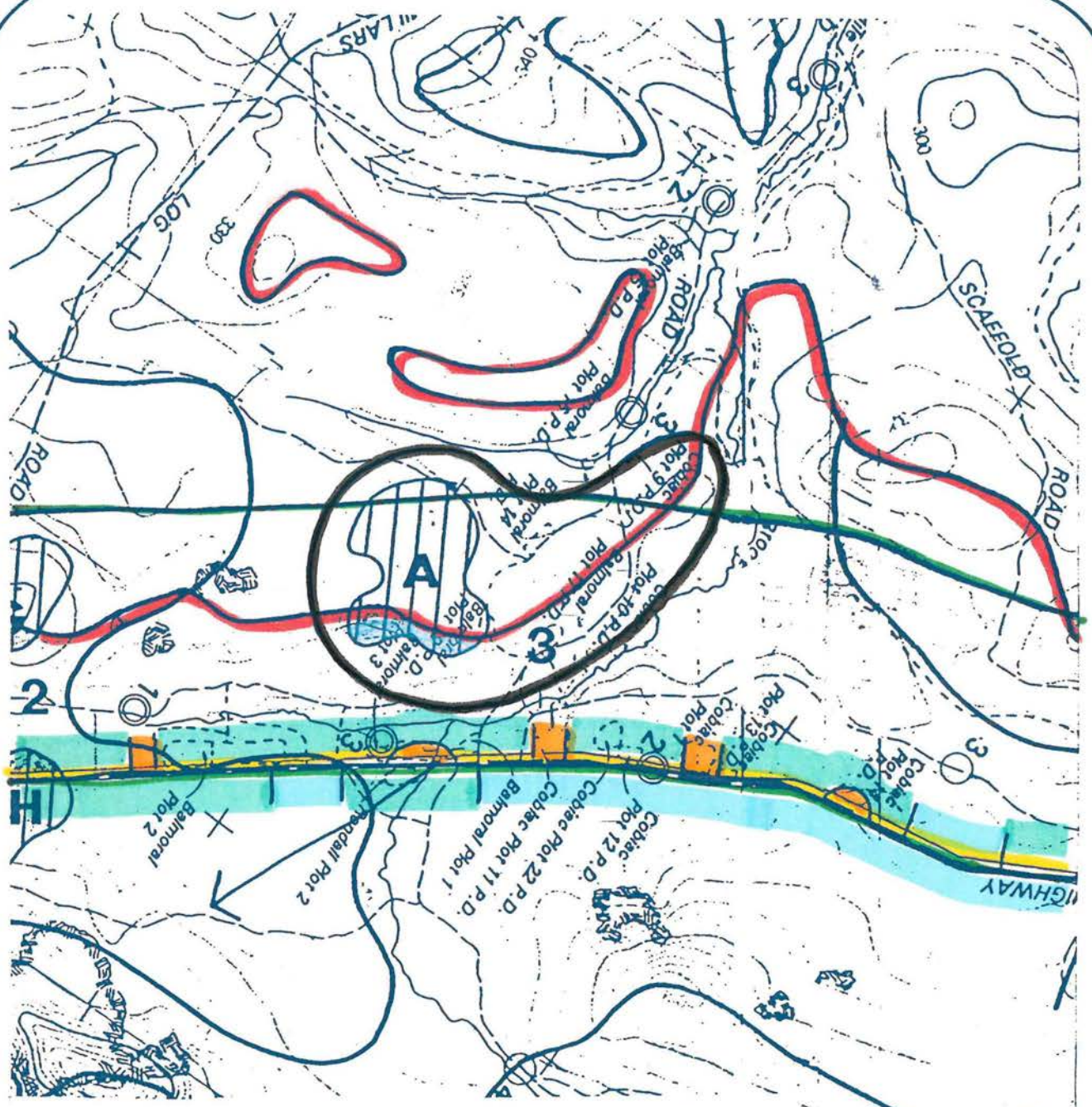
- ASSESSMENT/RECOMMENDATION

Unacceptable



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- **LATERITE AREA** Number 2
- **PROBABLE ORE UNIT** Letter I, J, K
- **SCREENING CATEGORY from POTENTIAL HIGHWAY VIEWPOINTS**  
**Dense, Moderately Dense, Sparse, Open:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Land form screening  
**Discussion:** Expect to be seen from Mt Vincent and other high points within Monadnock Reserve
- **VIEW ANALYSIS**  
**Number of Primary View Points:** Outside of seen area from highway and Sullivan Rock Viewpoints, Very  
**Critical Travel Direction:** oblique view to unit K from Mt. Vincent  
**Angle of View:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Duration of View:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Other:** \_\_\_\_\_
- **STATUS of SCREEN**  
**Stable, dieback prone, in transition, unpredictable:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Discussion:** \_\_\_\_\_
- **VISUAL IMPACT PROJECTION - ASSUMING EXTRACTION**  
**High, Moderate, Low:** Low - Inevident  
**Discussion:** Mod - unit K possibly seen from Mt. Vincent - Apparent but not dominant
- **ASSESSMENT/RECOMMENDATION**  
Uncertain, view from Mt Vincent must be checked. Done 10.8.86 - I and J acceptable. K - ok but exact location should be cross checked.



**LEGEND**

study area

travel route

seen area

laterite zone

ore unit

dense screen

moderate

sparse

open

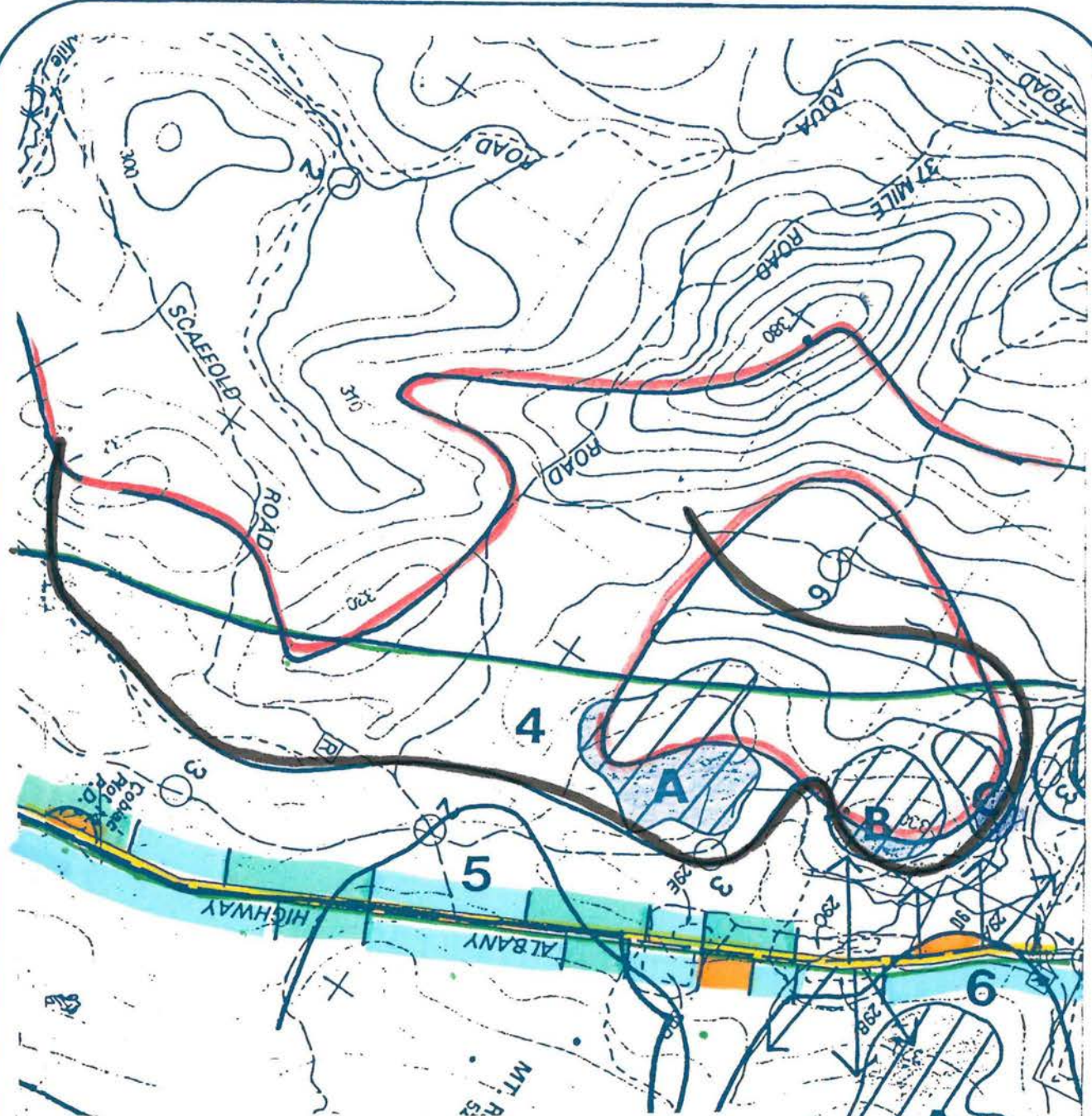
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**LEGEND**

study area	
travel route	
seen area	
laterite zone	
ore unit	
dense screen	
moderate	
sparse	
open	
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Visual Resource Analysis and Assessment

• LATERITE AREA Number 4

• PROBABLE ORE UNIT Letter A

• SCREENING CATEGORY from POTENTIAL HIGHWAY VIEWPOINTS
Dense, Moderately Dense, Sparse, Open: Moderately Dense with dense pockets
Discussion: Broken overstorey but effective understorey screen.

• VIEW ANALYSIS
Number of Primary View Points: highway
Critical Travel Direction: both

Angle of View: 45-90 degree oblique

Duration of View: moderate if screen removed

Other: screening complete due to oblique view, veg + low landform

• STATUS of SCREEN
Stable, dieback prone, in transition, unpredictable: Dieback prone but effective

Discussion:

• VISUAL IMPACT PROJECTION - ASSUMING EXTRACTION
High, Moderate, Low: Low - Inevitable Alteration

Discussion:

• ASSESSMENT/RECOMMENDATION
Acceptable; with caution

## ALBANY HIGHWAY RESERVE - ALCOA PROPOSAL

## Visual Resource Analysis and Assessment

## • LATERITE AREA

Number 4

## • PROBABLE ORE UNIT

Letter B and C

## • SCREENING CATEGORY from POTENTIAL HIGHWAY VIEWPOINTS

Dense, Moderately Dense, Sparse, Open: Open, recently cleared fgDiscussion: only parts of both units extend into seen area

## • VIEW ANALYSIS

Number of Primary View Points: Highway and Mt. RandleCritical Travel Direction: bothAngle of View: 45° - 90° as both fg and mgDuration of View: extended as focal view north to south  
moderate as seen south to northOther: ridgeline

## • STATUS of SCREEN

Stable, dieback prone, in transition, unpredictable: in transition  
but likely to remain sparse

Discussion:

## • VISUAL IMPACT PROJECTION - ASSUMING EXTRACTION

High, Moderate, Low: High - Dominant alteration forDiscussion: portions on and east of ridgeline.

## • ASSESSMENT/RECOMMENDATION

Portions Acceptable - if behind seen  
area and skyline vegetation is retained.



### LEGEND

study area

travel route

seen area

laterite zone

ore unit

dense screen

moderate

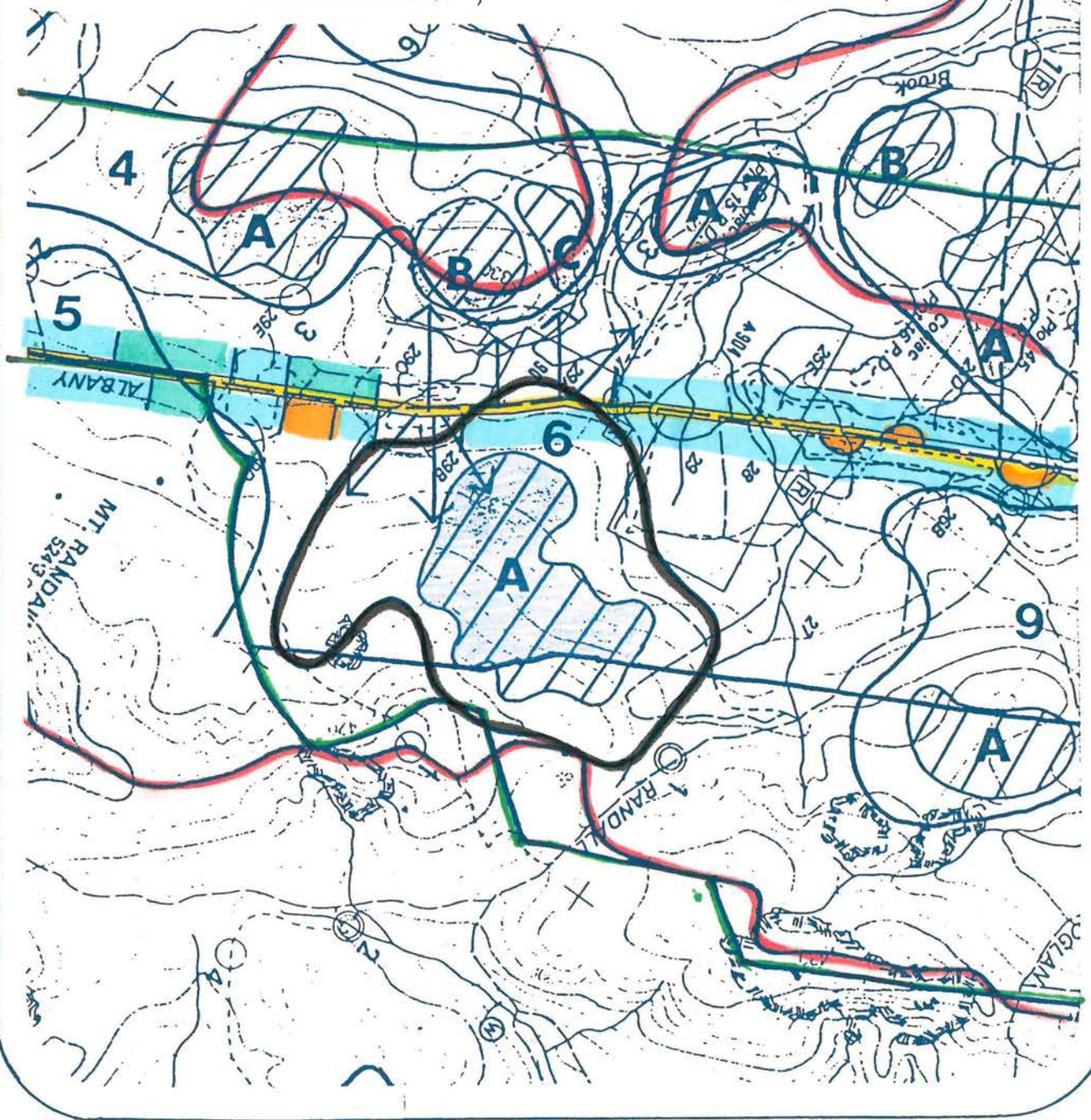
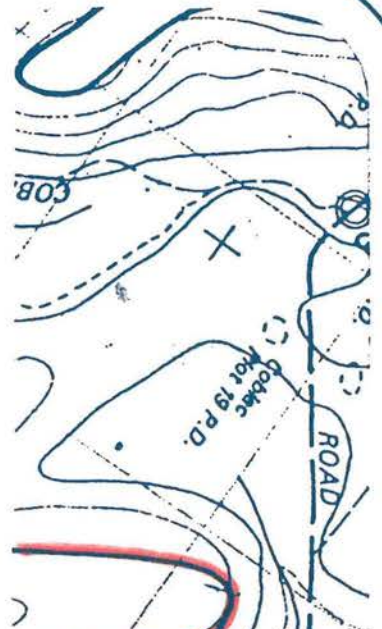
sparse

open

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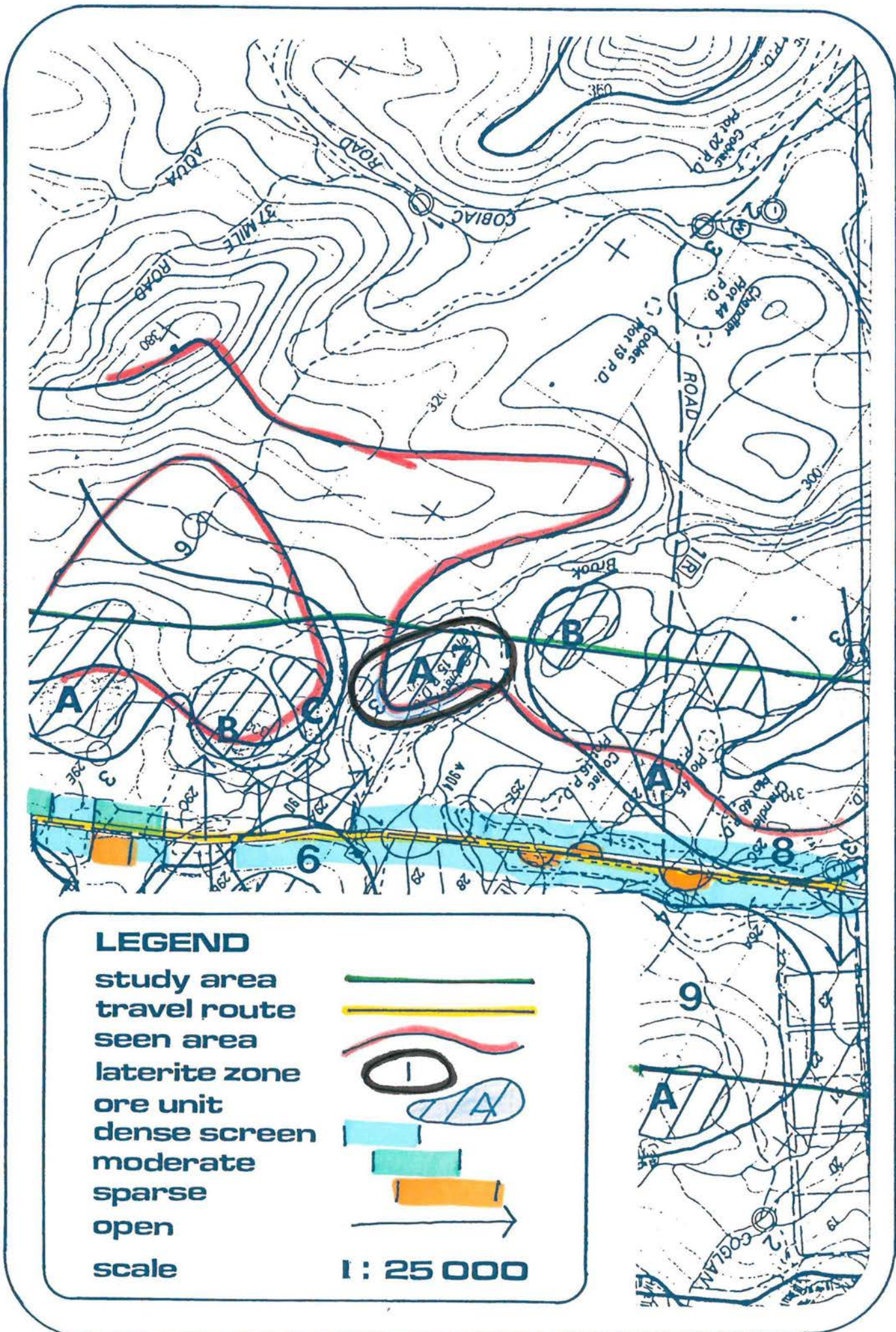


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## Visual Resource Analysis and Assessment

- **LATERITE AREA** Number 6
- **PROBABLE ORE UNIT** Letter A
- **SCREENING CATEGORY from POTENTIAL HIGHWAY VIEWPOINTS**  
 Dense, Moderately Dense, Sparse, Open: full range - open to very dense; open from mg-highway, dense pine screen  
 Discussion: adjacent fg.
- **VIEW ANALYSIS**  
 Number of Primary View Points: numerous highway points  
Mt. Randall  
 Critical Travel Direction: both - southbound most critical  
 Angle of View: 10°-90° - fg; oblique from South to north, feature when southbound  
 Duration of View: moderate to long  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_
- **STATUS of SCREEN**  
 Stable, dieback prone, in transition, unpredictable: Pine screen unpredictable, pockets already clear felled other  
 Discussion: areas dieback prone but currently stable. Essential to retain pine if mining to occur.
- **VISUAL IMPACT PROJECTION - ASSUMING EXTRACTION**  
 High, Moderate, Low: High - Dominant Alteration  
 Discussion: from fg-mg viewpoints with Mt Randall as view focus, Potentially high from other viewpoints if pine removed. Low to travelers northbound.
- **ASSESSMENT/RECOMMENDATION** Unacceptable





**LEGEND**

- study area 
- travel route 
- seen area 
- laterite zone 
- ore unit 
- dense screen 
- moderate 
- sparse 
- open 
- scale **1 : 25 000**



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- **LATERITE AREA** Number 7
- **PROBABLE ORE UNIT** Letter A
- **SCREENING CATEGORY from POTENTIAL HIGHWAY VIEWPOINTS**  
**Dense, Moderately Dense, Sparse, Open:** open foreground to mod dense to dense mg screen  
**Discussion:** Only edge of unit is within seen area from the highway
- **VIEW ANALYSIS**  
**Number of Primary View Points:** highway  
**Critical Travel Direction:** north  
**Angle of View:** 30° but distant  
**Duration of View:** moderate  
**Other:** Very critical skyline location
- **STATUS of SCREEN**  
**Stable, dieback prone, in transition, unpredictable:** Open with little change anticipated  
**Discussion:** Low wet area to remain open.
- **VISUAL IMPACT PROJECTION - ASSUMING EXTRACTION**  
**High, Moderate, Low:** High - Dominant alteration if  
**Discussion:** Skyline vegetation is disturbed. Low - Incident if behind seen area.
- **ASSESSMENT/RECOMMENDATION**  
Portions Acceptable - depending on exact boundaries of unit and extent of skyline disturbed.



**LEGEND**

study area

travel route

seen area

laterite zone

ore unit

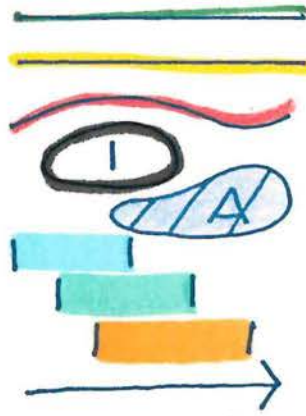
dense screen

moderate

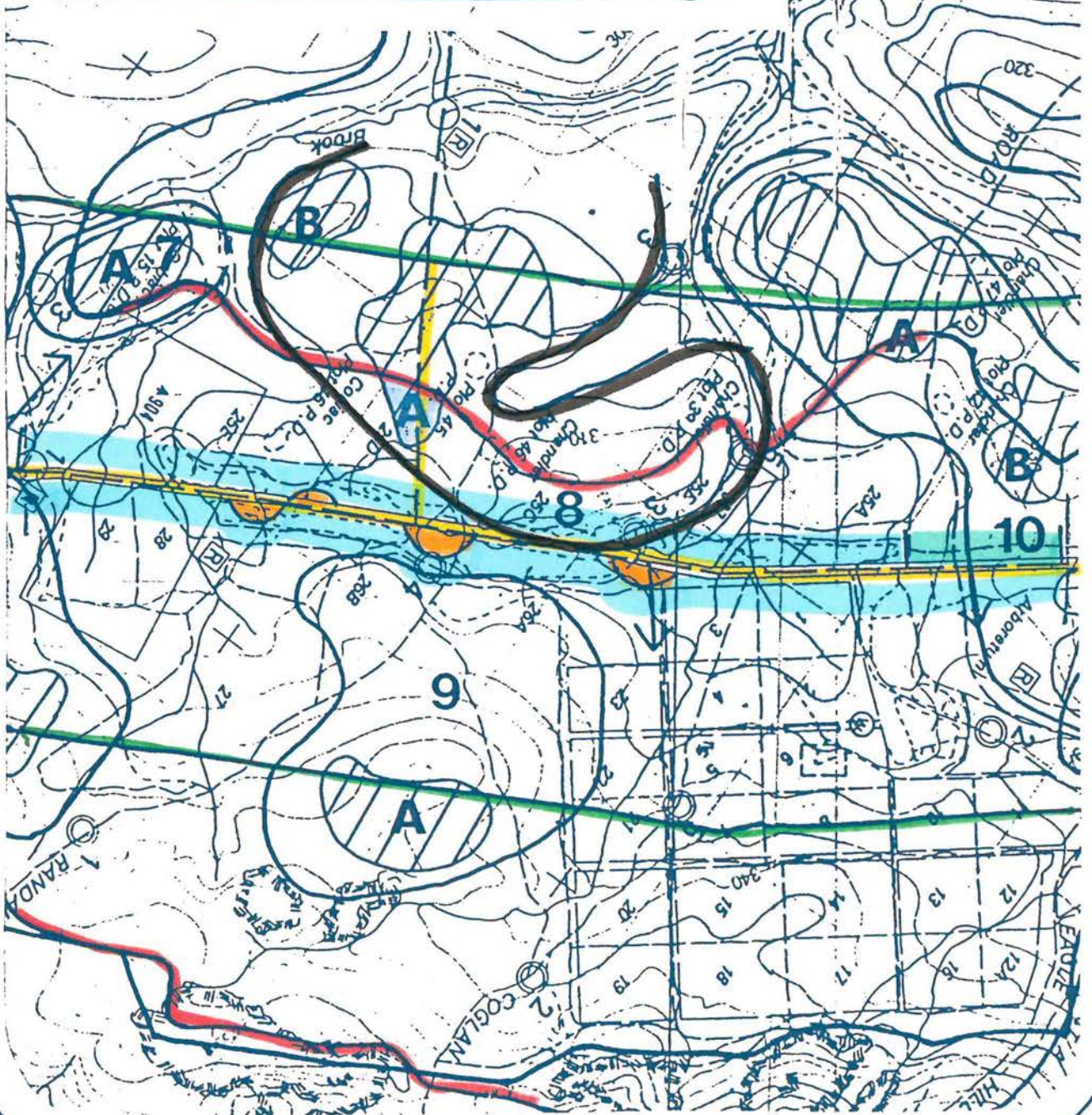
sparse

open

scale



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- **LATERITE AREA** Number 8
- **PROBABLE ORE UNIT** Letter A
- **SCREENING CATEGORY from POTENTIAL HIGHWAY VIEWPOINTS**  
 Dense, Moderately Dense, Sparce, Open: Open at junction of Hwy with Tarradale Road. Dense pine  
 Discussion: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_
- **VIEW ANALYSIS**  
 Number of Primary View Points: Highway and Tarradale Road (designated scenic drives)  
 Critical Travel Direction: neither  
 Angle of View: 90°  
 Duration of View: glimpse only unless turning into Tarradale Road. Potentially greater if pine is removed adjacent to hwy.  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_
- **STATUS of SCREEN**  
 Stable, dieback prone, in transition, unpredictable: \_\_\_\_\_  
unknown status of pine  
 Discussion: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_
- **VISUAL IMPACT PROJECTION - ASSUMING EXTRACTION**  
 High, Moderate, Low: Moderate - Apparent Alteration  
 Discussion: High-Dominant Alteration from Tarradale Road  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_
- **ASSESSMENT/RECOMMENDATION**  
Could be Acceptable from Highway viewpoint - assuming long term retention of pine  
Unacceptable from Tarradale Road view points.



**LEGEND**

study area

travel route

seen area

laterite zone

ore unit

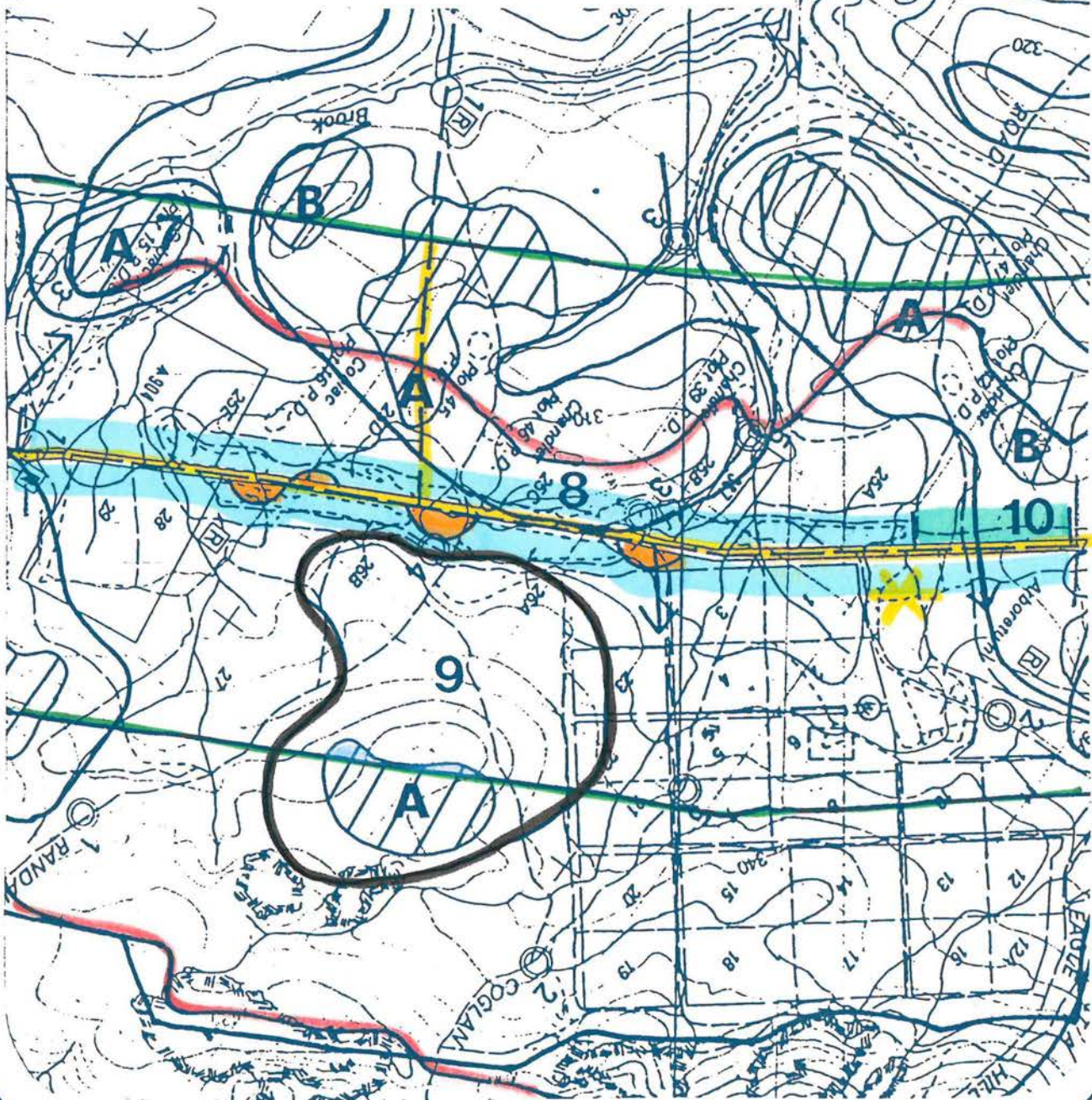
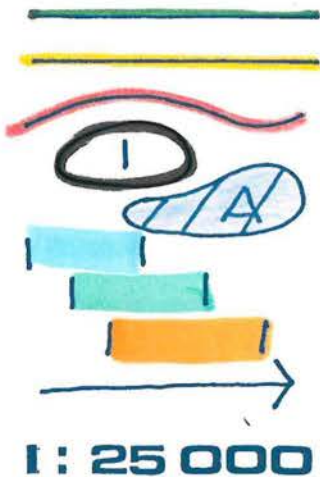
dense screen

moderate

sparse

open

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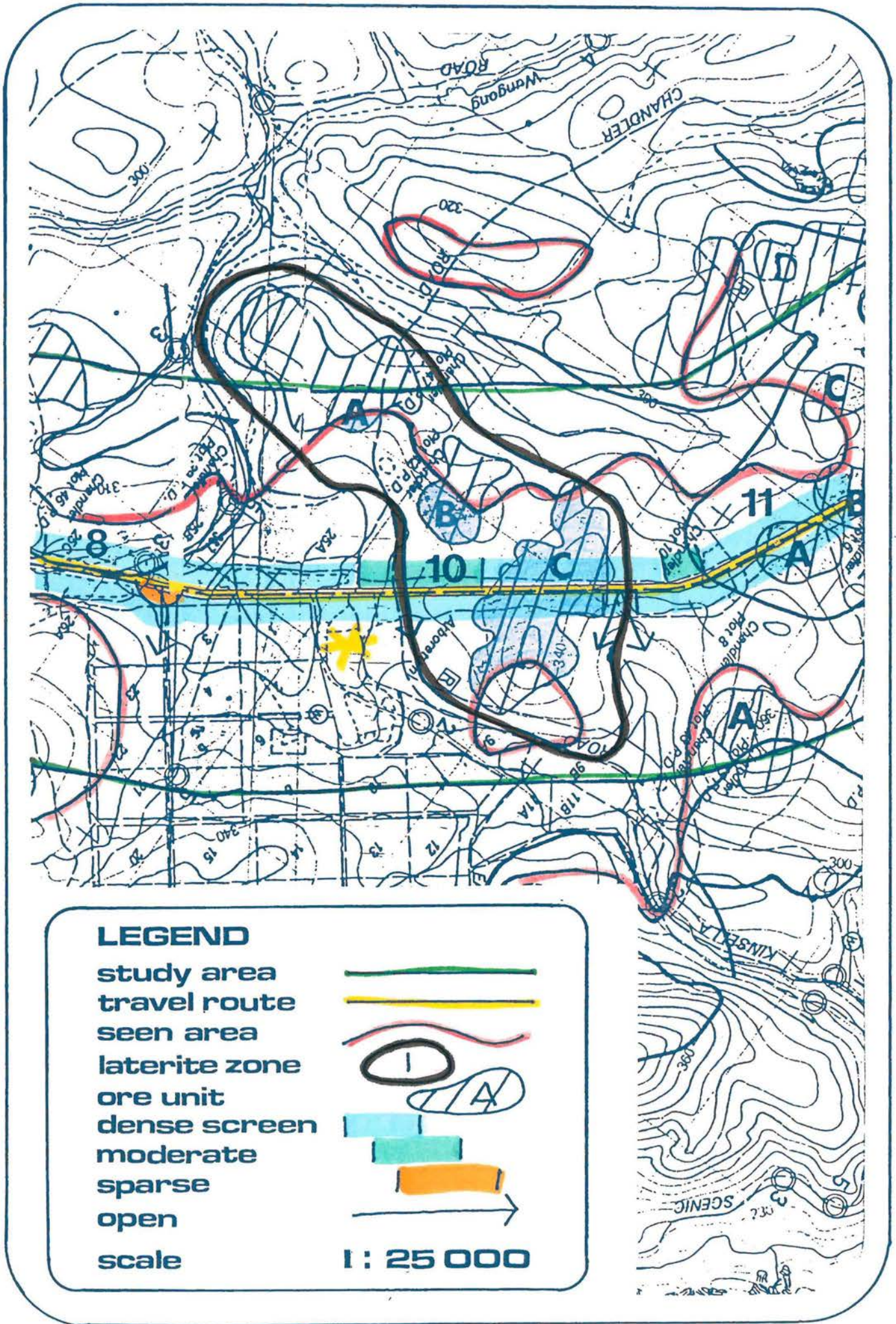




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- **LATERITE AREA** Number 9
- **PROBABLE ORE UNIT** Letter A
- **SCREENING CATEGORY from POTENTIAL HIGHWAY VIEWPOINTS**  
**Dense, Moderately Dense, Sparce, Open:** Dense screen;  
eventhough highway fq sparce in 2 places  
**Discussion:** \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_
- **VIEW ANALYSIS**  
**Number of Primary View Points:** highway, gleneagle picnic site  
**Critical Travel Direction:** Southbound  
**Angle of View:** 45° to 90°  
**Duration of View:** unknown, not sighted  
**Other:** very difficult to assess due to current pine screen
- **STATUS of SCREEN**  
**Stable, dieback prone, in transition, unpredictable:** \_\_\_\_\_  
unpredictable due to pine  
**Discussion:** \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_
- **VISUAL IMPACT PROJECTION - ASSUMING EXTRACTIION**  
**High, Moderate, Low:** Low - Inevident Alteration assuming  
**Discussion:** retention of pine  
High Dominant Alteration if  
pine removed (possible, but not verified)
- **ASSESSMENT/RECOMMENDATION**  
Very sensitive landscape  
within Monadnocks viewshed but mining  
might be acceptable. Further assessment required





**LEGEND**

study area

travel route

seen area

laterite zone

ore unit

dense screen

moderate

sparse

open

scale



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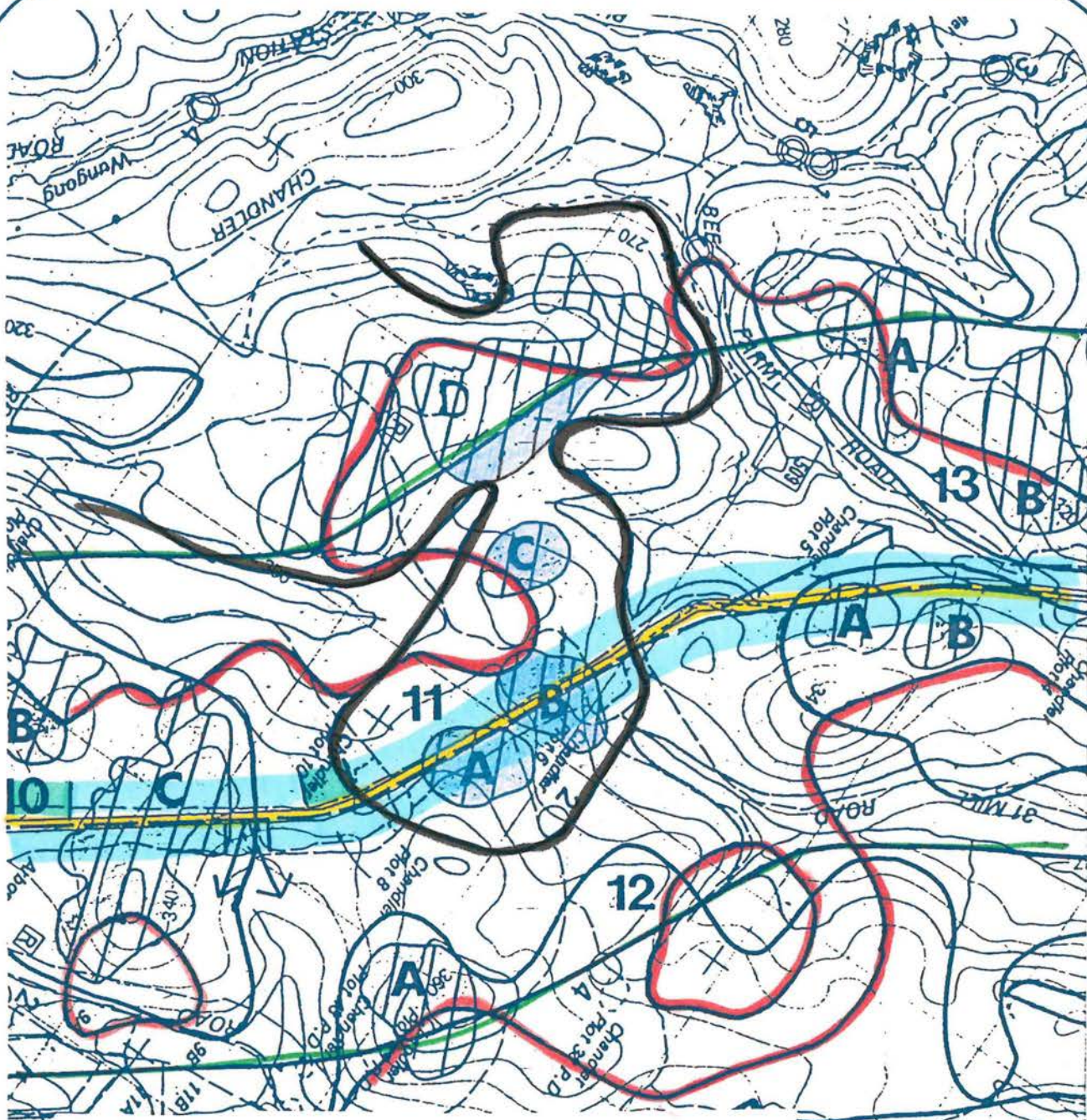














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- **LATERITE AREA** Number 10
- **PROBABLE ORE UNIT** Letter C
- **SCREENING CATEGORY from POTENTIAL HIGHWAY VIEWPOINTS**  
**Dense, Moderately Dense, Sparse, Open:** Open, as unit  
lies under the road; Dense adjacent to road.  
**Discussion:** \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_
- **VIEW ANALYSIS**  
**Number of Primary View Points:** highway  
**Critical Travel Direction:** both  
**Angle of View:** 90° to both portions east + west of hwy.  
**Duration of View:** extended  
**Other:** \_\_\_\_\_
- **STATUS of SCREEN**  
**Stable, dieback prone, in transition, unpredictable:** screen is dieback  
prone but currently stable.  
**Discussion:** Fg screen could effectively screen views to  
large portions of this unit.
- **VISUAL IMPACT PROJECTION - ASSUMING EXTRACTION**  
**High, Moderate, Low:** High - Dominant Alteration would  
**Discussion:** result.
- **ASSESSMENT/RECOMMENDATION** Unacceptable for large portions  
of the unit. Possible for areas beyond roadside screen.  
Further assessment required if portions to be mined.

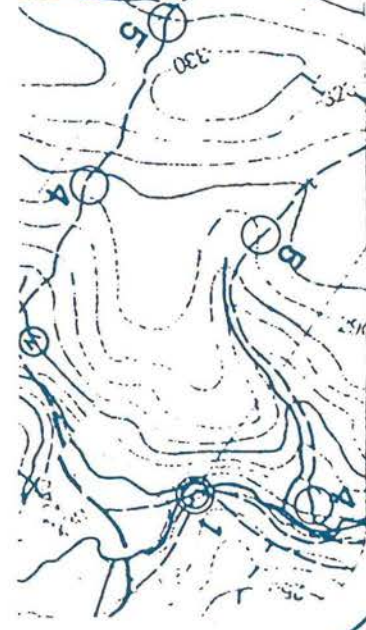




**LEGEND**

- study area 
- travel route 
- seen area 
- laterite zone 
- ore unit 
- dense screen 
- moderate 
- sparse 
- open 
- scale 

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- **LATERITE AREA** Number 11
- **PROBABLE ORE UNIT** Letter A and B
- **SCREENING CATEGORY from POTENTIAL HIGHWAY VIEWPOINTS**  
Dense, Moderately Dense, Sparce, Open: Dense screen both sides  
Discussion: Units lie over the road
- **VIEW ANALYSIS**  
Number of Primary View Points: highway  
Critical Travel Direction: both  
Angle of View: 45°-90°  
Duration of View: short  
Other: \_\_\_\_\_
- **STATUS of SCREEN**  
Stable, dieback prone, in transition, unpredictable: dieback prone  
but currently stable  
Discussion: \_\_\_\_\_
- **VISUAL IMPACT PROJECTION ASSUMING EXTRACTION**  
High, Moderate, Low: High - Dominant Alteration  
Discussion: \_\_\_\_\_
- **ASSESSMENT/RECOMMENDATION**  
No opportunity to mine any  
portion of these units without severe impact.

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## Visual Resource Analysis and Assessment

• LATERITE AREA

Number 11

• PROBABLE ORE UNIT

Letter C and D

• SCREENING CATEGORY from POTENTIAL HIGHWAY VIEWPOINTS

Dense, Moderately Dense, Sparse, Open: Open rock outcrop  
on roadside but dense screen behindDiscussion: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

• VIEW ANALYSIS

Number of Primary View Points: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_Critical Travel Direction: Southbound onlyAngle of View: 45°-60°Duration of View: shortOther: rolling oblique landform

• STATUS of SCREEN

Stable, dieback prone, in transition, unpredictable: rock is stable  
and dense screen understorey appears stableDiscussion: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

• VISUAL IMPACT PROJECTION - ASSUMING EXTRACTION

High, Moderate, Low: Low Inevitable AlterationDiscussion: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

• ASSESSMENT/RECOMMENDATION

Acceptable but unit C may be  
of concern depending on exact location on the land.  
Must be carefully assessed on-site.



**LEGEND**

study area

travel route

seen area

laterite zone

ore unit

dense screen

moderate

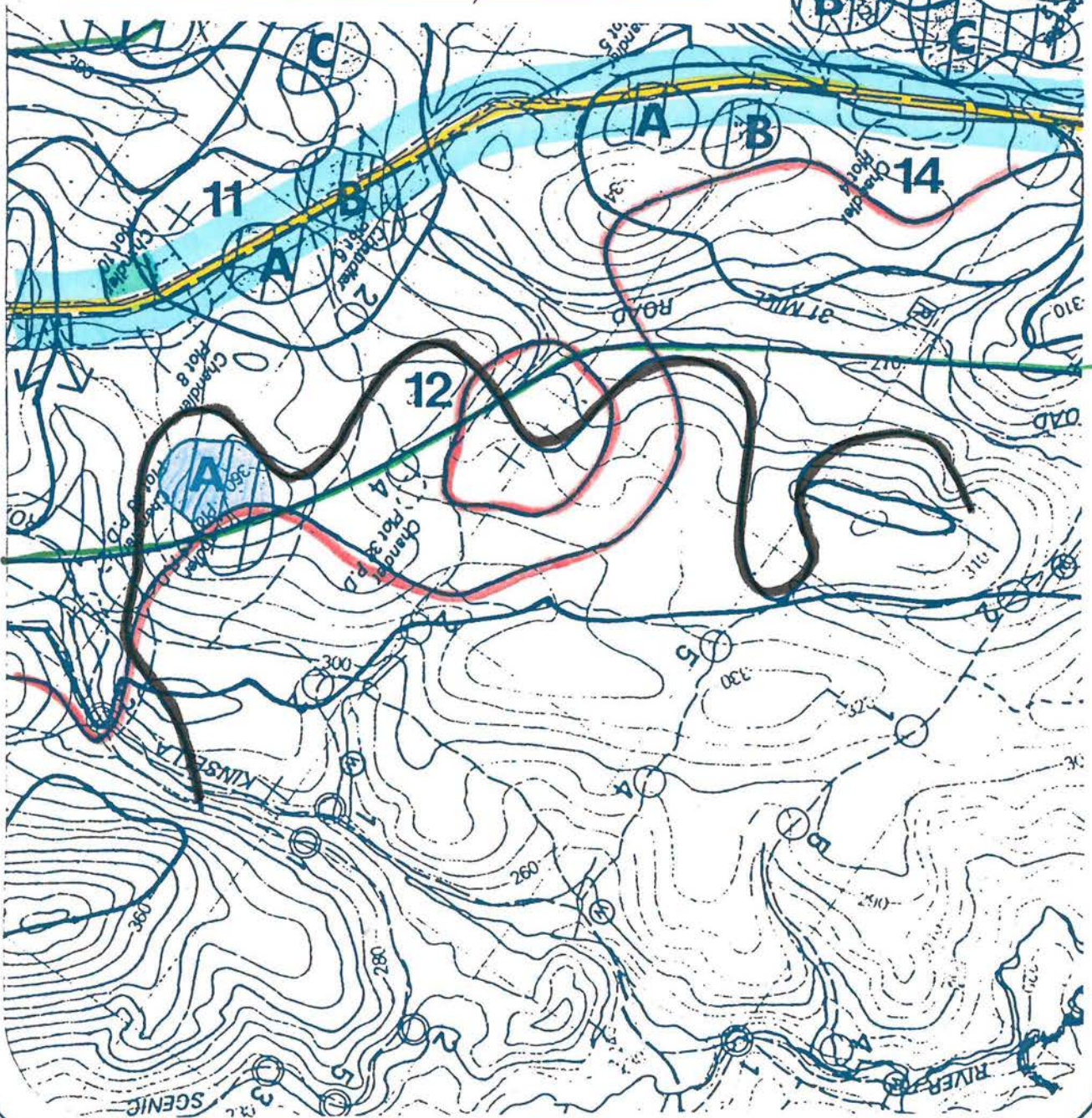
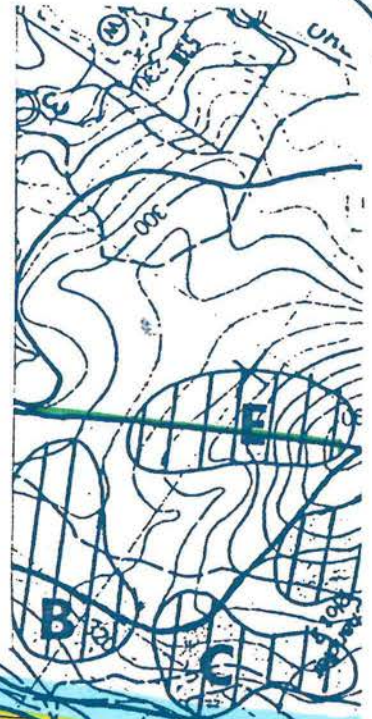
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## Visual Resource Analysis and Assessment

## • LATERITE AREA

Number 12

## • PROBABLE ORE UNIT

Letter A

## • SCREENING CATEGORY from POTENTIAL HIGHWAY VIEWPOINTS

Dense, Moderately Dense, Sparce, Open: Open to denseDiscussion: open view occurs due to road alignment and elevation and topographic variation.

## • VIEW ANALYSIS

Number of Primary View Points: highwayCritical Travel Direction: northbound onlyAngle of View: focal view to 30° - 1gDuration of View: moderateOther: located on view Skyline

## • STATUS of SCREEN

Stable, dieback prone, in transition, unpredictable: \_\_\_\_\_

None at critical view point; roadside vegetation  
Discussion: is stable but has no screening potential.

## • VISUAL IMPACT PROJECTION - ASSUMING EXTRACTION

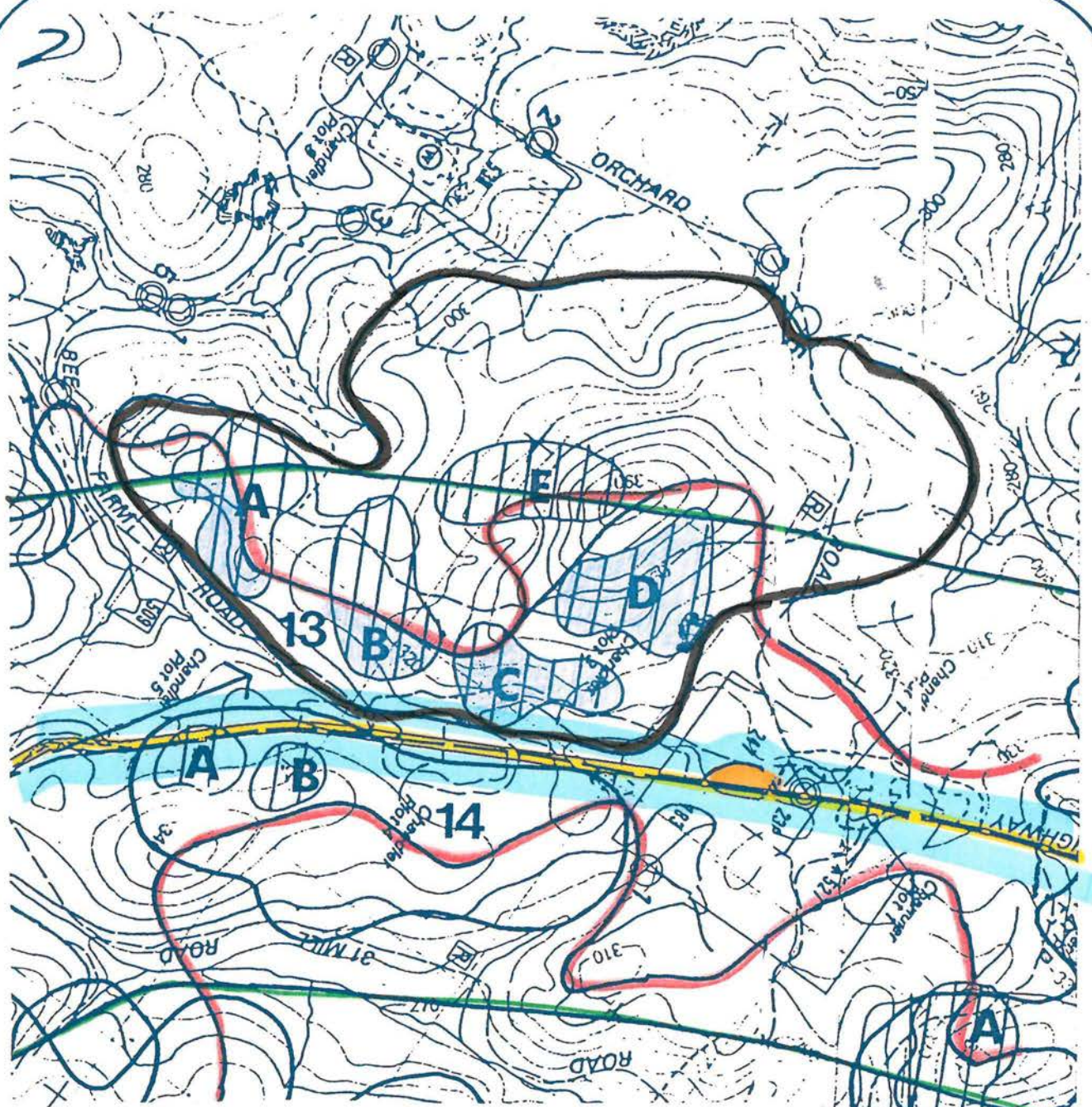
High, Moderate, Low: High - Dominant Alteration

Discussion: \_\_\_\_\_

## • ASSESSMENT/RECOMMENDATION

Unacceptable  
Area outside seen area could be mined if  
Skyline veg is undisturbed.





**LEGEND**

- study area
- travel route
- seen area
- laterite zone
- ore unit
- dense screen
- moderate
- sparse
- open
- scale

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• LATERITE AREA

Number 13

• PROBABLE ORE UNIT

Letter A

• SCREENING CATEGORY from POTENTIAL HIGHWAY VIEWPOINTS

Dense, Moderately Dense, Sparce, Open: Dense, both pine and native

Discussion: unseen from highway

• VIEW ANALYSIS

Number of Primary View Points: highway potential

Critical Travel Direction: both if seen

Angle of View: viewer level - oblique only

Duration of View: none at present

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

• STATUS of SCREEN

Stable, dieback prone, in transition, unpredictable: pine - unknown; native - stable

Discussion: Removal of pine would only slightly open views to this unit

• VISUAL IMPACT PROJECTION - ASSUMING EXTRACTION

High, Moderate, Low: Low - Inevident Alteration

Discussion: \_\_\_\_\_

• ASSESSMENT/RECOMMENDATION

Acceptable

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- **LATERITE AREA** Number 13
- **PROBABLE ORE UNIT** Letter Band C
- **SCREENING CATEGORY from POTENTIAL HIGHWAY VIEWPOINTS**  
 Dense, Moderately Dense, Sparse, Open: Dense - pine  
with mod dense native stand behind pine  
 Discussion: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_
- **VIEW ANALYSIS**  
 Number of Primary View Points: highway views now screened  
but potential high  
 Critical Travel Direction: both potentially  
 Angle of View: 30°-90° viewer below - fg.  
 Duration of View: none  
 Other: very close to roadside
- **STATUS of SCREEN**  
 Stable, dieback prone, in transition, unpredictable:  
Pine - unknown but recommended for removal  
 Discussion: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_
- **VISUAL IMPACT PROJECTION - ASSUMING EXTRACTION**  
 High, Moderate, Low: Low - with pine screen  
 Discussion: High - Dominant impact if pine removed.  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_
- **ASSESSMENT/RECOMMENDATION**  
Unacceptable  
Portions of unit outside seen area - acceptable

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- LATERITE AREA Number 13
- PROBABLE ORE UNIT Letter D
- SCREENING CATEGORY from POTENTIAL HIGHWAY VIEWPOINTS  
 Dense, Moderately Dense, Sparce, Open: Dense on roadside & Open in my view point on hwy south; large portions of unit currently screened from hwy viewpoints  
 Discussion: portions of unit currently screened from hwy viewpoints
- VIEW ANALYSIS  
 Number of Primary View Points: highway  
 Critical Travel Direction: northbound  
 Angle of View: focal point on skyline  
 Duration of View: moderate length of view  
 Other: on skyline for some of unit - critical
- STATUS of SCREEN  
 Stable, dieback prone, in transition, unpredictable: pine - uncertain if pine removed more of unit will be visible  
 Discussion: pine is recommended for removal
- VISUAL IMPACT PROJECTION - ASSUMING EXTRACTION  
 High, Moderate, Low: LOW - if ridge is avoided, no skyline  
 Discussion: knock and pine is retained High if pine is removed - skyline is disturbed
- ASSESSMENT/RECOMMENDATION  
Unacceptable - assuming removal of pine.



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## • LATERITE AREA

Number 13

## • PROBABLE ORE UNIT

Letter E

## • SCREENING CATEGORY from POTENTIAL HIGHWAY VIEWPOINTS

Dense, Moderately Dense, Sparse, Open: Dense on roadside - pine;  
Dense native - also on roadsideDiscussion: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## • VIEW ANALYSIS

Number of Primary View Points: One primary viewpoint on  
highway southCritical Travel Direction: north boundAngle of View: 20° from focal, mg.Duration of View: ShortOther: could be on lateral skyline

## • STATUS of SCREEN

Stable, dieback prone, in transition, unpredictable: \_\_\_\_\_

pine uncertain, native - stable but dieback prone  
Discussion: Critical view is without screening veg.

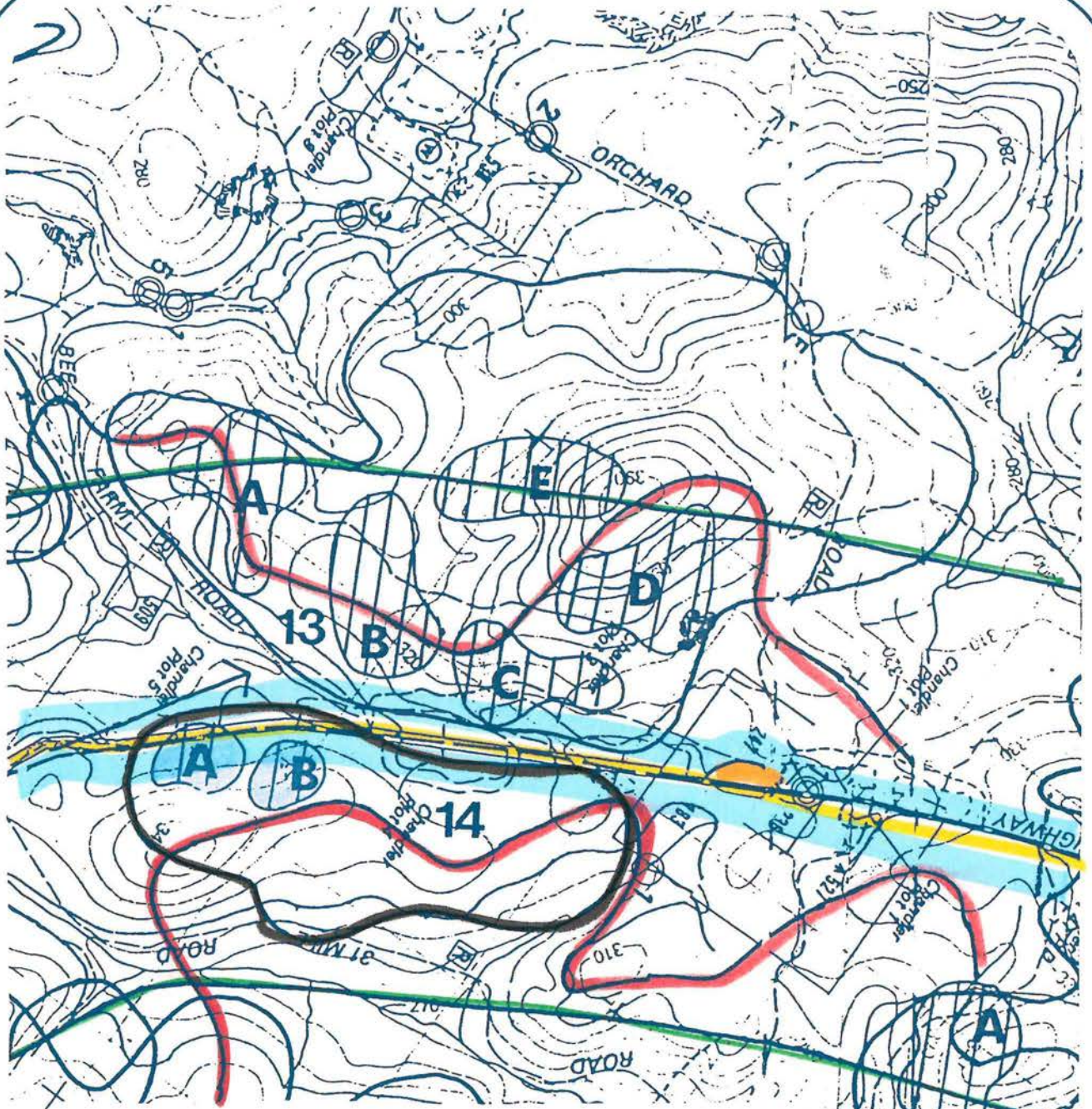
## • VISUAL IMPACT PROJECTION - ASSUMING EXTRACTION

High, Moderate, Low: Probably LOW - but depends onDiscussion: exact location of unit.  
Moderate - if skyline is disturbed

## • ASSESSMENT/RECOMMENDATION

Acceptable with caution





**LEGEND**

study area

travel route

seen area

laterite zone

ore unit

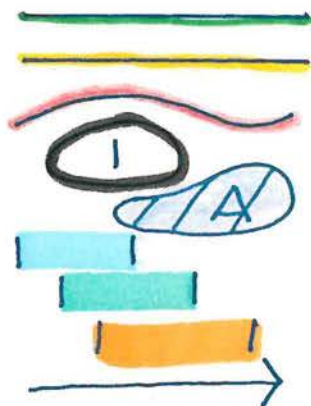
dense screen

moderate

sparse

open

scale



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• LATERITE AREA Number 14

• PROBABLE ORE UNIT Letter A

• SCREENING CATEGORY from POTENTIAL HIGHWAY VIEWPOINTS  
Dense, Moderately Dense, Sparce, Open: Dense

Discussion: Screen would be removed to mine this unit

• VIEW ANALYSIS  
Number of Primary View Points: highway points

Critical Travel Direction: both

Angle of View: unit lies over the road, fg

Duration of View: long-both directions

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

• STATUS of SCREEN  
Stable, dieback prone, in transition, unpredictable: Stable jarrah-association but dieback prone

Discussion: \_\_\_\_\_

• VISUAL IMPACT PROJECTION - ASSUMING EXTRACTION  
High, Moderate, Low: High - Dominant Alteration

Discussion: \_\_\_\_\_

• ASSESSMENT/RECOMMENDATION  
Not acceptable







**LEGEND**

study area

travel route

seen area

laterite zone

ore unit

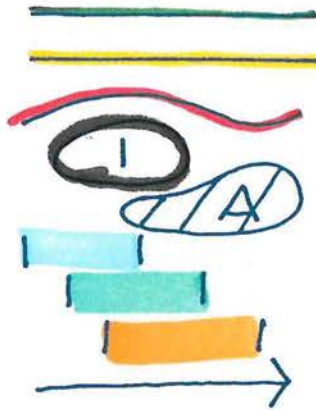
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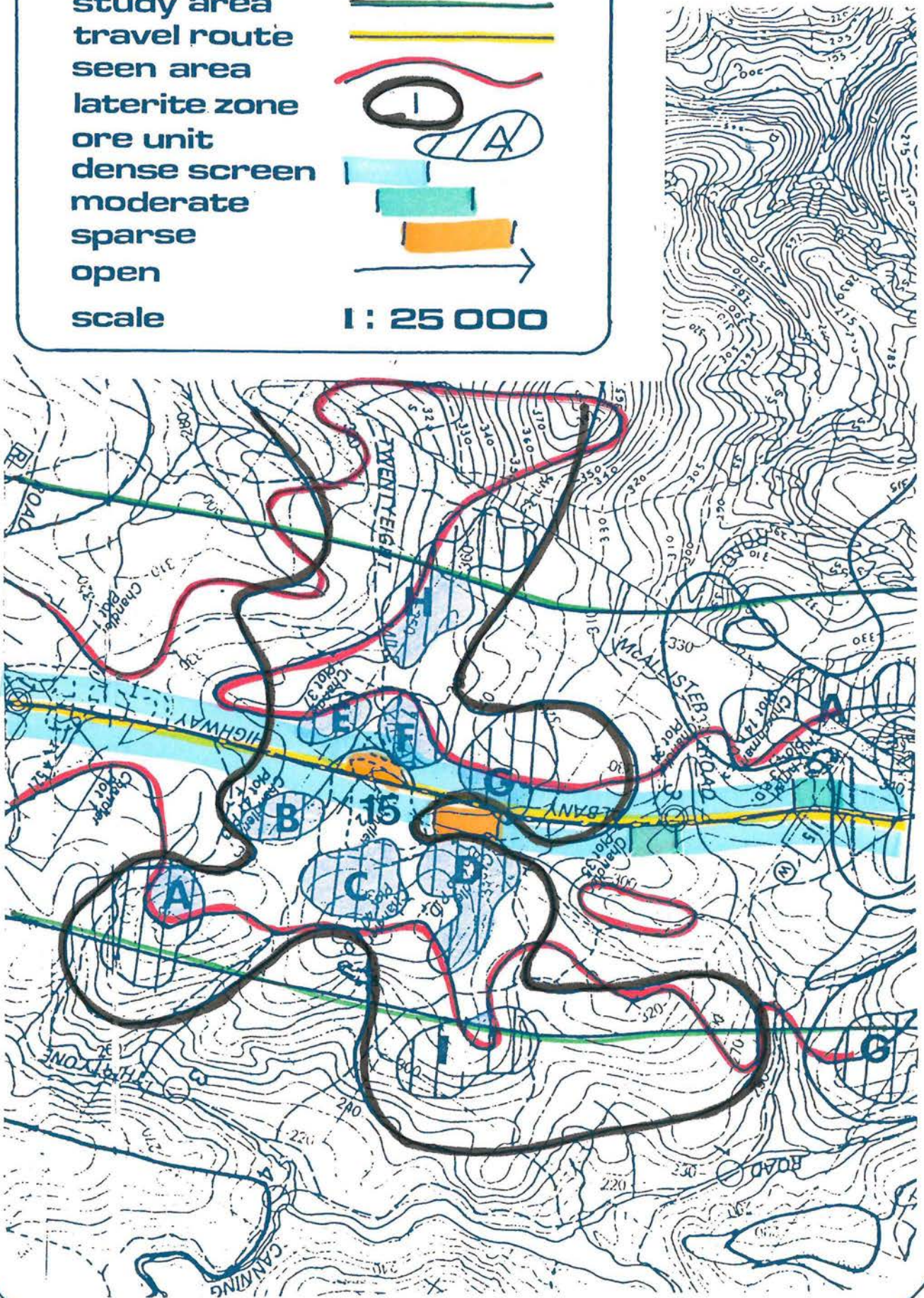
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ALBANY HIGHWAY RESERVE - ALCOA PROPOSAL

## Visual Resource Analysis and Assessment

- **LATERITE AREA** Number 15
- **PROBABLE ORE UNIT** Letter B
- **SCREENING CATEGORY from POTENTIAL HIGHWAY VIEWPOINTS**  
**Dense, Moderately Dense, Sparse, Open:** Dense - both pine and jarrah asso.  
**Discussion:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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- **VIEW ANALYSIS**  
**Number of Primary View Points:** highway  
**Critical Travel Direction:** South bound  
**Angle of View:** 10° - 30°, never above, fg.  
**Duration of View:** moderate potential  
**Other:** alignment of road critical focus of view if pine removed.
- **STATUS of SCREEN**  
**Stable, dieback prone, in transition, unpredictable:** Pine likely to be clear-felled as recommended by Corridor Study.  
**Discussion:** Native screen - stable but dieback prone.  
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- **VISUAL IMPACT PROJECTION - ASSUMING EXTRACTION**  
**High, Moderate, Low:** Low - Inevitable Alteration if screen is maintained  
**Discussion:** is maintained  
Moderate - Apparent if pine is removed. - Need for reassessment once pine is removed to determine impact.
- **ASSESSMENT/RECOMMENDATION**  
Possible depending on screen removal and exact location of ore body.

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- **PROBABLE ORE UNIT** Letter C
- **SCREENING CATEGORY from POTENTIAL HIGHWAY VIEWPOINTS**  
**Dense, Moderately Dense, Sparce, Open:** Dense - pine,  
Dense - native  
**Discussion:** Dense pine screen immediately adjacent to  
highway.
- **VIEW ANALYSIS**  
**Number of Primary View Points:** highway  
**Critical Travel Direction:** both  
**Angle of View:** 45°-90° never above to level  
**Duration of View:** moderate potential  
**Other:** \_\_\_\_\_
- **STATUS of SCREEN**  
**Stable, dieback prone, in transition, unpredictable:**  
Unstable - pine recommended for removal as  
**Discussion:** it has silviculturally failed.  
Native screen - stable but dieback prone
- **VISUAL IMPACT PROJECTION - ASSUMING EXTRACTION**  
**High, Moderate, Low:** High - Dominant Alteration assuming  
**Discussion:** pine removal  
Low - Inevident if pine is retained
- **ASSESSMENT/RECOMMENDATION**  
Unacceptable

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- LATERITE AREA Number 15
- PROBABLE ORE UNIT Letter D
- SCREENING CATEGORY from POTENTIAL HIGHWAY VIEWPOINTS  
Dense, Moderately Dense, Sparse, Open: Sparse  
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Discussion: \_\_\_\_\_  
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- VIEW ANALYSIS  
Number of Primary View Points: highway  
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Critical Travel Direction: both, but primarily southbound  
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Angle of View: focal point to 90°, viewer below, fg  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Duration of View: long  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Other: \_\_\_\_\_
- STATUS of SCREEN  
Stable, dieback prone, in transition, unpredictable: Sparse but  
stable, little potential for increased screening  
Discussion: unless planted.  
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- VISUAL IMPACT PROJECTION - ASSUMING EXTRACTION  
High, Moderate, Low: High - Dominant Alteration  
Discussion: \_\_\_\_\_  
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- ASSESSMENT/RECOMMENDATION Unacceptable  
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• PROBABLE ORE UNIT Letter: E and F

• SCREENING CATEGORY from POTENTIAL HIGHWAY VIEWPOINTS  
Dense, Moderately Dense, Sparce, Open: Sparce with a few open areas

Discussion: \_\_\_\_\_  
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• VIEW ANALYSIS  
Number of Primary View Points: highway - recently realigned bit of roadway elevated thus enhancing view potential

Critical Travel Direction: both

Angle of View: 45°-90° viewer level

Duration of View: moderath

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

• STATUS of SCREEN  
Stable, dieback prone, in transition, unpredictable: Sparce screen stable - not likely to increase in screening potential

Discussion: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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• VISUAL IMPACT PROJECTION - ASSUMING EXTRACTION  
High, Moderate, Low: high - Dominant Aberration

Discussion: \_\_\_\_\_  
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• ASSESSMENT/RECOMMENDATION Unacceptable

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- **LATERITE AREA** Number 15
- **PROBABLE ORE UNIT** Letter G
- **SCREENING CATEGORY from POTENTIAL HIGHWAY VIEWPOINTS**  
Dense, Moderately Dense, Sparce, Open: Dense
- Discussion: \_\_\_\_\_  
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- **VIEW ANALYSIS**  
Number of Primary View Points: highway
- Critical Travel Direction: both, unit lies under highway
- Angle of View: fg
- Duration of View: long duration
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_
- **STATUS of SCREEN**  
Stable, dieback prone, in transition, unpredictable: currently stable  
parrah asso but dieback prone
- Discussion: Density could effectively screen parts of  
this unit.
- **VISUAL IMPACT PROJECTION - ASSUMING EXTRACTION**  
High, Moderate, Low: High - Dominant Alteration -
- Discussion: in fg distance zone  
: Low - If fg screen is maintained
- **ASSESSMENT/RECOMMENDATION**  
Unacceptable for entire unit - ridge,  
possible for portions if screen effectively retained

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• PROBABLE ORE UNIT Letter H and I

• SCREENING CATEGORY from POTENTIAL HIGHWAY VIEWPOINTS  
Dense, Moderately Dense, Sparse, Open: Dense

Discussion: \_\_\_\_\_  
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• VIEW ANALYSIS  
Number of Primary View Points: \_\_\_\_\_

Critical Travel Direction: \_\_\_\_\_

Angle of View: distant and oblique to viewer -

Duration of View: fringe of seen area, unseen with screening  
vegetation

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

• STATUS of SCREEN  
Stable, dieback prone, in transition, unpredictable: Dense screen

compounded by distance

Discussion: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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• VISUAL IMPACT PROJECTION - ASSUMING EXTRACTION  
High, Moderate, Low: low - moderate alteration

Discussion: \_\_\_\_\_  
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• ASSESSMENT/RECOMMENDATION Acceptable







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- **LATERITE AREA** Number 16
- **PROBABLE ORE UNIT** Letter A
- **SCREENING CATEGORY from POTENTIAL HIGHWAY VIEWPOINTS**  
Dense, Moderately Dense, Sparse, Open: Sparse to rock formation on slope  
Discussion: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- **VIEW ANALYSIS**  
Number of Primary View Points: highway  
Critical Travel Direction: northbound  
Angle of View: 10° to 30°, fg  
Duration of View: short  
Other: could impinge on skyline
- **STATUS of SCREEN**  
Stable, dieback prone, in transition, unpredictable: Sparse but stable - dieback prone  
Discussion: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- **VISUAL IMPACT PROJECTION - ASSUMING EXTRACTION**  
High, Moderate, Low: High - Dominant Alteration if  
Discussion: expanding onto skyline  
: Low - Inevitable if behind ridge
- **ASSESSMENT/RECOMMENDATION**  
Possible if no skyline notch



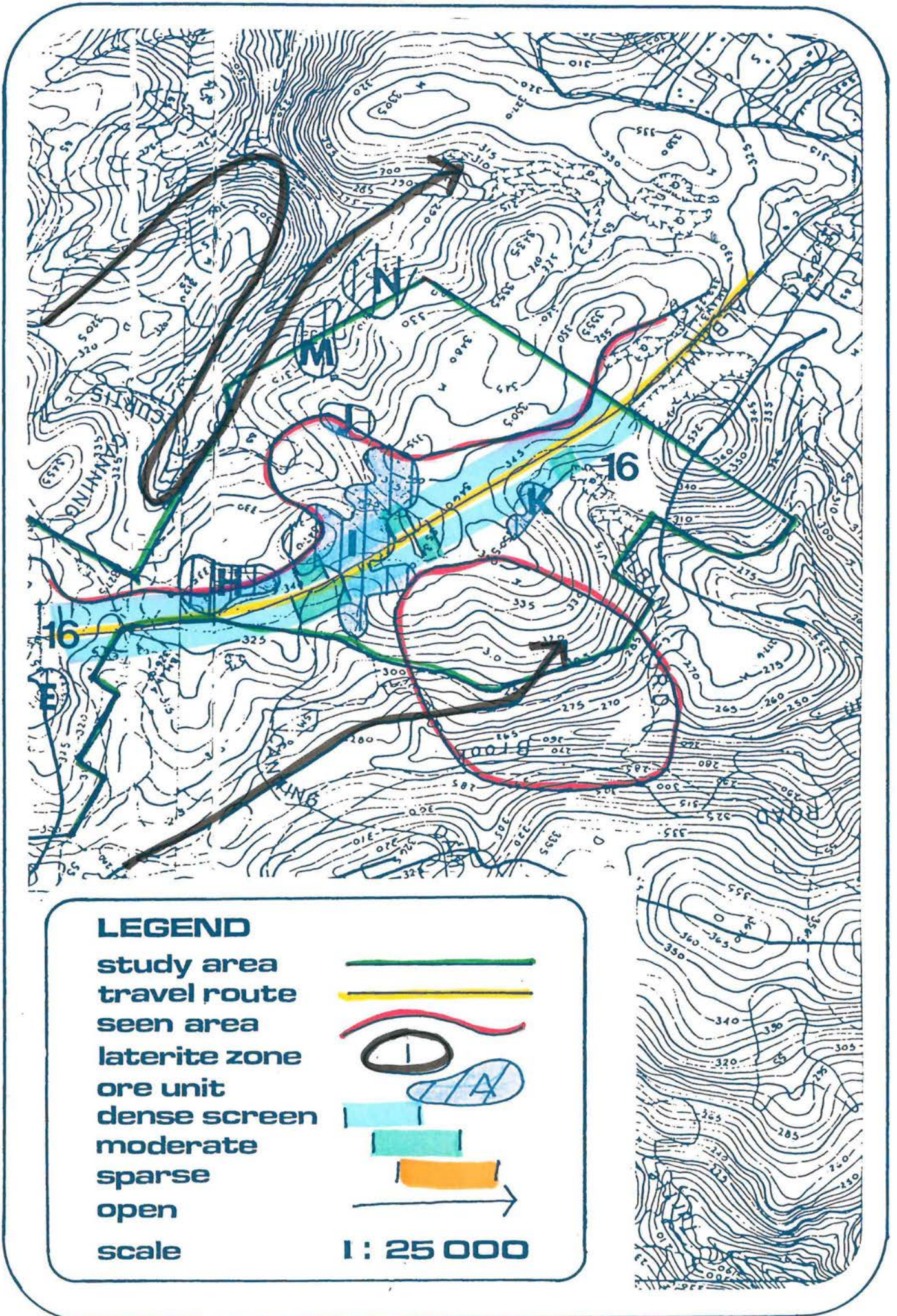


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- **LATERITE AREA** Number 16
- **PROBABLE ORE UNIT** Letter C
- **SCREENING CATEGORY from POTENTIAL HIGHWAY VIEWPOINTS**  
 Dense, Moderately Dense, Sparse, Open: Dense immediate fg  
but open from mg points south  
 Discussion: \_\_\_\_\_  
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- **VIEW ANALYSIS**  
 Number of Primary View Points: highway  
 Critical Travel Direction: northbound  
 Angle of View: focal to 30° - viewer level  
 Duration of View: moderate  
 Other: on lateral skyline
- **STATUS of SCREEN**  
 Stable, dieback prone, in transition, unpredictable: Stable fg but  
open area on hwy south to remain  
 Discussion: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
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- **VISUAL IMPACT PROJECTION - ASSUMING EXTRACTION**  
 High, Moderate, Low: High - Dominant Alteration  
 Discussion: Skyline notch likely  
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- **ASSESSMENT/RECOMMENDATION** Unacceptable  
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**LEGEND**

study area

travel route

seen area

laterite zone

ore unit

dense screen

moderate

sparse

open

scale



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- **PROBABLE ORE UNIT** Letter H
- **SCREENING CATEGORY from POTENTIAL HIGHWAY VIEWPOINTS**  
Dense, Moderately Dense, Sparse, Open: Dense  
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**Discussion:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- **VIEW ANALYSIS**  
Number of Primary View Points: highway  
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Critical Travel Direction: both  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Angle of View: variable, 7g  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Duration of View: moderate  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Other: \_\_\_\_\_
- **STATUS of SCREEN**  
Stable, dieback prone, in transition, unpredictable: Stable but  
dieback prone  
\_\_\_\_\_  
**Discussion:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- **VISUAL IMPACT PROJECTION - ASSUMING EXTRACTION**  
High, Moderate, Low: High - where unit extends to highway  
**Discussion:** Low to Moderate - if screen can be  
retained or unit remains out of seen  
area completely  
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\_\_\_\_\_
- **ASSESSMENT/RECOMMENDATION**  
Possible but must  
remain inevent, portion close to road  
unacceptable  
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*Visual Resource Analysis and Assessment*

• LATERITE AREA Number 16

• PROBABLE ORE UNIT Letter 1

• SCREENING CATEGORY from POTENTIAL HIGHWAY VIEWPOINTS  
Dense, Moderately Dense, Sparce, Open: Dense

Discussion: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

• VIEW ANALYSIS

Number of Primary View Points: highway

Critical Travel Direction: both

Angle of View: unit lies on roadway

Duration of View: long

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

• STATUS of SCREEN

Stable, dieback prone, in transition, unpredictable: Stable but dieback prone

Discussion: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

• VISUAL IMPACT PROJECTION - ASSUMING EXTRACTION

High, Moderate, Low: High - portion under road and

Discussion: adjacent  
Low - portions retained behind neg fg screen

• ASSESSMENT/RECOMMENDATION

Unacceptable - roadside portion  
Possible behind effective screen





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• LATERITE AREA Number 16

• PROBABLE ORE UNIT Letter K

• SCREENING CATEGORY from POTENTIAL HIGHWAY VIEWPOINTS  
Dense, Moderately Dense, Sparce, Open: Dense

Discussion:

• VIEW ANALYSIS

Number of Primary View Points: highway

Critical Travel Direction: both

Angle of View: unseen but 45°-90°

Duration of View: none at present

Other:

• STATUS of SCREEN

Stable, dieback prone, in transition, unpredictable: Stable but dieback prone

Discussion:

• VISUAL IMPACT PROJECTION - ASSUMING EXTRACTION

High, Moderate, Low: Low - if screen is maintained

Discussion: Insufficient data available on this unit

• ASSESSMENT/RECOMMENDATION

Possible depending on exact location and extent of unit

**ASSESSMENT SUMMARY**

## Area 1, unit A

Low impact; no visual conflict anticipated.

Recommendation; Acceptable.

## Area 2, units A,B,C,D,E and F

High impact; visual dominance certain if mined.

Recommendation; Unacceptable.

## Area 2, unit G

High impact east of ridge; visually dominant.

Low impact west of ridge; visually inevident from highway view points.

Recommendation; Unacceptable-part; Possible-part.

## Area 2, unit H

High impact; visual dominance certain if mined.

Recommendation; Unacceptable.

## Area 2, units I,J,K

Low impact; visually inevident.

Recommendation; Acceptable.

## Area 3, unit A

Moderate impact; visually apparent but not dominant due to topography and view angle.

Recommendation; Possible.

## Area 4, unit A

Low impact; visually inevident.

Caution recommended.

Recommendation; Possible.

## Area 4, units B &amp; C

High impact; visual dominance certain east of ridge.

Low impact; visually inevident west of ridge out of seen area.

Recommendation; Unacceptable-part; Acceptable-part.

## Area 5, No ore units within study area.

## Area 6, unit A

High impact; visual dominance certain if mined.

Recommendation; Unacceptable.

## Area 7, unit A

High impact; visual dominance certain east of ridge.

Low impact; visually inevident west of seen area ridge.

Retention of skyline vegetation intact - essential.

Recommendation; Unacceptable-part; Acceptable-part.

## Area 8, unit A

High impact; visual dominance certain from Jarrahdale Road and if pine screen is lost on the Highway.

Recommendation; Unacceptable.



## Area 9, unit A

Unclear; more detailed study required if mining seriously considered.  
Recommendation; Possible.

## Area 10, unit A

Low impact; visually inevident.  
Recommendation; Acceptable.

## Area 10, unit B

Moderate impact; visually apparent but not dominant due to topography and vegetation screening.  
Within seen area - caution required.  
Recommendation; Possible.

## Area 10, unit C

High impact; visual dominance certain.  
Mining possible for portions of unit behind roadside screen.  
Recommendation; Unacceptable-part; Possible-part.

## Area 11, units A &amp; B

High impact; visual dominance certain.  
Recommendation; Unacceptable.

## Area 11, unit C

Low impact; inevident.  
Exact location of ore should be carefully monitored - caution is required as impact level could change.  
Recommendation; Acceptable to Possible (more data required).

## Area 11, unit D

Low impact; visually inevident.  
Recommendation; Acceptable.

## Area 12, unit A

High impact; visual dominance certain.  
Recommendation; Unacceptable.

## Area 13, unit A

Low impact; visually inevident.  
Could be apparent if pine screen removed.  
Recommendation; Possible.

## Area 13, unit B

High impact east of ridge, visually dominant.  
Low impact west of ridge, visually inevident.  
Recommendation; Unacceptable-part; Acceptable-part.

## Area 13, unit C &amp; D

High impact; visually dominant assuming removal of roadside screen.  
Recommendation; Unacceptable.

- Area 13, unit E  
Low impact; visually inevident depending on exact location of ore body.  
Caution recommended.  
Recommendation; Possible (more data required).
- Area 14, unit A  
High impact; visual dominance certain if mined.  
Recommendation; Unacceptable.
- Area 14, unit B  
High impact; visual dominance certain adjacent to highway.  
A small portion may be mined if roadside screen is maintained.  
Recommendation; Unacceptable-part; Acceptable-part.
- Area 15, unit A  
Low impact; visually inevident.  
Recommendation; Acceptable.
- Area 15, unit B  
Moderate impact; visually apparent.  
Dependent on removal of roadside pine and exact location of ore.  
Caution recommended.  
Recommendation; Possible.
- Area 15, units C,D,E & F  
High impact; visual dominance certain if mined.  
Recommendation; Unacceptable.
- Area 15, unit G  
High impact east of ridge; visual dominance certain.  
Low impact west of ridge; inevident.  
Recommendation; Unacceptable-part; Acceptable-part.
- Area 15, units H & I  
Low impact; inevident.  
Recommendation; Acceptable.
- Area 16, unit A  
High impact east of ridge; visually dominant.  
Low impact west of ridge.  
Recommendation; Unacceptable-part; Acceptable-part.
- Area 16, unit B  
Variable from high to low impact - very large area requiring caution.  
Recommendation; Unacceptable-part; Acceptable-part.
- Area 16, unit C  
High impact; visual dominance certain if mined.  
Recommendation; Unacceptable.

## Area 16, unit D

High impact west of ridge; visual dominance certain.

Low impact east of ridge; inevident.

Recommendation; Unacceptable-part; Acceptable-part.

## Area 16, unit E, F &amp; G

Low impact; inevident dependent on retention of roadside screen.

Recommendation; Possible.

## Area 16, unit H

High impact east of ridge; visual dominance certain.

Low impact west of ridge; inevident.

Recommendation; Unacceptable-part; Acceptable-part.

## Area 16, unit I

High impact certain for majority of unit.

Mining of screened portions possible with caution.

Recommendation; Unacceptable-part; Acceptable-part.

## Area 16, unit J

Low impact; inevident.

Recommendation; Acceptable.

## Area 16, unit K

Insufficient data supplied by ALCOA to assess this unit.

Recommendation; None.

## Area 16, units L, M, N

Low impact; inevident.

Recommendation; Acceptable.



**MONADNOCKS RESERVE - ASSESSMENT COMMENT**

This report concentrates primarily on the viewshed from the Albany Highway. A detailed study and assessment of potential impacts within the viewshed of the Monadnocks Reserve walking track system has not been undertaken. Instead a brief summary of relevant factors follows for the consideration of the Reserves Committee.

An extensive system of walking tracks (formal and informal) exists throughout the Monadnocks Reserve. Most notable are tracks which access monadnock peaks such as Mt Cooke, 582m; Mt Vincent, 500m; Mt Cuthbert, 500m; Mt Randall, 523m and Eagle Hill, 480m. Usage figures are unknown but the tracks are known to be heavily promoted by the Western Walking Club, Perth Bushwalkers Club and the Campaign to Save Native Forests group through their publication, Forests on Foot. Outstanding scenic beauty, wildflowers, birds, views to the sea and hiking difficulty factor are prime attractants. It is assumed that walkers in this Reserve are exceptionally sensitive to man-imposed landscape changes and that the dominant expected image is one of undisturbed naturalness and ruggedness.

The viewshed from the peak walking track system is extensive. While a detailed seen area survey was not made, it can be safely assumed that all but a few proposed bauxite units will be entirely or partially seen. Most units will be visible in a middleground distance zone (from .5 to 6.5km) and from a "viewer above" position in the landscape. Variable factors which will help determine the level of impact resulting from any extraction will also include the actual topography of the ore body site, obliqueness of view, screening vegetation adjacent to the ore body and exact angle of view.

Views to the west from the Monadnock Reserve walking tracks already include numerous areas of mining excavation. As the distance between viewer and mine scar is shortened, perceivable impact will increase significantly.

Where mining disturbance does occur in the critical viewshed, reduction of the severity and length of disturbance is dependant upon factors such as size and configuration of ore bodies, number and proximity of active mine sites and effectiveness of rehabilitation procedures.

Negative visual impacts resulting from mining outside C-37 Reserve but adjacent to it in the Jarrahdale Block will undoubtedly be severe and of long duration. An excavation-free C-37 Reserve would provide an undisturbed buffer zone extending about 3 kilometres from the Monadnocks peak tracks.