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Rural and Regional Bus Services

Determination No. 11, 2009

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Preliminary

1 Background

1.1 Passenger Transport Act 1990 (NSW)

- (a) Section 28J(2) of the *Passenger Transport Act 1990* (NSW) (the **Passenger Transport Act**) permits IPART to conduct investigations and make reports to the Minister on the determination of maximum fares for Regular Bus Services supplied under a Bus Service Contract.
- (b) Rural Bus Services and Country Town Bus Services are supplied under a Bus Service Contract (**Regulated Bus Services**).
- (c) In investigating and reporting on the maximum fares for Regulated Bus Services, IPART has had regard to a broad range of matters, including the criteria set out in section 28J(5) of the Passenger Transport Act.
- (d) By section 28J(6) of the Passenger Transport Act, a Bus Service Contract is taken to include a term that a passenger must not be charged a fare exceeding the relevant maximum fare determined under section 28J of the Passenger Transport Act.

2 Application of this determination

This determination:

- (a) sets the maximum fares for all Regulated Bus Services;
- (b) commences on the later of 3 January 2010 and the date that it is published in the NSW Government Gazette (**Commencement Date**); and
- (c) applies from the Commencement Date to the date on which this determination is replaced.

3 Schedules

- (a) Schedule 1 and the table in that schedule set out the maximum fares for Rural Bus Services.
- (b) Schedule 2 and the table in that schedule set out the maximum fares for Country Town Bus Services.
- (c) Schedule 3 sets out the definitions and interpretation provisions.

Schedule 1 Maximum fares for Rural Bus Services

1 **Application**

This schedule sets the maximum fares for Rural Bus Services.

2 **Maximum fares for Rural Bus Services**

The maximum fares that may be charged by Bus Operators for Rural Bus Services are set out in Table 1.

Table 1

Table 1 Maximum fares^a for tickets for Rural Bus Services

Single Ride Ticket	Adult Fare	Concession Fare
1 Section	\$2.60	\$1.30
2 Sections	\$3.80	\$1.90
3 Sections	\$4.80	\$2.40
4 Sections	\$5.70	\$2.80
5 Sections	\$6.40	\$3.20
6 Sections	\$7.10	\$3.50
7 Sections	\$7.70	\$3.80
8 Sections	\$8.30	\$4.10
9 Sections	\$8.90	\$4.40
10 Sections	\$9.40	\$4.70
11 Sections	\$9.90	\$4.90
12 Sections	\$10.40	\$5.20
13 Sections	\$10.90	\$5.40
14 Sections	\$11.30	\$5.60
15 Sections	\$11.80	\$5.90
16 Sections	\$12.20	\$6.10
17 Sections	\$12.60	\$6.30
18 Sections	\$13.00	\$6.50
19 Sections	\$13.50	\$6.70
20 Sections	\$13.80	\$6.90
21 Sections	\$14.20	\$7.10
22 Sections	\$14.60	\$7.30
23 Sections	\$15.00	\$7.50
24 Sections	\$15.30	\$7.60
25 Sections	\$15.70	\$7.80
26 Sections	\$16.00	\$8.00
27 Sections	\$16.40	\$8.20
28 Sections	\$16.70	\$8.30
29 Sections	\$17.00	\$8.50
30 Sections	\$17.30	\$8.60
31 Sections	\$17.60	\$8.80
32 Sections	\$18.00	\$9.00
33 Sections	\$18.30	\$9.10
34 Sections	\$18.60	\$9.30
35 Sections	\$18.90	\$9.40
36 Sections	\$19.20	\$9.60
37 Sections	\$19.50	\$9.70
38 Sections	\$19.80	\$9.90

Table 1

39 Sections	\$20.10	\$10.00
40 Sections	\$20.30	\$10.10
41 Sections	\$20.60	\$10.30
42 Sections	\$20.90	\$10.40
43 Sections	\$21.20	\$10.60
44 Sections	\$21.50	\$10.70
45 Sections	\$21.70	\$10.80
46 Sections	\$22.00	\$11.00
47 Sections	\$22.20	\$11.10
48 Sections	\$22.50	\$11.20
49 Sections	\$22.80	\$11.40
50 Sections	\$23.00	\$11.50
51 Sections	\$23.30	\$11.60
52 Sections	\$23.50	\$11.70
53 Sections	\$23.80	\$11.90
54 Sections	\$24.00	\$12.00
55 Sections	\$24.30	\$12.10
56 Sections	\$24.50	\$12.20
57 Sections	\$24.80	\$12.40
58 Sections	\$25.00	\$12.50
59 Sections	\$25.20	\$12.60
60 Sections	\$25.50	\$12.70
61 Sections	\$25.70	\$12.80
62 Sections	\$25.90	\$12.90
63 Sections	\$26.10	\$13.00
64 Sections	\$26.40	\$13.20
65 Sections	\$26.60	\$13.30
66 Sections	\$26.90	\$13.40
67 Sections	\$27.10	\$13.50
68 Sections	\$27.30	\$13.60
69 Sections	\$27.50	\$13.70
70 Sections	\$27.70	\$13.80

^a Children under the age of 4 years are entitled to travel free on all Rural Bus Services.

Schedule 2 Maximum fares for Country Town Bus Services

1 Application

This schedule sets the maximum fares for Country Town Bus Services.

2 Maximum fares for Country Town Bus Services

The maximum fares that may be charged by Bus Operators for Country Town Bus Services are set out in Table 2.

Table 2

Table 2 Maximum fares^a for tickets for Country Town Bus Services

Single Ride Ticket	Adult Fare	Concession Fare
1 Section	\$2.10	\$1.00
2 Sections	\$3.00	\$1.50
3 Sections	\$3.80	\$1.90
4 Sections	\$4.50	\$2.20
5 Sections	\$5.00	\$2.50
6 Sections	\$5.60	\$2.80
7 Sections	\$6.10	\$3.00
8 Sections	\$6.60	\$3.30
9 Sections	\$7.00	\$3.50
10 Sections	\$7.50	\$3.70
11 Sections	\$7.80	\$3.90
12 Sections	\$8.20	\$4.10
13 Sections	\$8.60	\$4.30
14 Sections	\$9.00	\$4.50
15 Sections	\$9.30	\$4.60
16 Sections	\$9.60	\$4.80
17 Sections	\$10.00	\$5.00
18 Sections	\$10.30	\$5.10
19 Sections	\$10.60	\$5.30
20 Sections	\$10.90	\$5.40
21 Sections	\$11.20	\$5.60
22 Sections	\$11.60	\$5.80
23 Sections	\$11.80	\$5.90
24 Sections	\$12.10	\$6.00
25 Sections	\$12.40	\$6.20
26 Sections	\$12.60	\$6.30
27 Sections	\$12.90	\$6.40
28 Sections	\$13.20	\$6.60
29 Sections	\$13.40	\$6.70
30 Sections	\$13.70	\$6.80
31 Sections	\$13.90	\$6.90
32 Sections	\$14.20	\$7.10
33 Sections	\$14.40	\$7.20
34 Sections	\$14.70	\$7.30
35 Sections	\$14.90	\$7.40
36 Sections	\$15.20	\$7.60
37 Sections	\$15.40	\$7.70
38 Sections	\$15.60	\$7.80

39 Sections	\$15.80	\$7.90
40 Sections	\$16.10	\$8.00
41 Sections	\$16.30	\$8.10
42 Sections	\$16.50	\$8.20
43 Sections	\$16.70	\$8.30
44 Sections	\$16.90	\$8.40
45 Sections	\$17.10	\$8.50
46 Sections	\$17.40	\$8.70
47 Sections	\$17.60	\$8.80
48 Sections	\$17.80	\$8.90
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59 Sections	\$19.90	\$9.90
60 Sections	\$20.10	\$10.00
61 Sections	\$20.30	\$10.10
62 Sections	\$20.50	\$10.20
63 Sections	\$20.70	\$10.30
64 Sections	\$20.80	\$10.40
65 Sections	\$21.10	\$10.50
66 Sections	\$21.20	\$10.60
67 Sections	\$21.40	\$10.70
68 Sections	\$21.50	\$10.70
69 Sections	\$21.70	\$10.80
70 Sections	\$21.90	\$10.90

^a Children under the age of 4 years are entitled to travel free on Country Town Bus Services.

Schedule 3 Definitions and interpretation

1 Definitions

1.1 General definitions

In this determination:

Adult Fare means the maximum fare that may be charged to a person who is aged 16 years or over.

Bus Operator means a bus operator who holds a Bus Service Contract.

Bus Service Contract means a contract with the Director-General of NSW Transport and Infrastructure under Division 3 of Part 3 of the Passenger Transport Act for the provision of a Regular Bus Service.

Commencement Date means the Commencement Date defined in clause 2(b) (Application of this determination) of the Preliminary section of this determination.

Concession Fare means the maximum fare that may be charged to a person who:

- (a) is aged between 4 and 15 years; or
- (b) is aged 16 years or over and is the holder of a valid concession card of a type that has been approved by NSW Transport and Infrastructure.

Country Town Contract Region means a region marked as a “Contract B Service Region” in the maps numbered 1 to 51 in Appendix B to this determination.

Country Town Bus Route means a bus service provided pursuant to a Bus Service Contract that travels:

- (a) between Coffs Harbour and Sawtell; or
- (b) between North Nowra and Bomaderry.

Country Town Bus Service means a Regular Bus Service where:

- (a) the origin and destination of the passenger’s journey is within the boundary of a Country Town Contract Region; or
- (b) the passenger’s journey is solely on a Country Town Bus Route.

GST means the Goods and Services Tax as defined in *A New Tax System (Goods and Services Tax) Act 1999* (Cth).

IPART means the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal of New South Wales established under the IPART Act.

IPART Act means the *Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal Act 1992* (NSW).

Metro and Outer Metro Contract Region Map means the map attached as Appendix A to this determination.

Metro Bus Contract Region means the regions numbered 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15 and labelled “Metro Bus Contract/Region” in the Metro and Outer Metro Contract Region Map.

Ministry of Transport means the New South Wales government department of that name which had primary responsibility for transport policy, planning and coordination prior to the formation of NSW Transport and Infrastructure.

NSW Transport and Infrastructure means the New South Wales government department of that name established on 1 July 2009 with primary responsibility for transport policy, planning and coordination and includes a reference to the Ministry of Transport.

Outer Metro Bus Contract Region means the regions numbered 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 and labelled “Outer Metro Bus Contract/Region” in the Metro and Outer Metro Contract Region Map.

Passenger Transport Act means the *Passenger Transport Act 1990* (NSW).

Regular Bus Service has the meaning given to that term in the Passenger Transport Act.

Regulated Bus Services means the services defined in clause 1.1(b) of the section of this determination entitled “Preliminary”.

Rural and Regional Contract Region means all areas of New South Wales other than a Metro Bus Contract Region and an Outer Metro Bus Contract Region.

Rural Bus Service means a Regular Bus Service in a Rural and Regional Contract Region that is not a Country Town Bus Service.

Section means a distance of approximately 1.6 kilometres into which a bus route is divided up for ticketing purposes.

2 Interpretation

2.1 General provisions

In this determination:

- (a) headings are for convenience only and do not affect the interpretation of this determination;
- (b) a reference to a schedule, annexure, clause or table is a reference to a schedule, annexure, clause or table in this determination;
- (c) words importing the singular include the plural and vice versa;
- (d) a reference to a law or statute includes all amendments or replacements of that law or statute;
- (e) a reference to a person includes a company, partnership, joint venture, association, corporation, other body corporate or government agency;
- (f) a reference to an officer includes a reference to the officer who replaces him or her, or who substantially succeeds to his or her powers or functions; and
- (g) a reference to a body, whether statutory or not:
 - (1) which ceases to exist; or
 - (2) whose powers or functions are transferred to another body,

is a reference to the body which replaces it or which substantially succeeds to its powers or functions.

2.2 Explanatory notes and clarification notice

- (a) Explanatory notes do not form part of this determination, but in the case of uncertainty may be relied on for interpretation purposes.
- (b) IPART may publish a clarification notice in the NSW Government Gazette to correct any manifest error in this determination as if that clarification notice formed part of this determination.

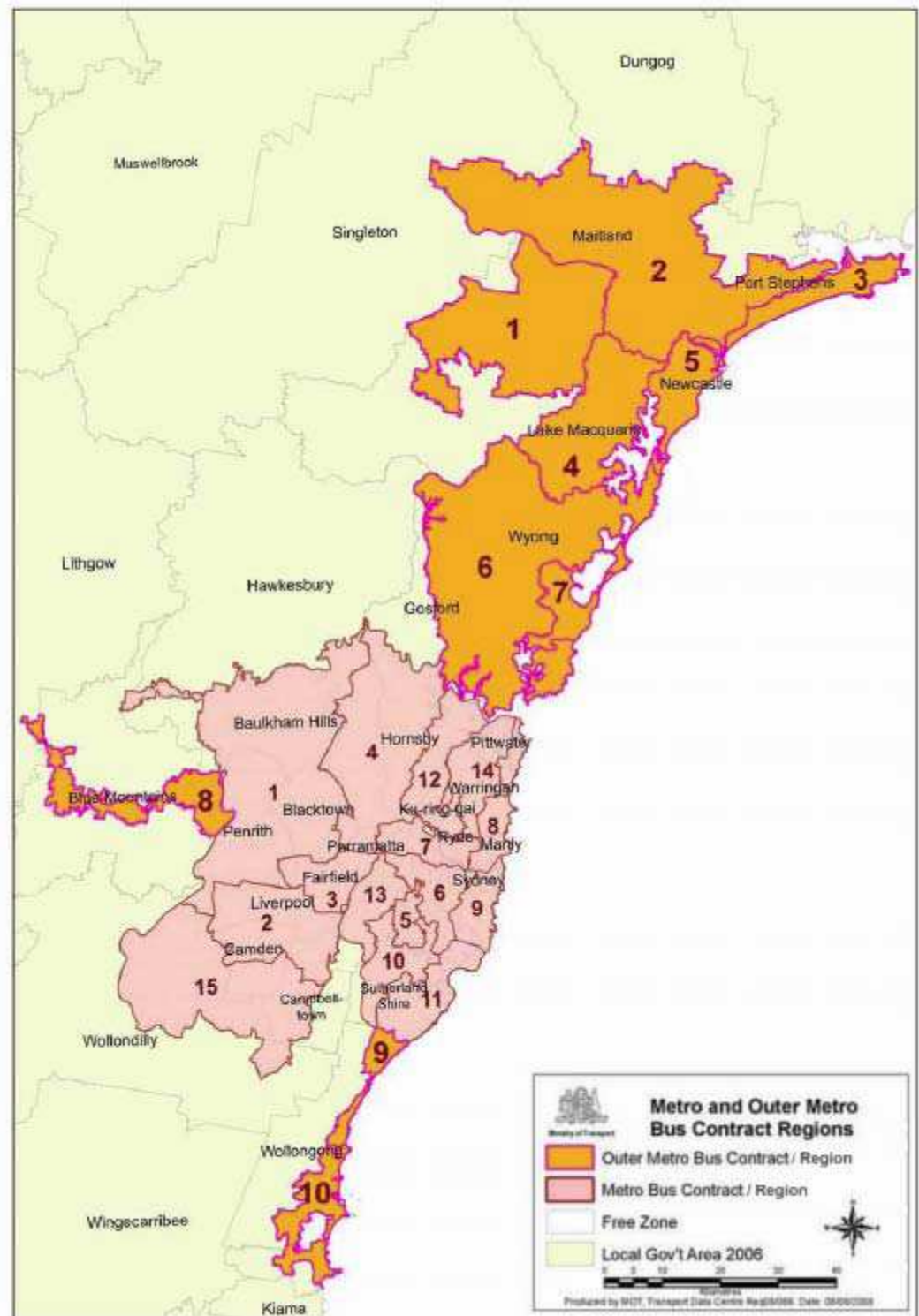
2.3 Fares inclusive of GST

Fares specified in this determination include GST.



Appendices

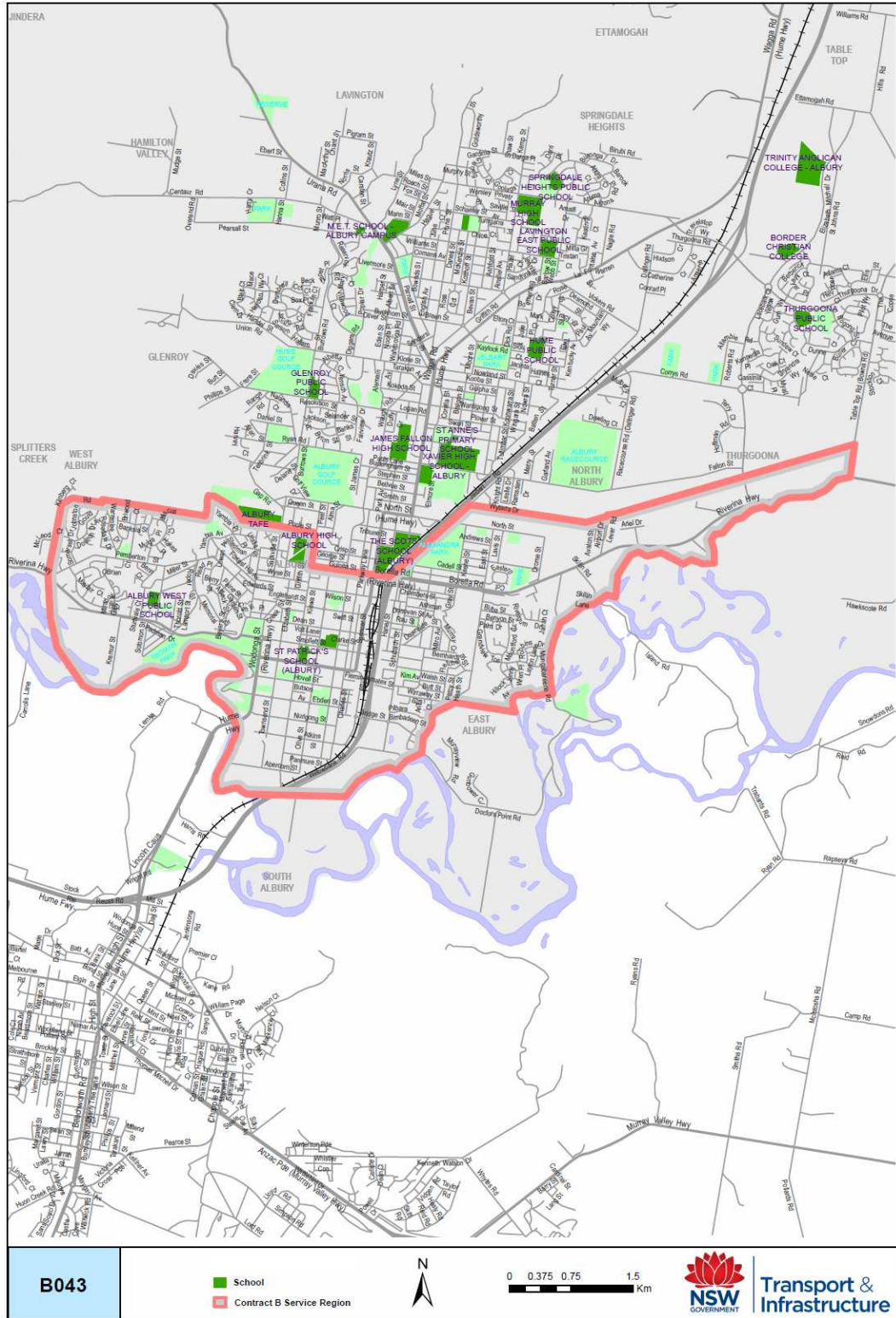
A Metro and Outer Metro Contract Region Map



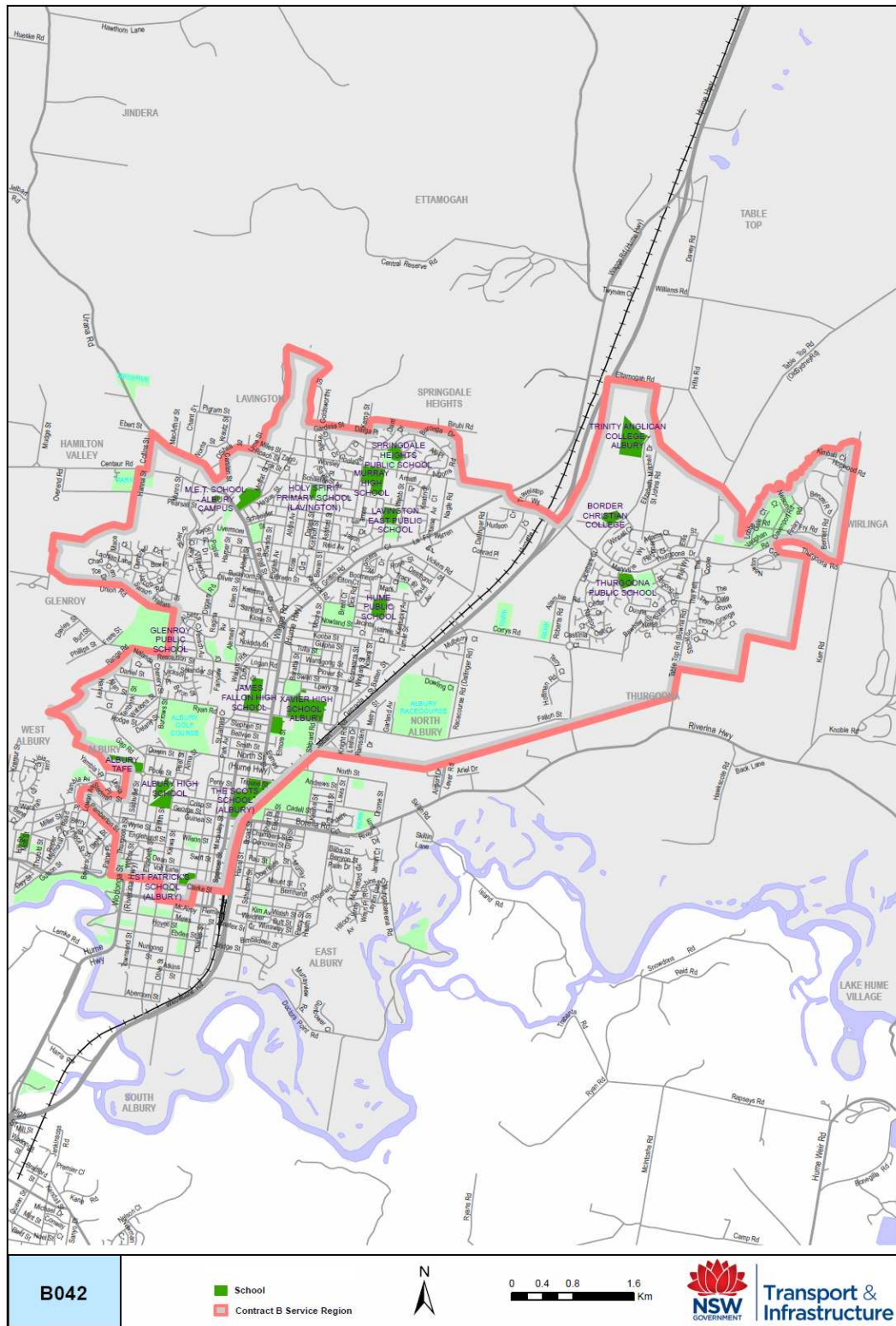
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B Country Town Contract Region Maps

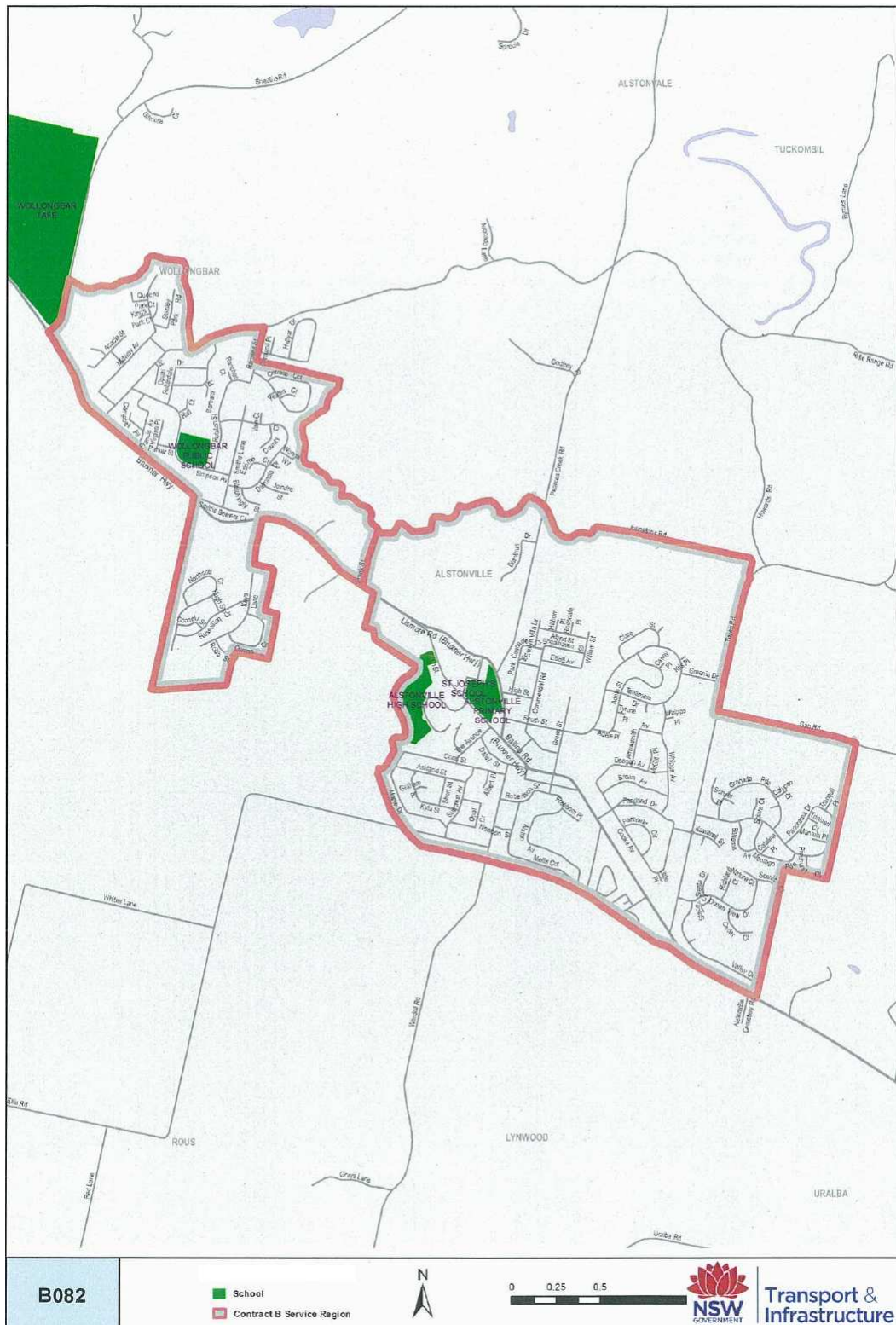
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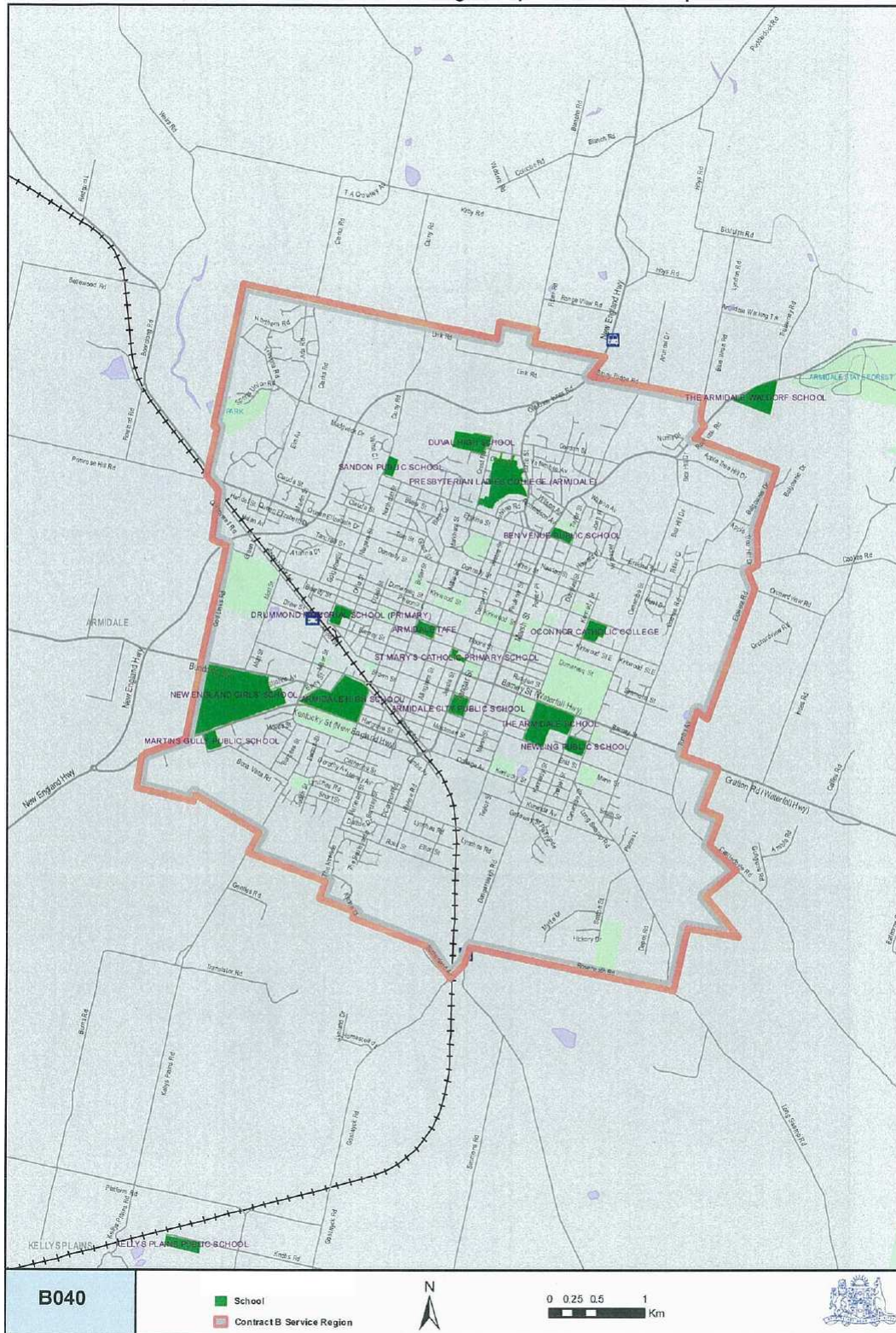
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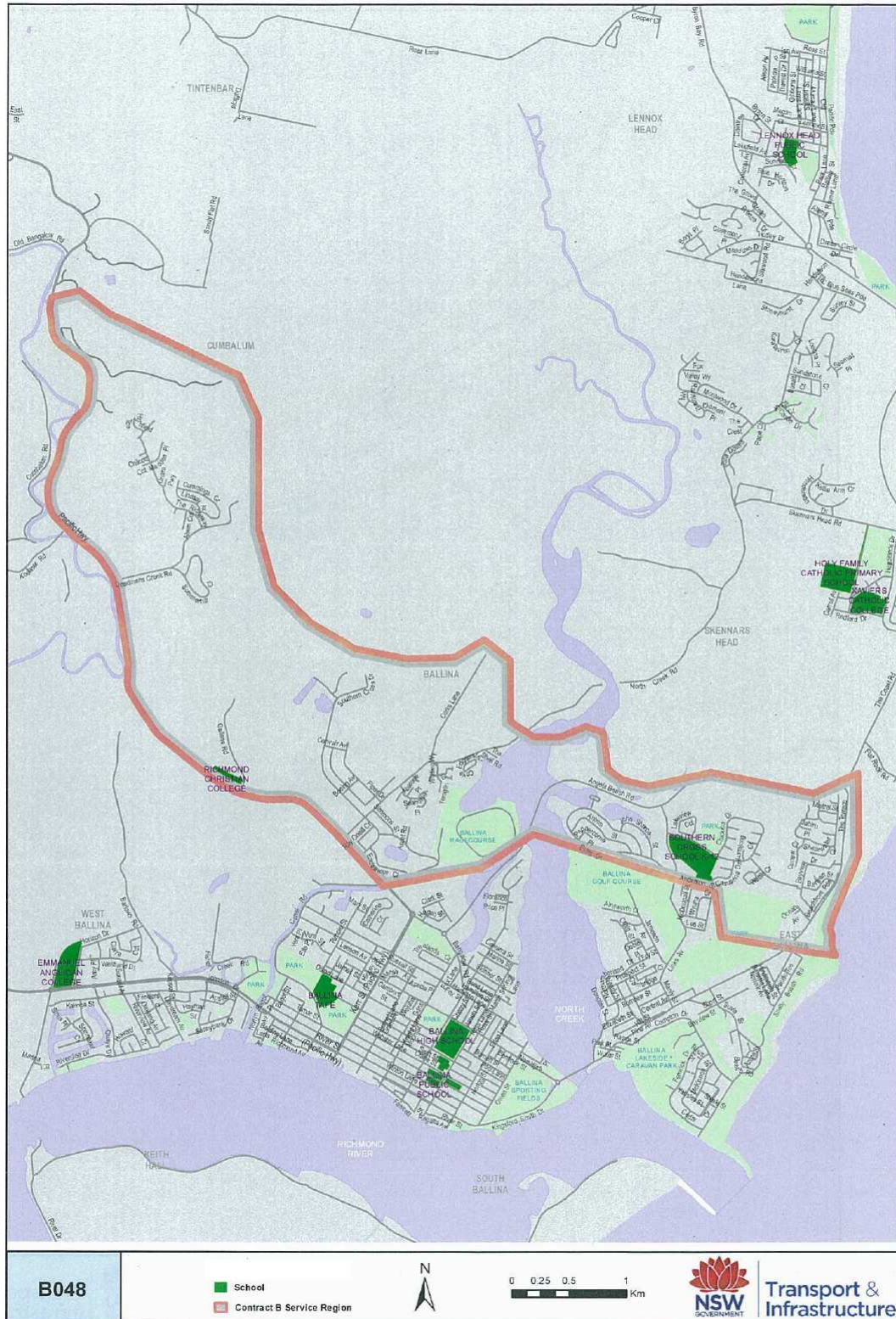
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Map 4: Armidale



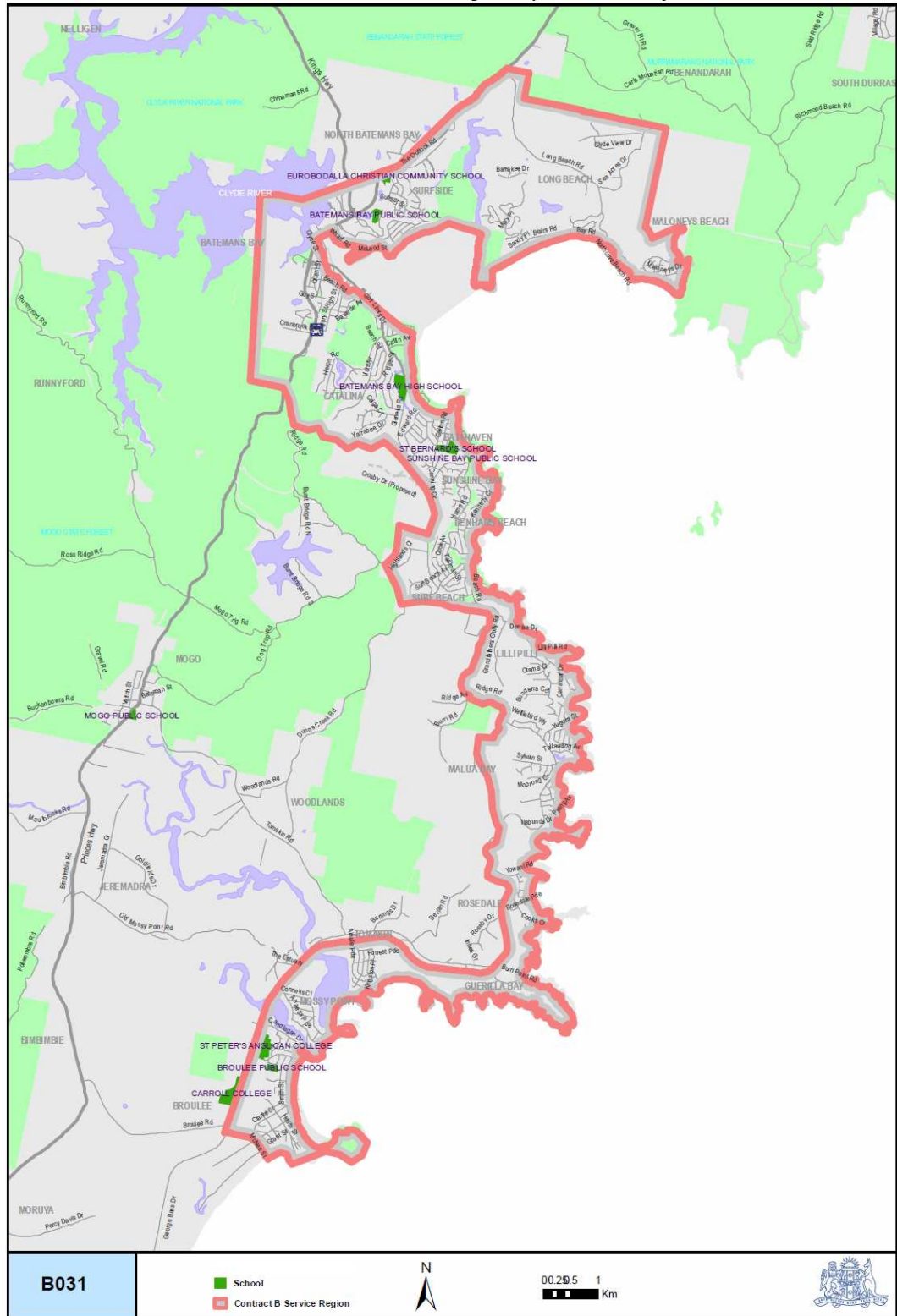
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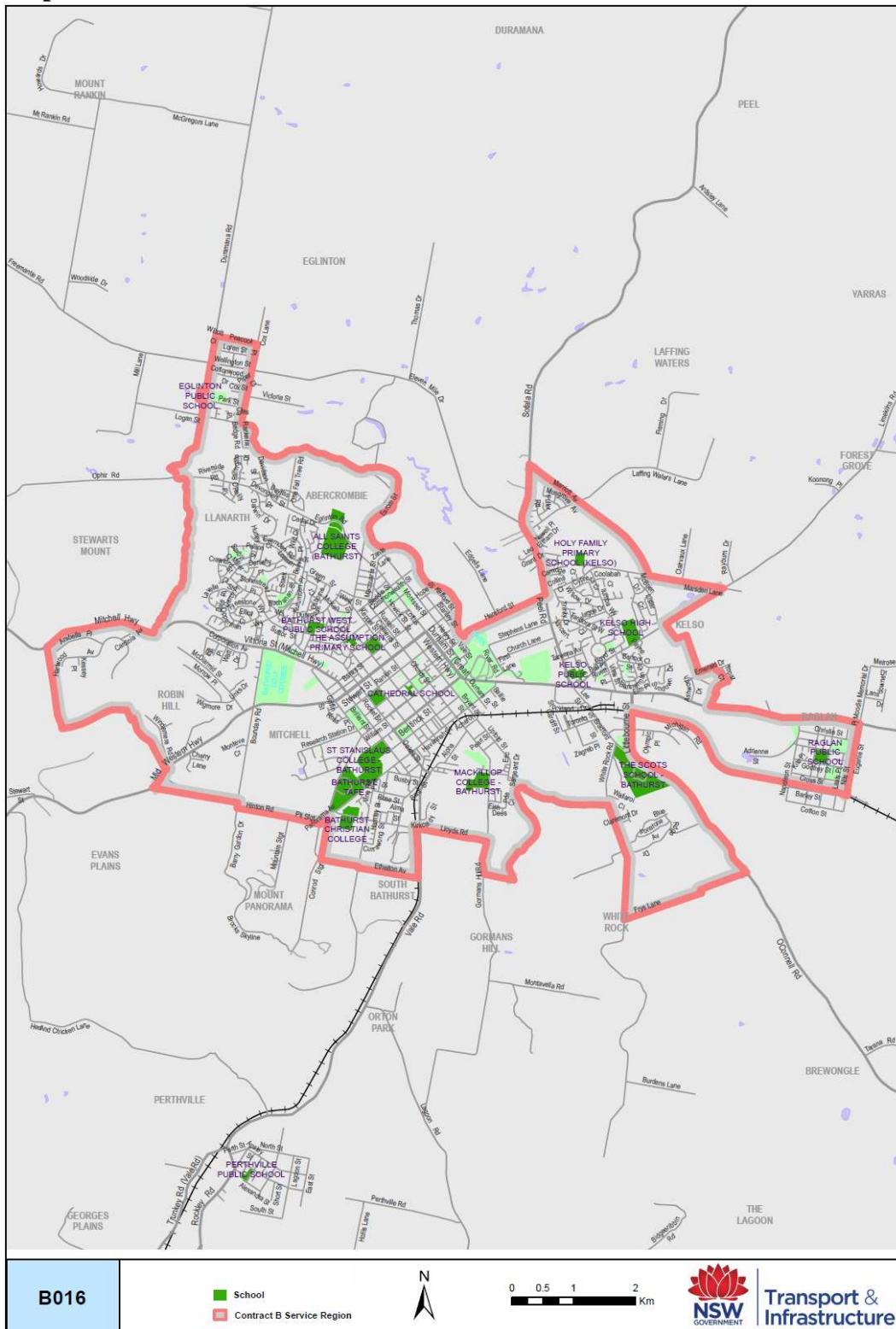
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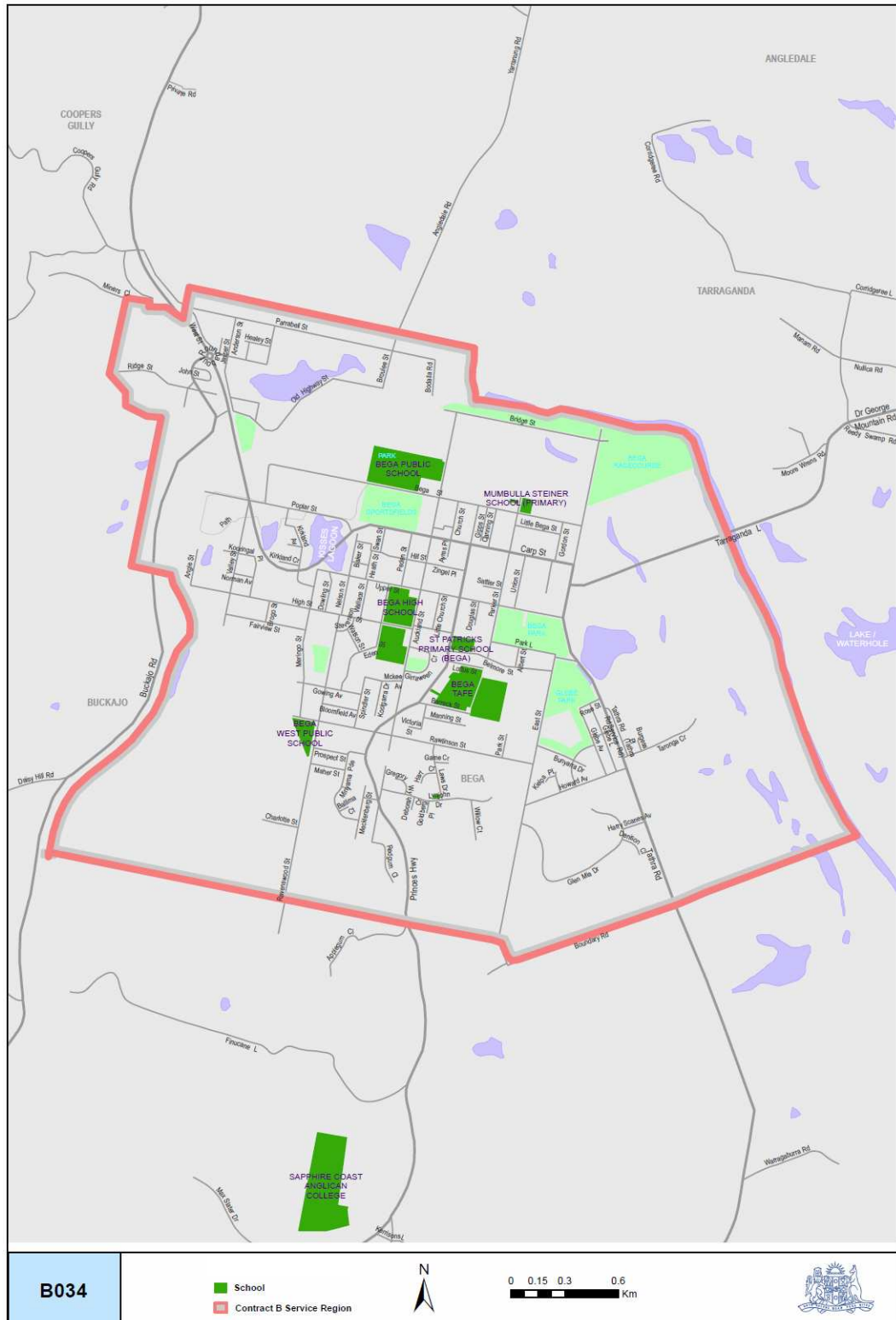
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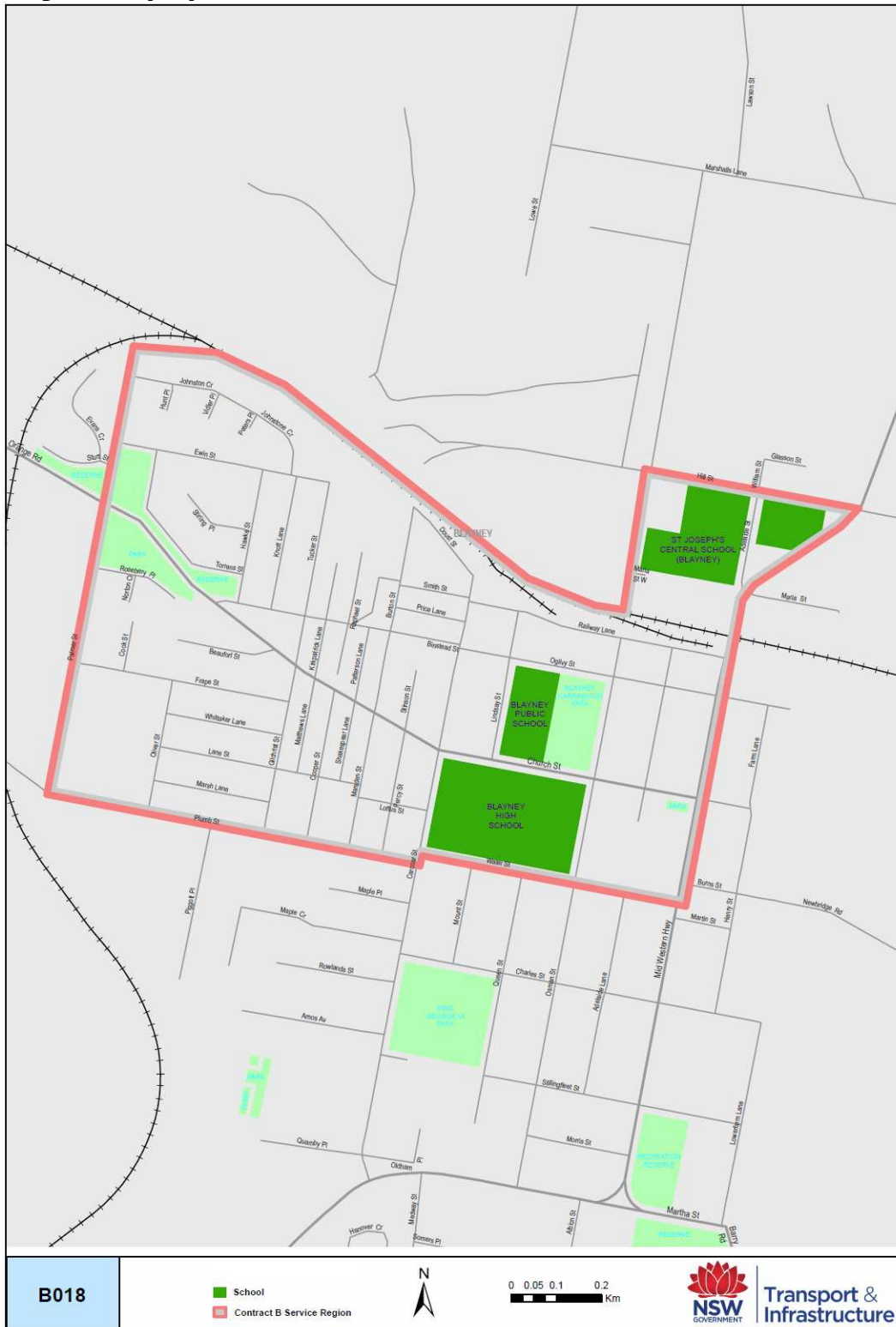
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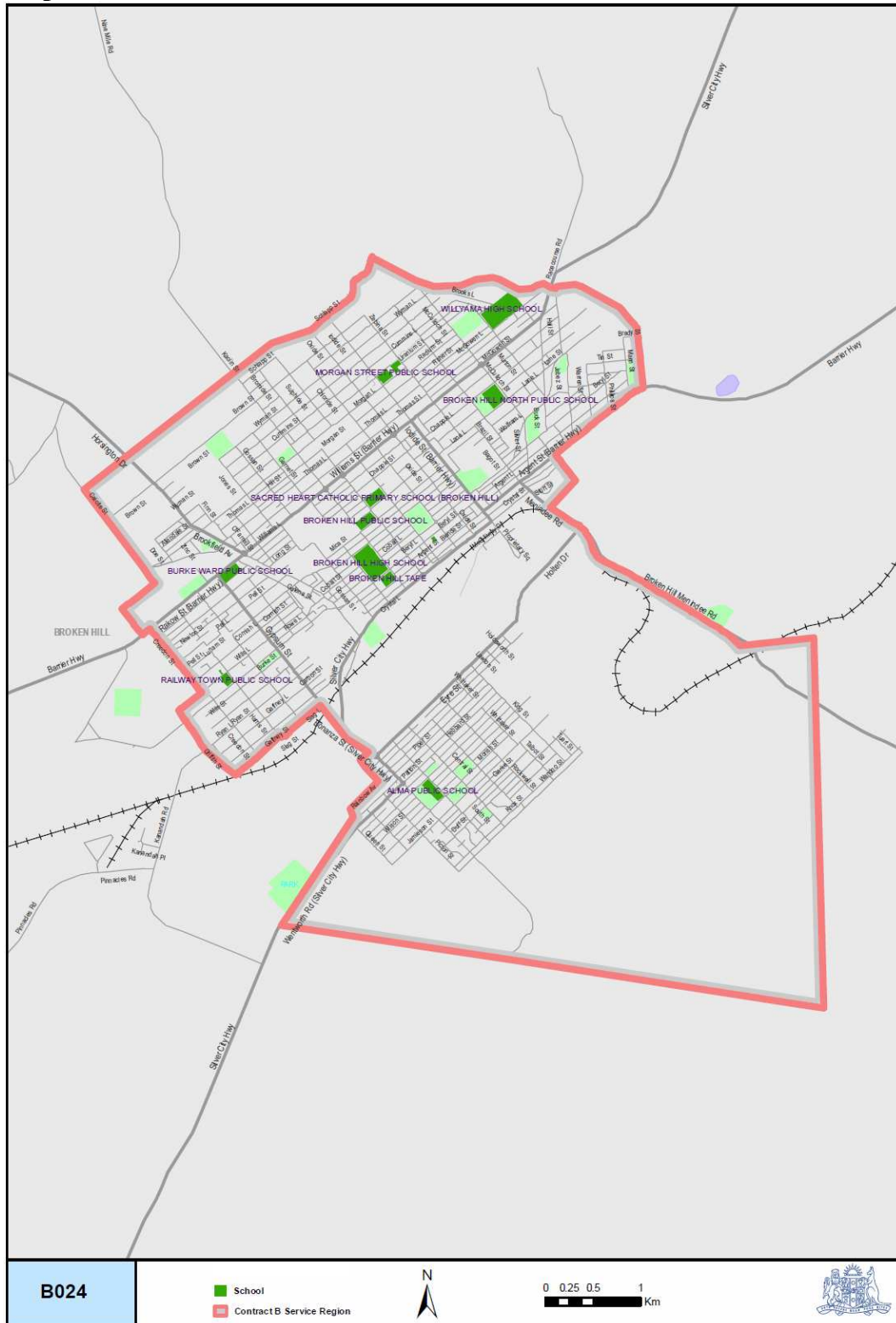
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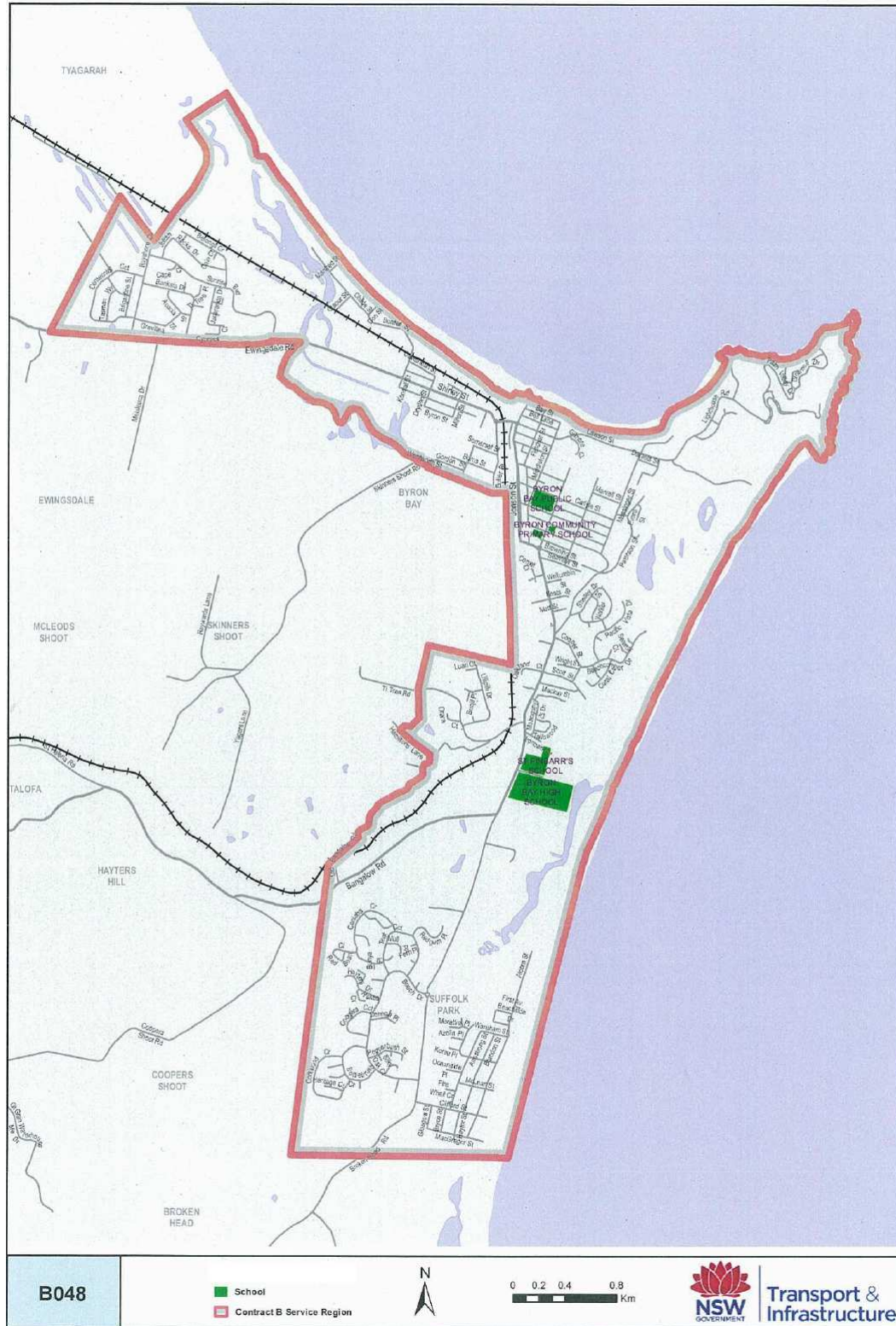
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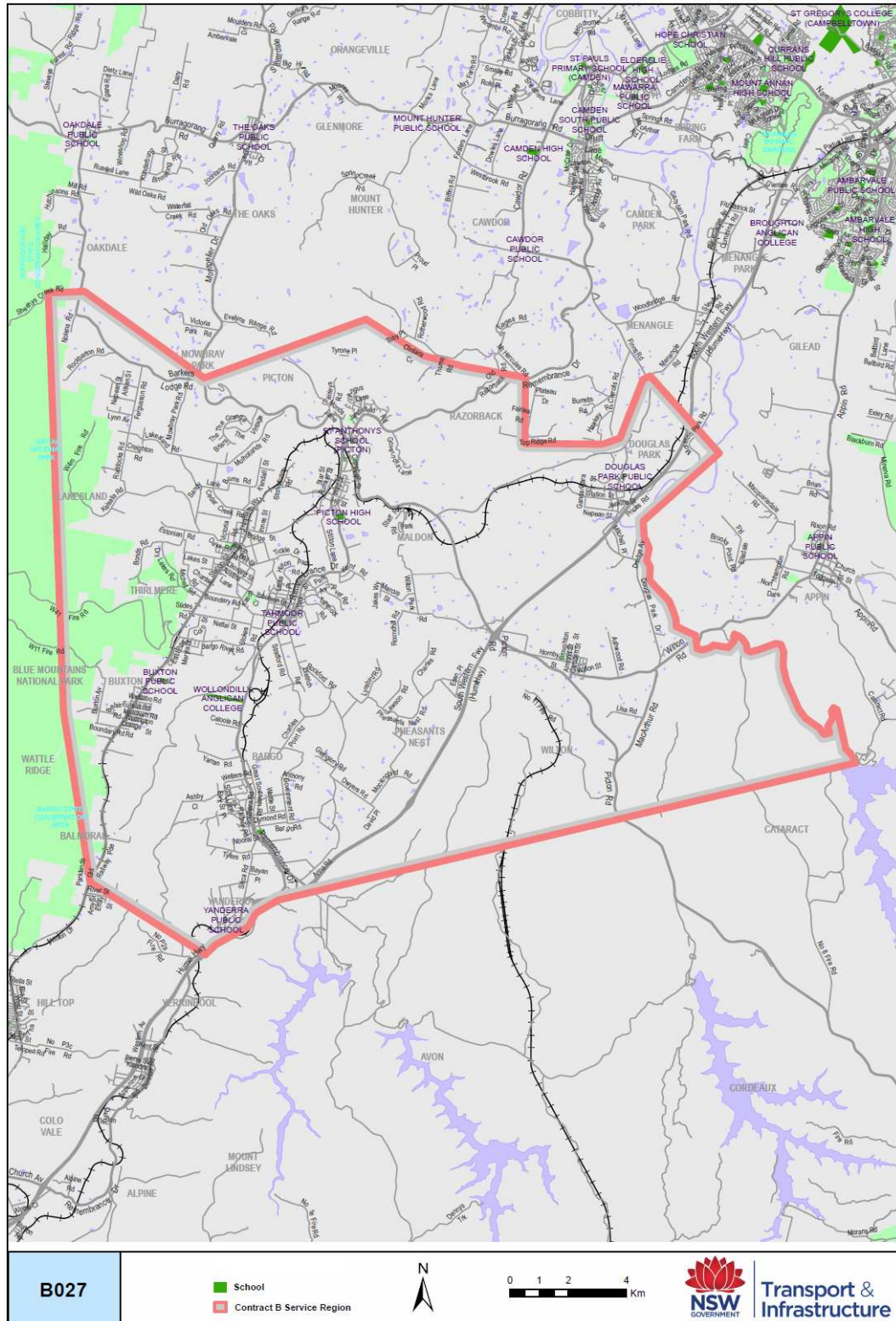
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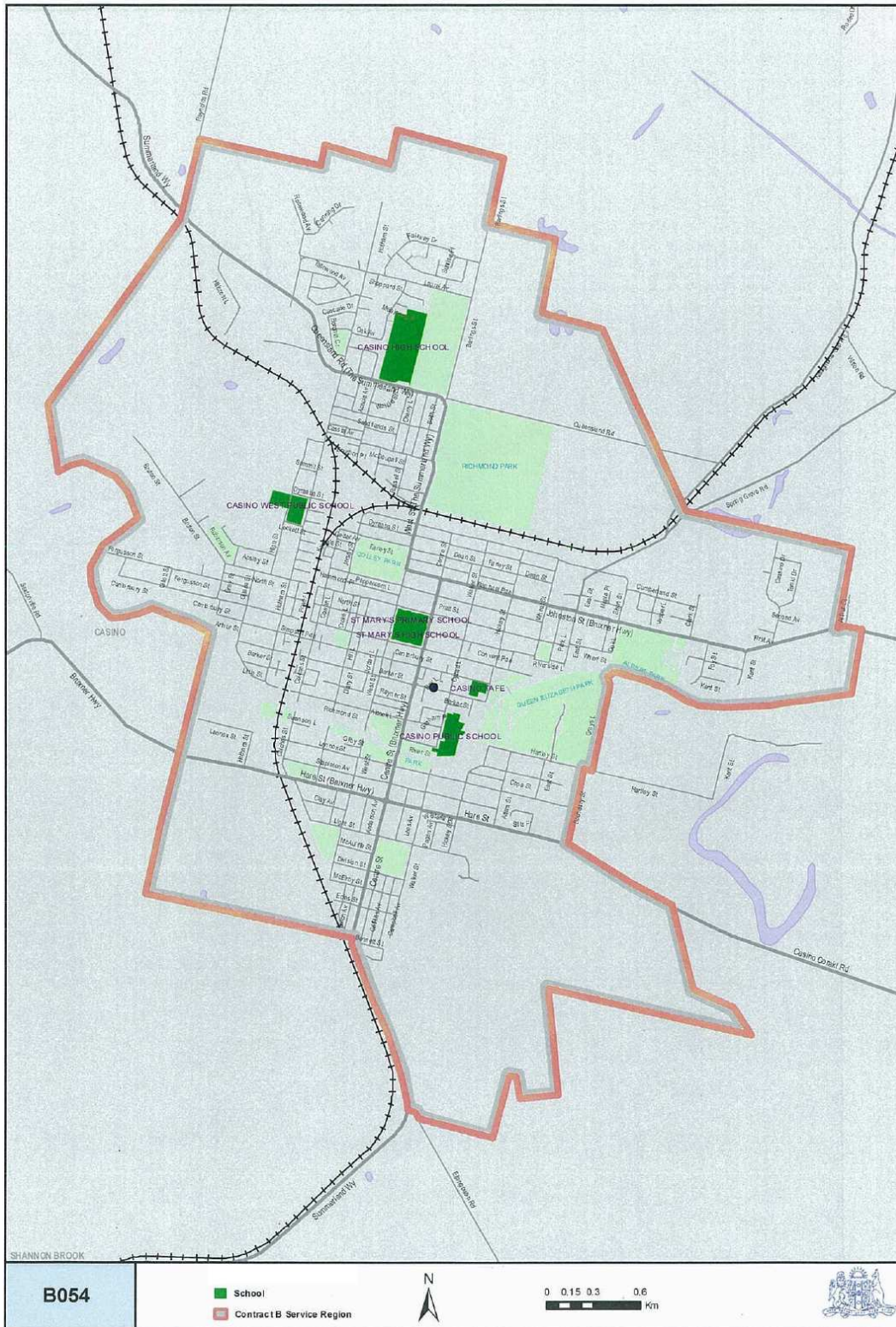
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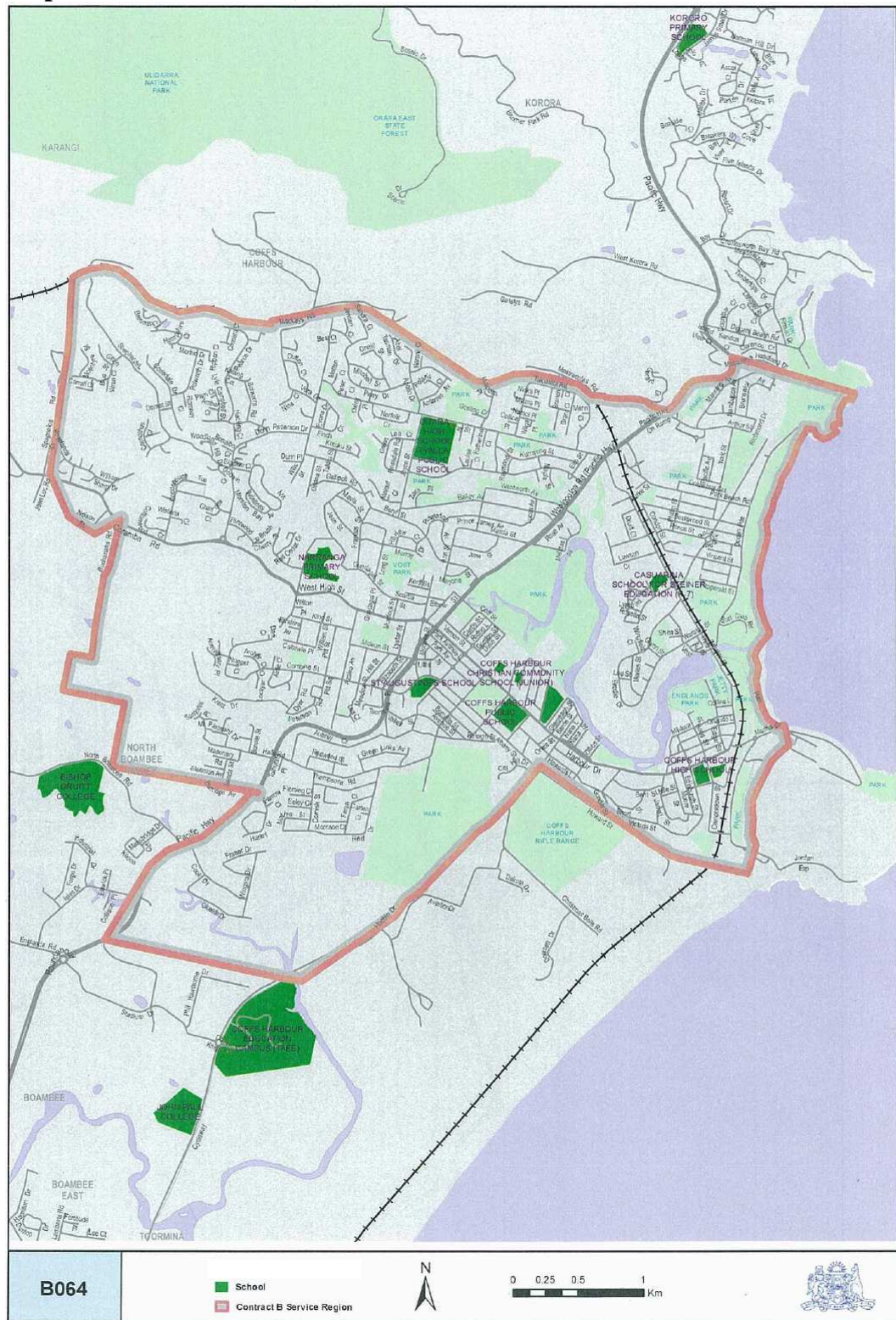
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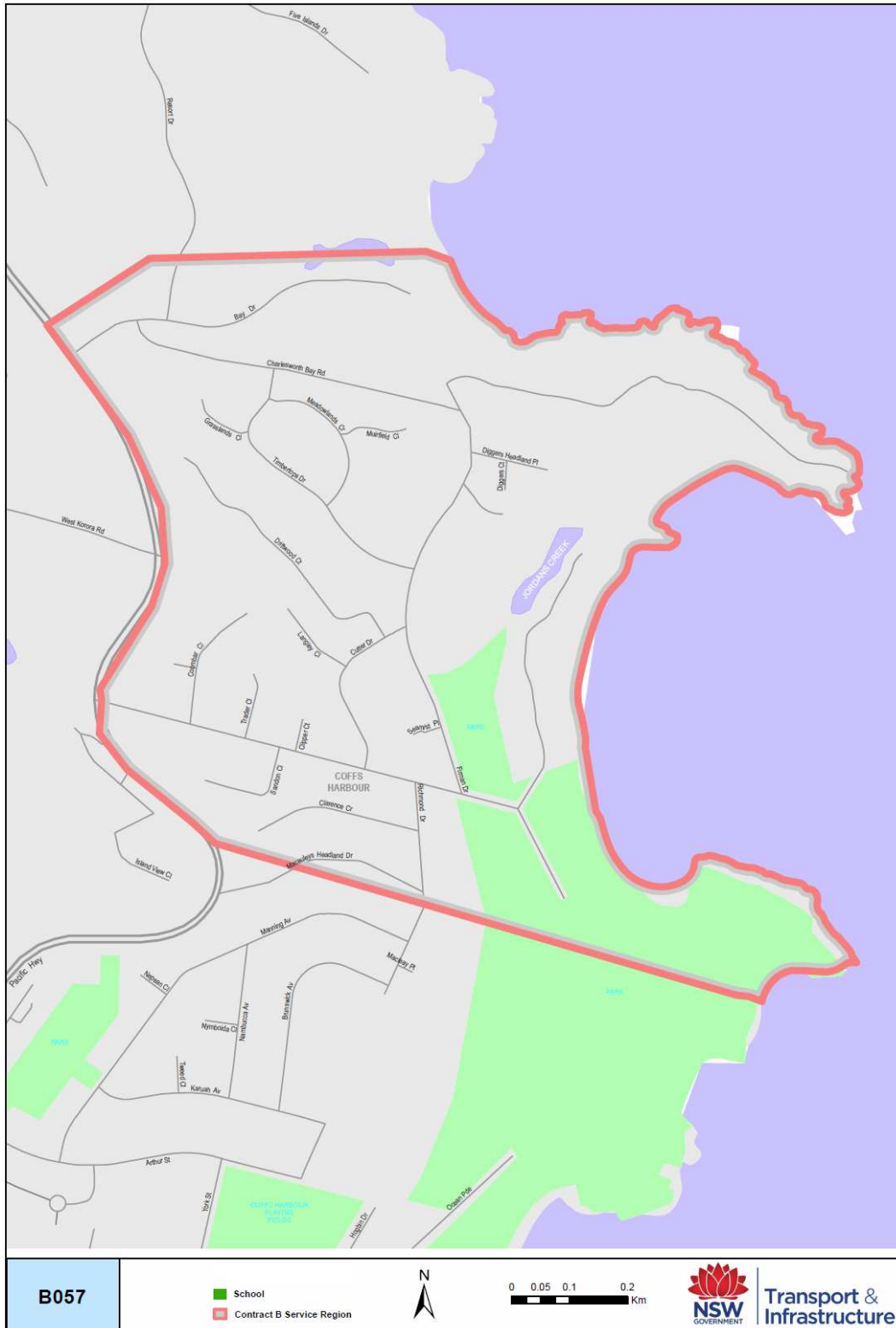
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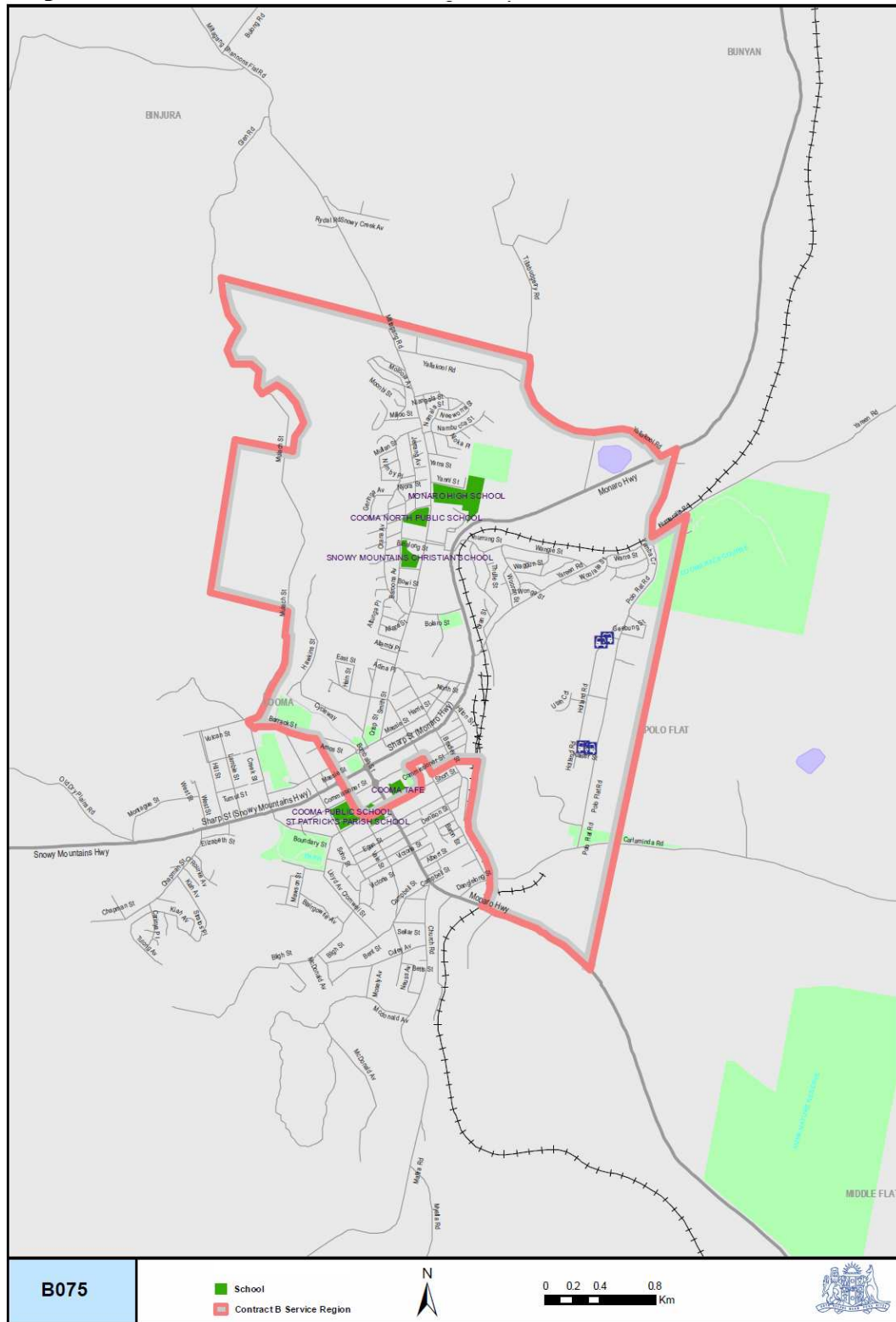
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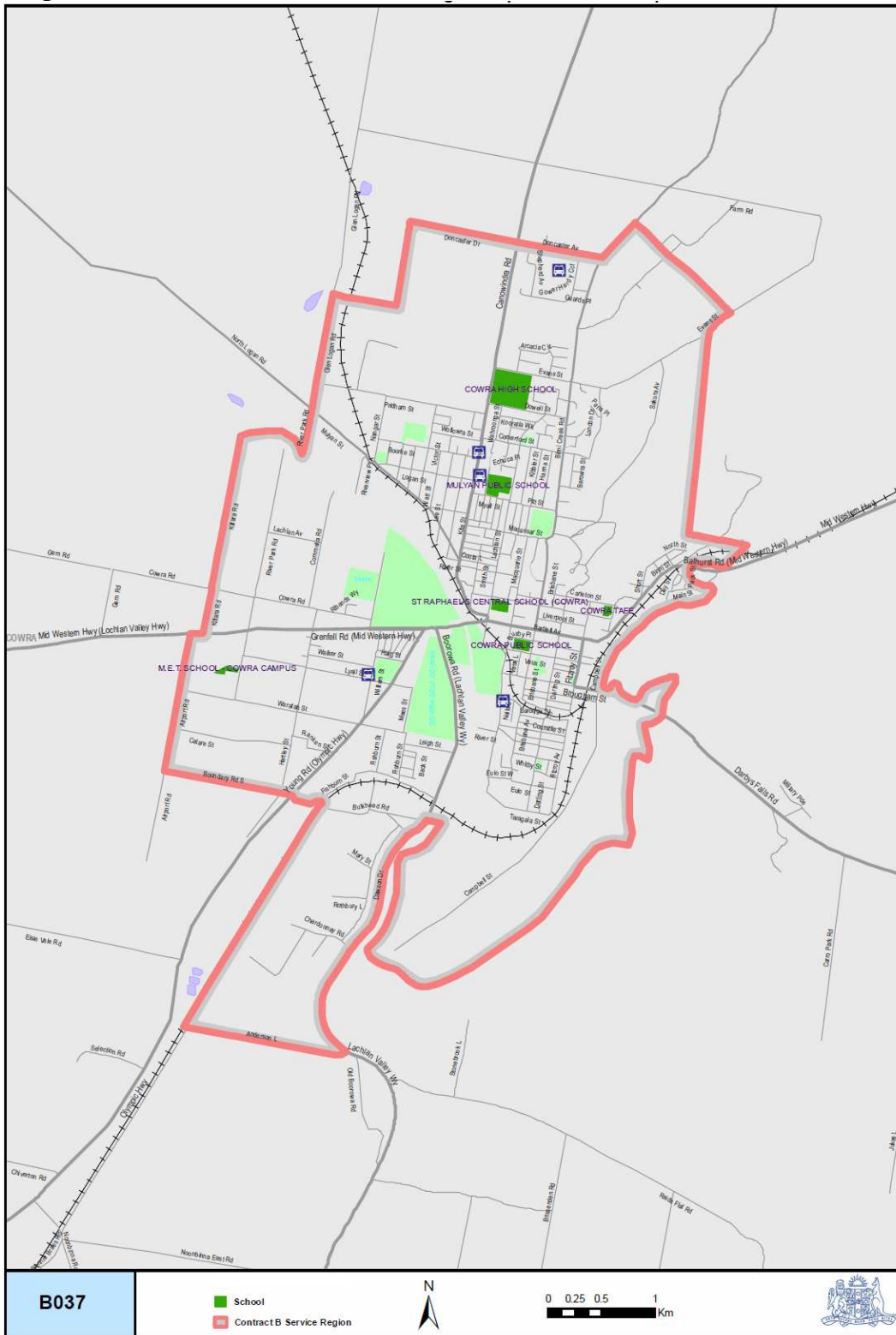
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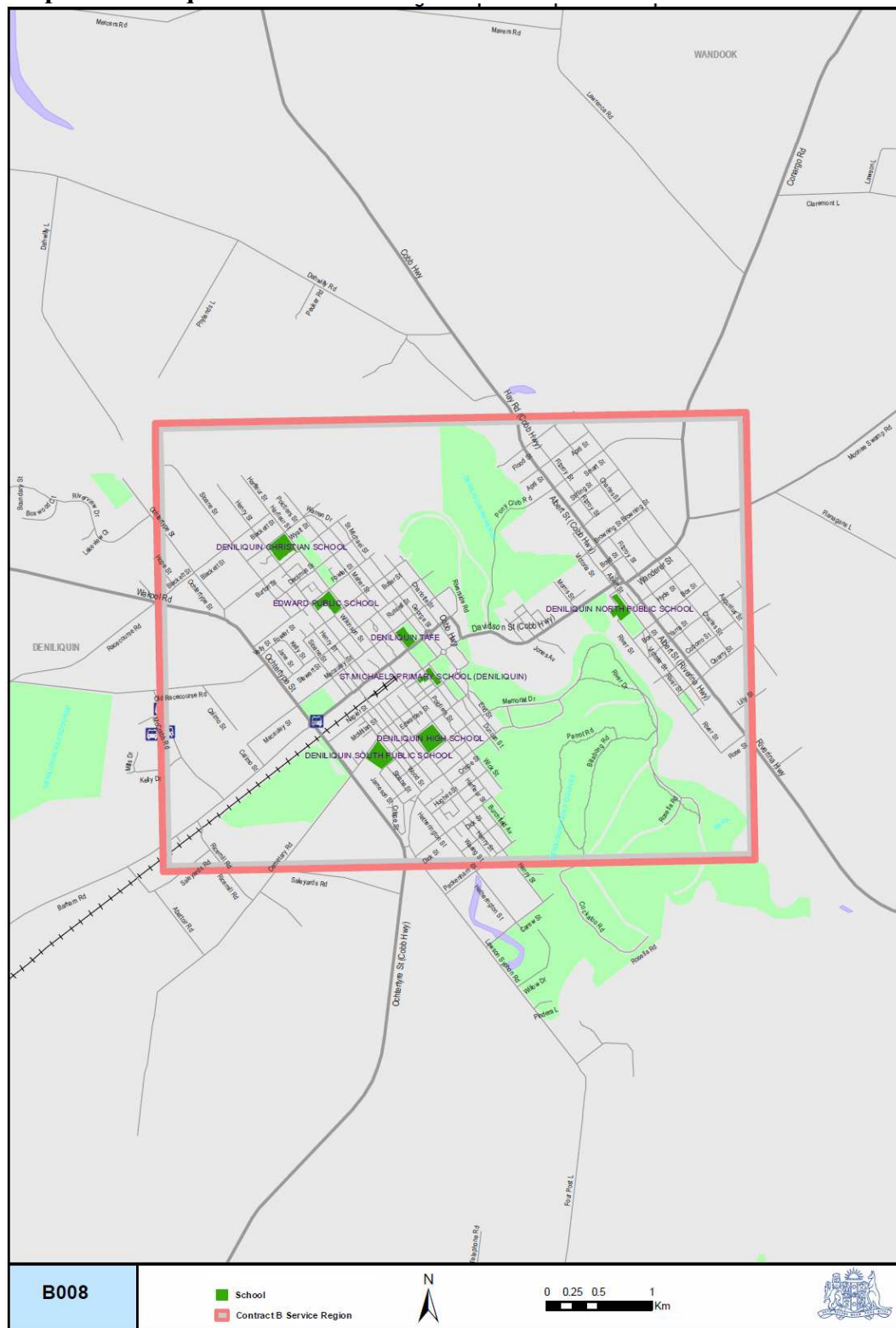
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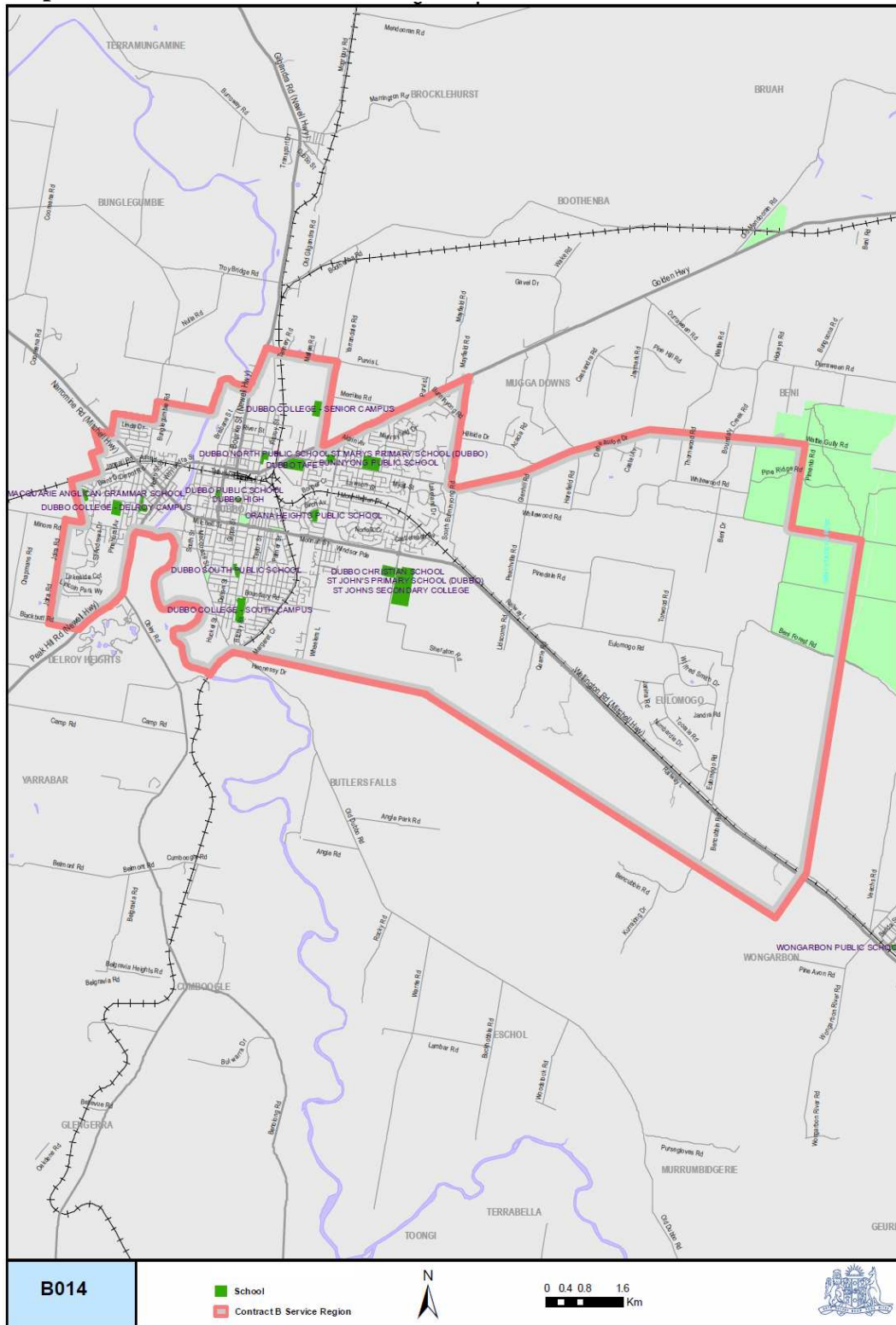
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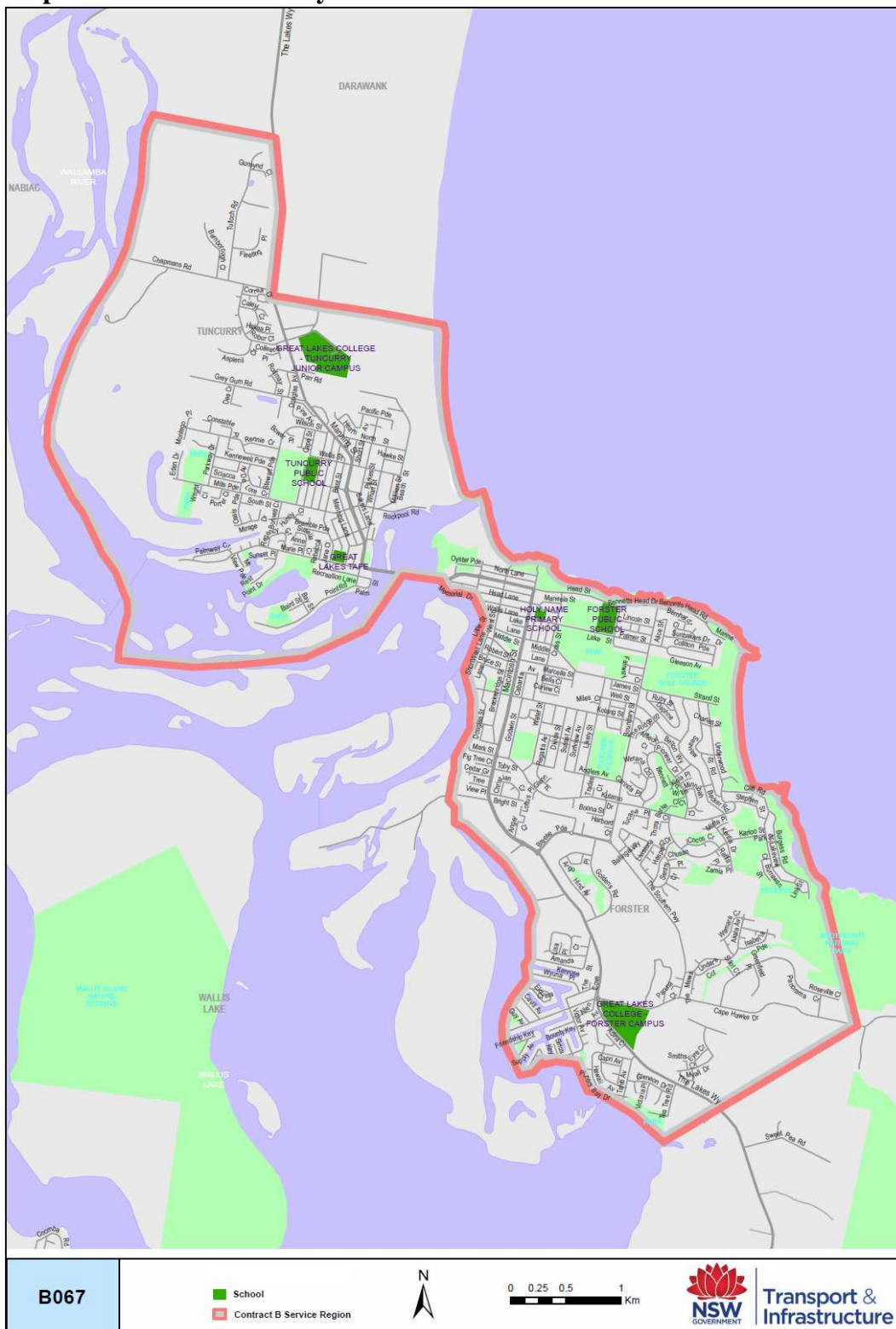
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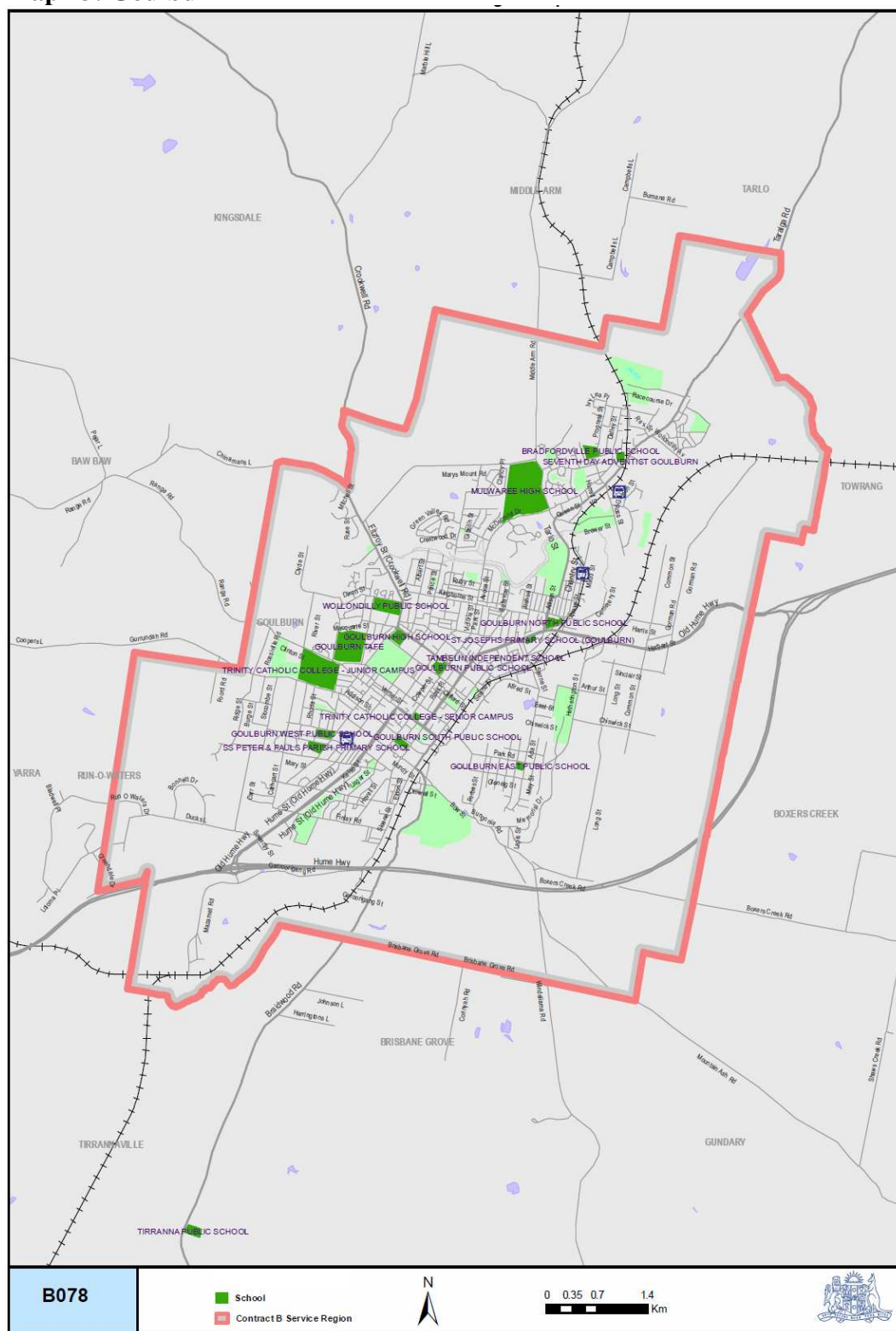
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Map of the Forbes area showing schools and the Contract B Service Region. The map includes labels for various streets, schools, and geographical features like Lake. A red outline indicates the Contract B Service Region. A legend at the bottom identifies green areas as schools and the red outline as the Contract B Service Region. A scale bar and a north arrow are also present.

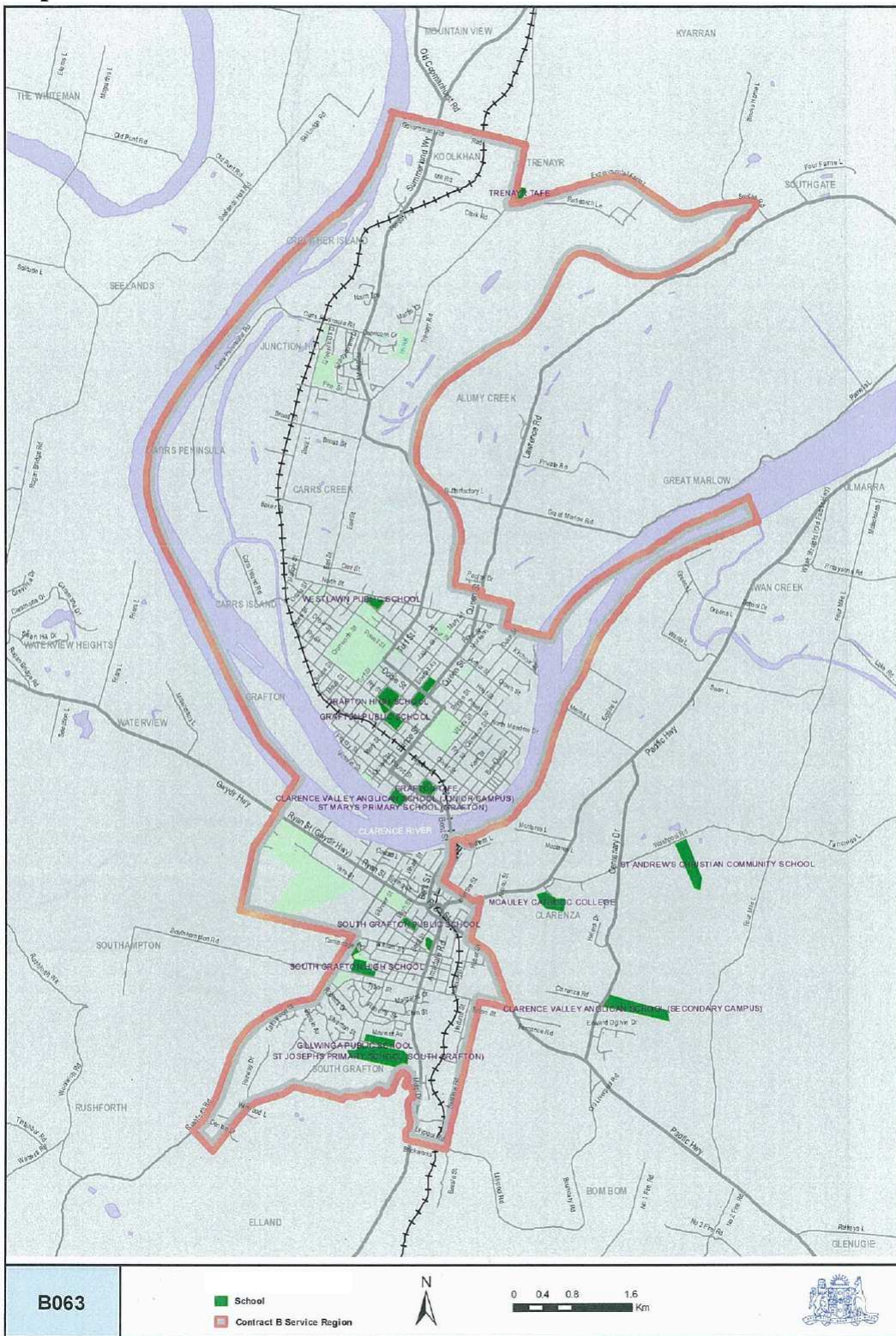
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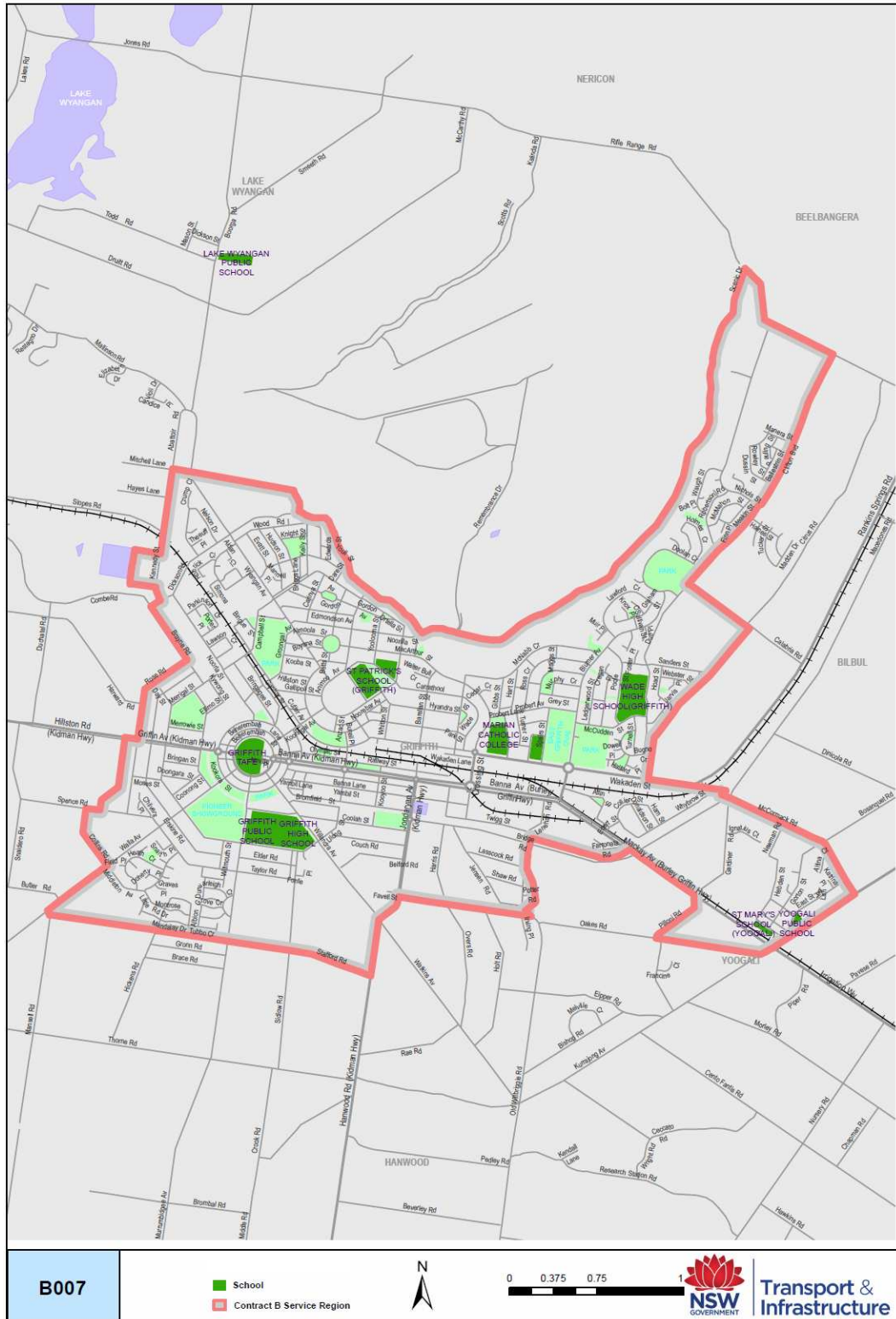
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Map 24: Grafton



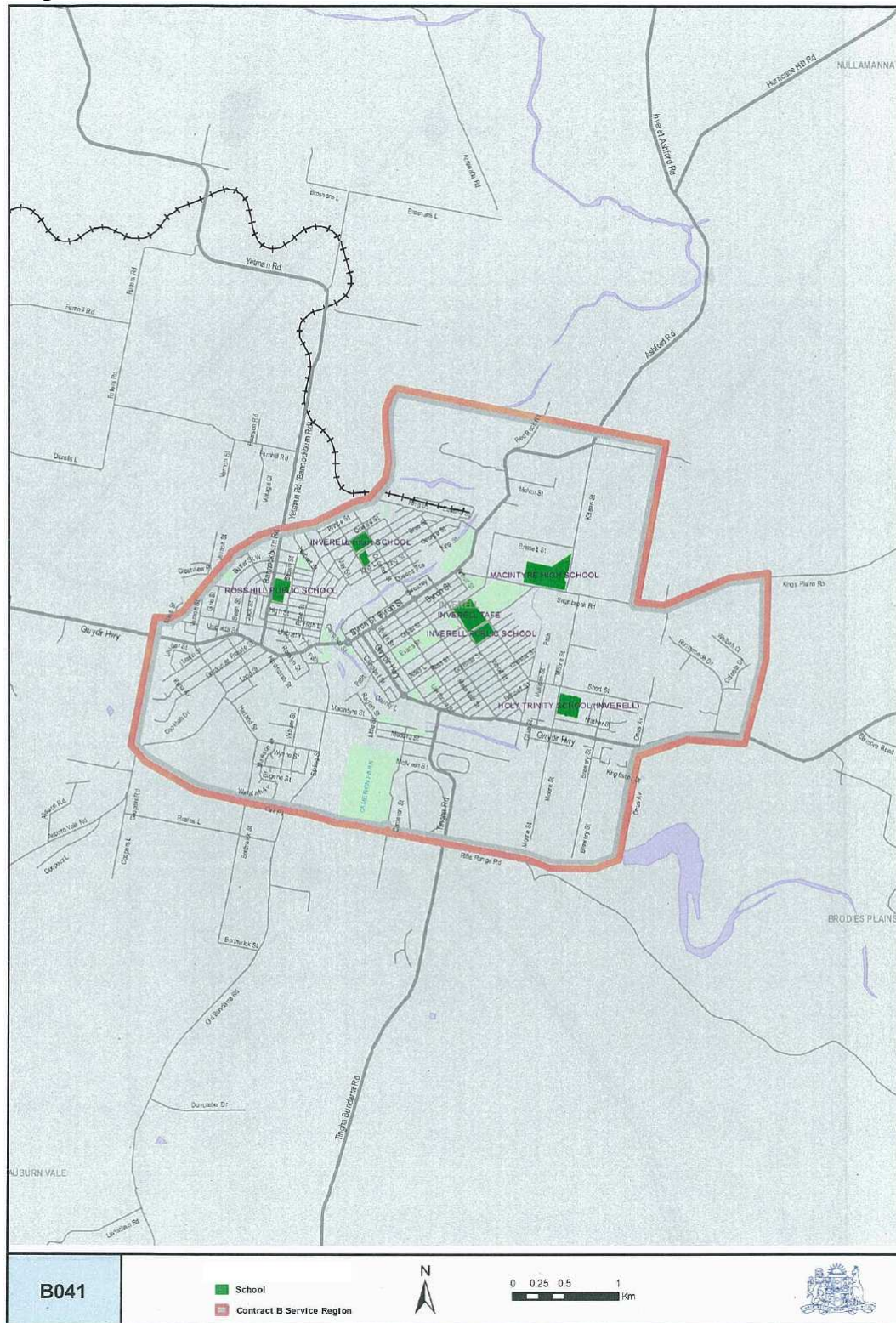
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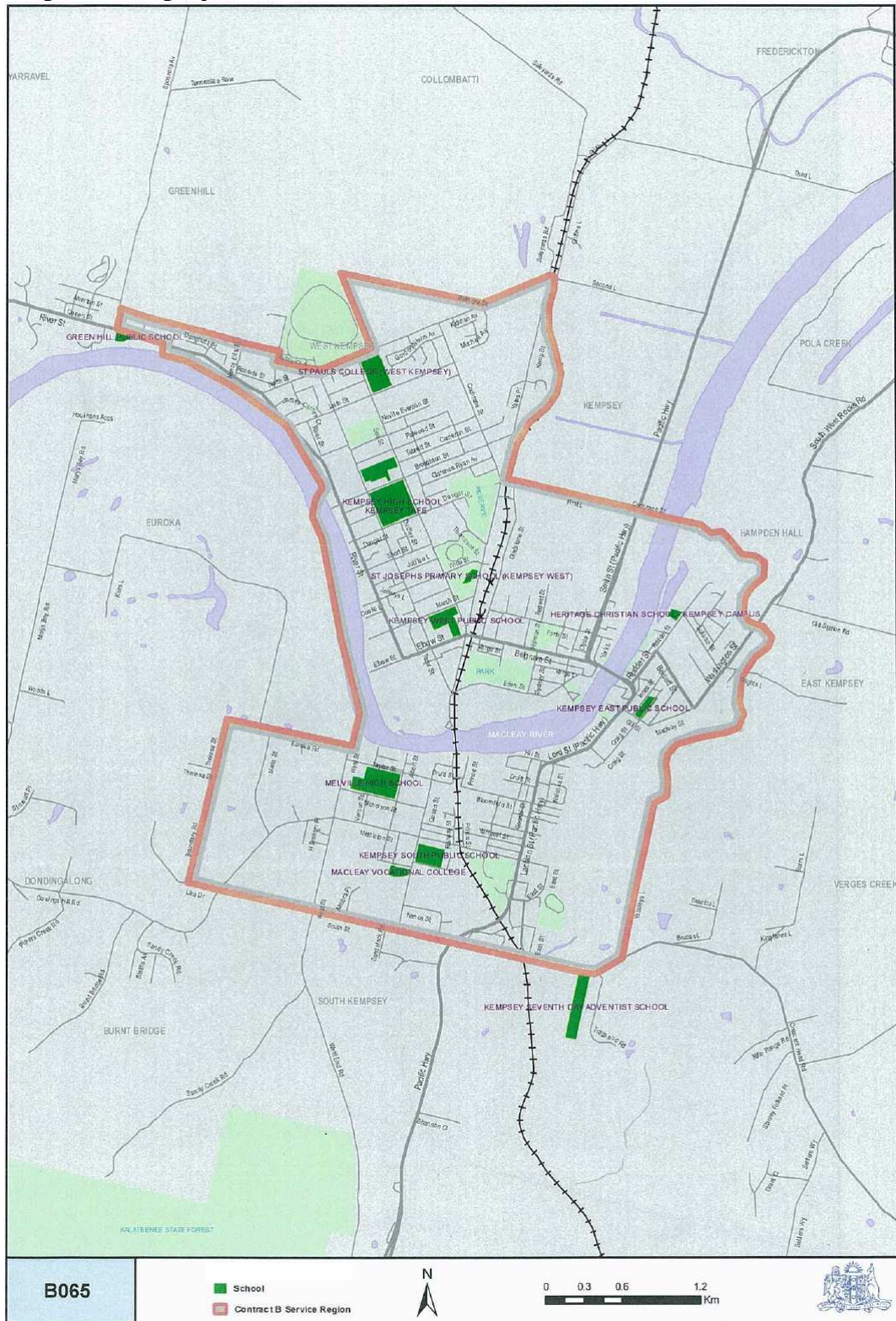
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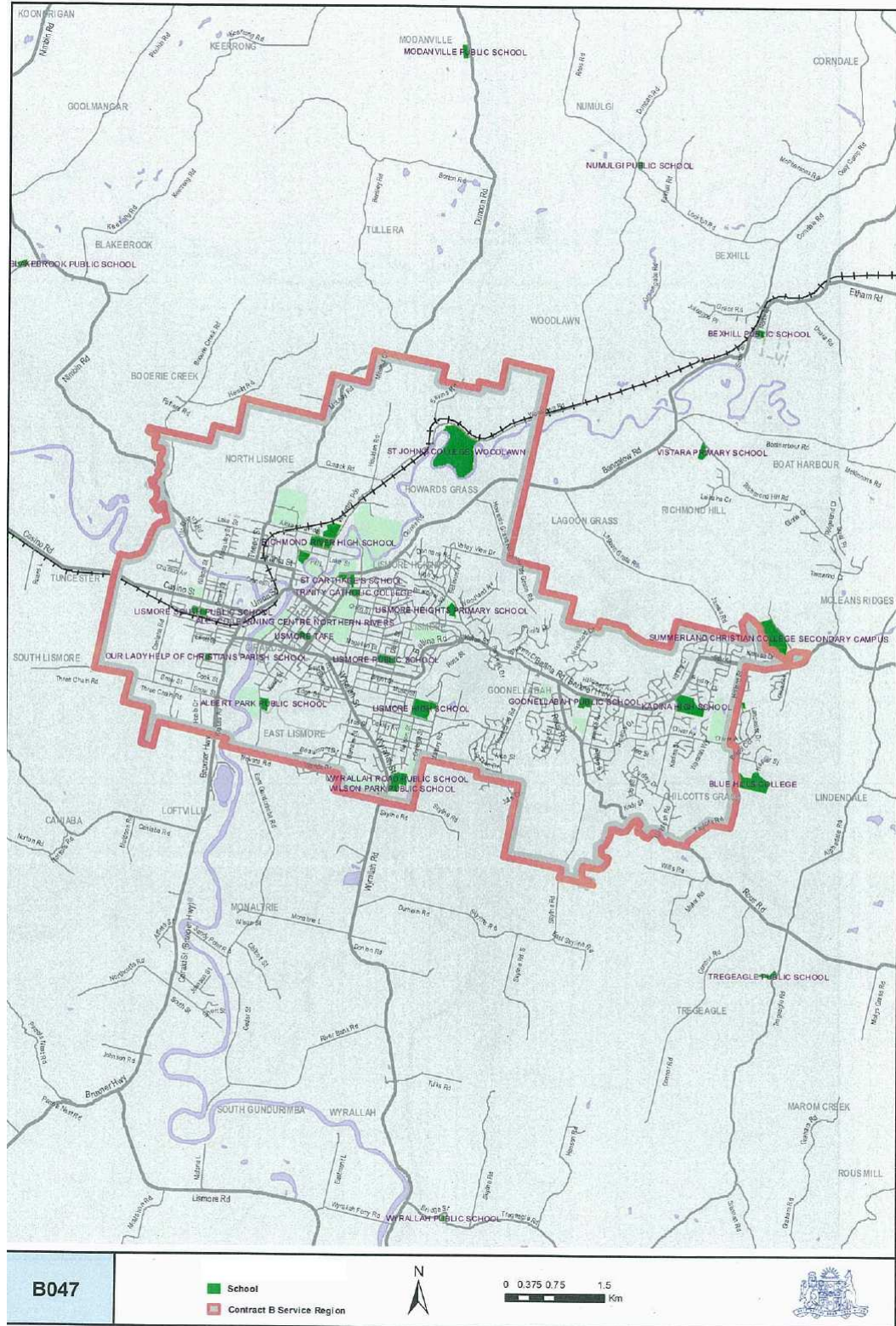
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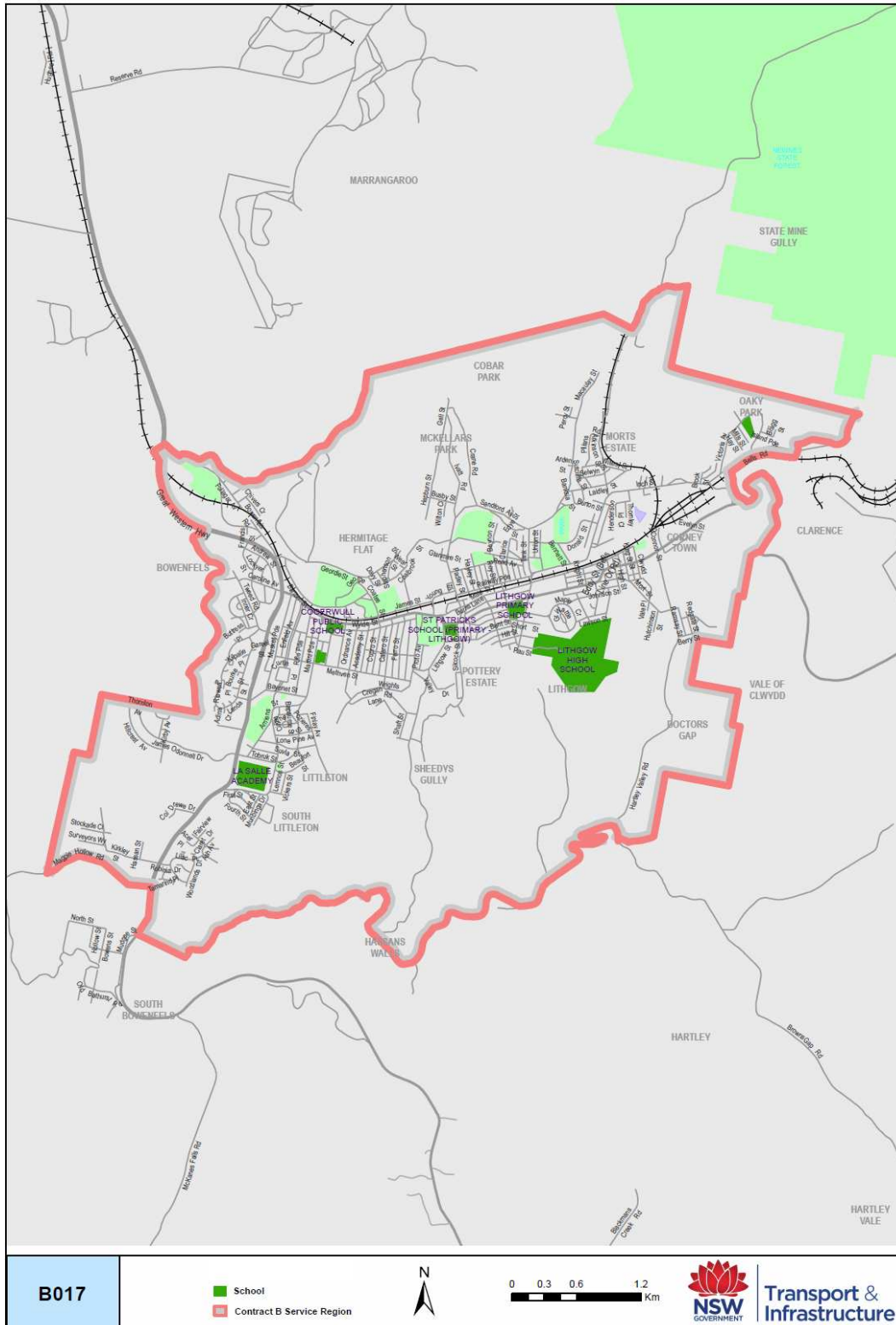
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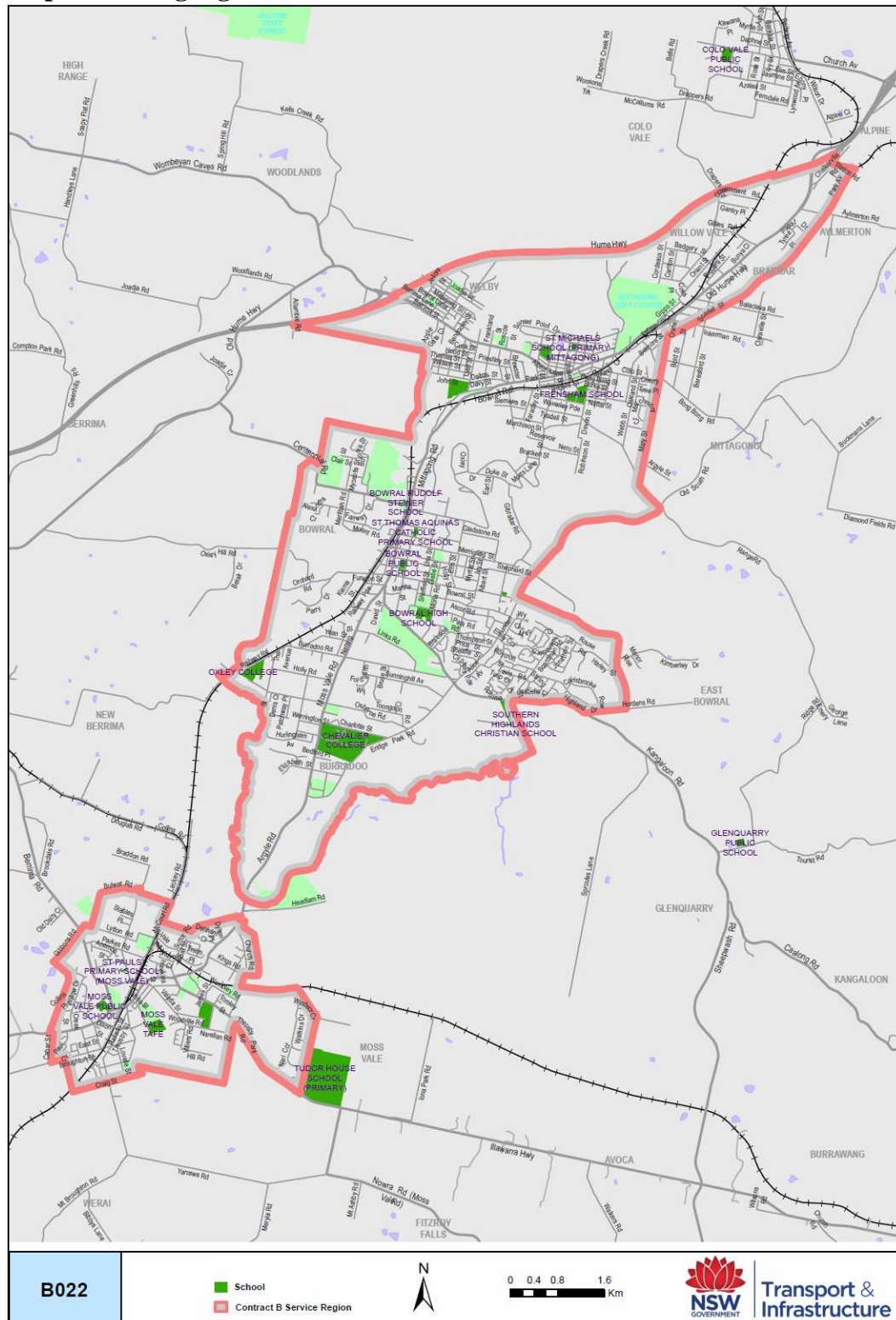
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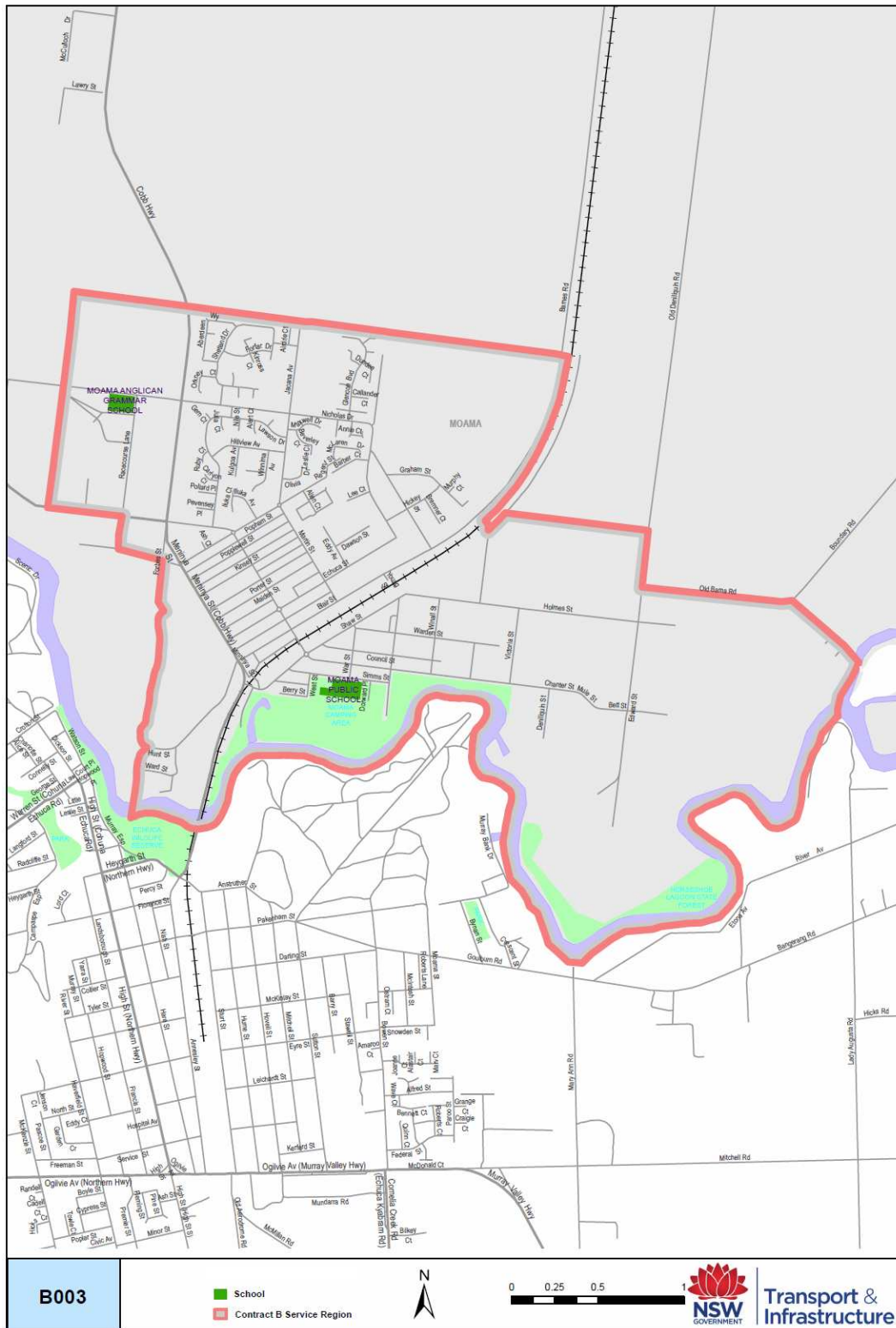
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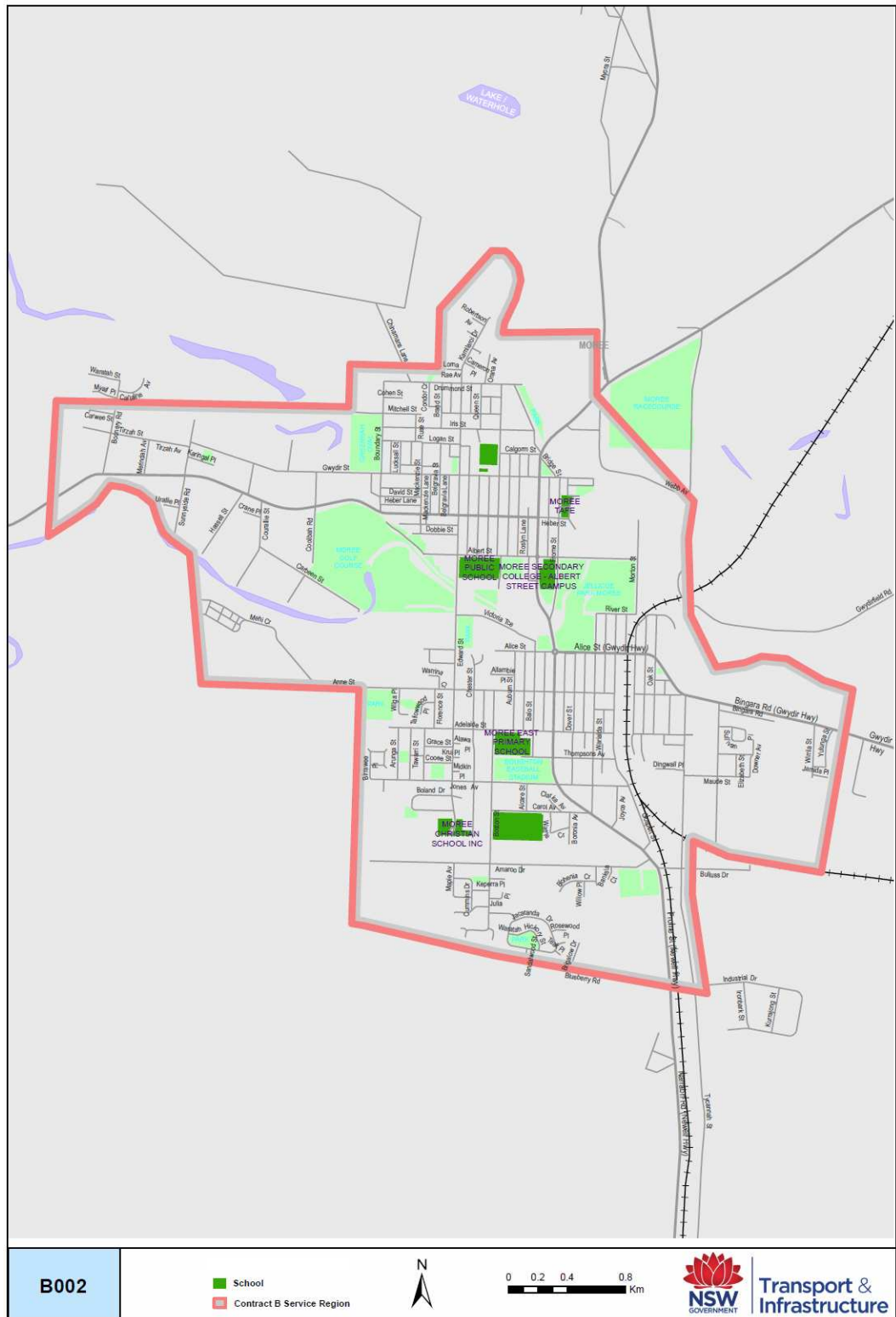
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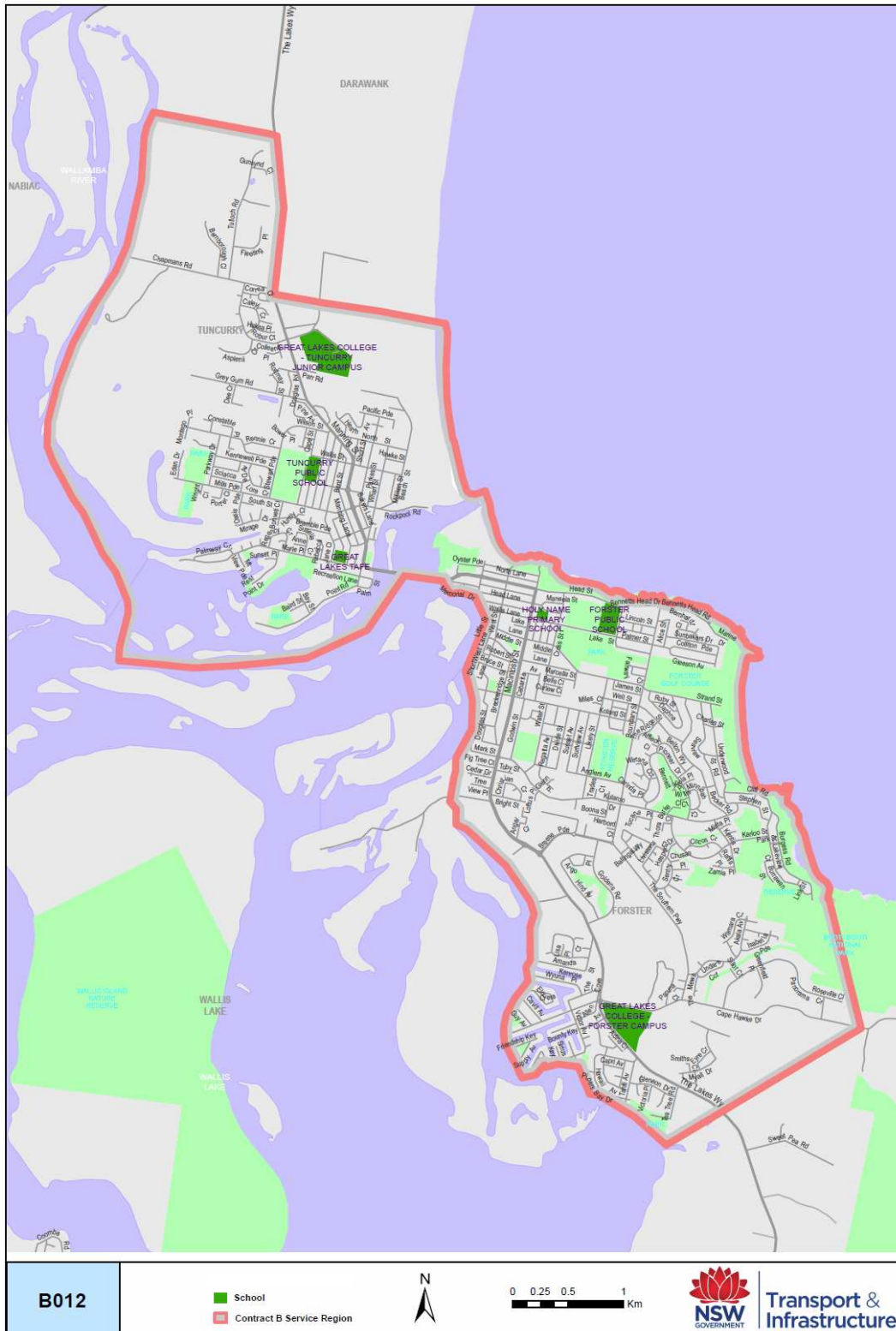
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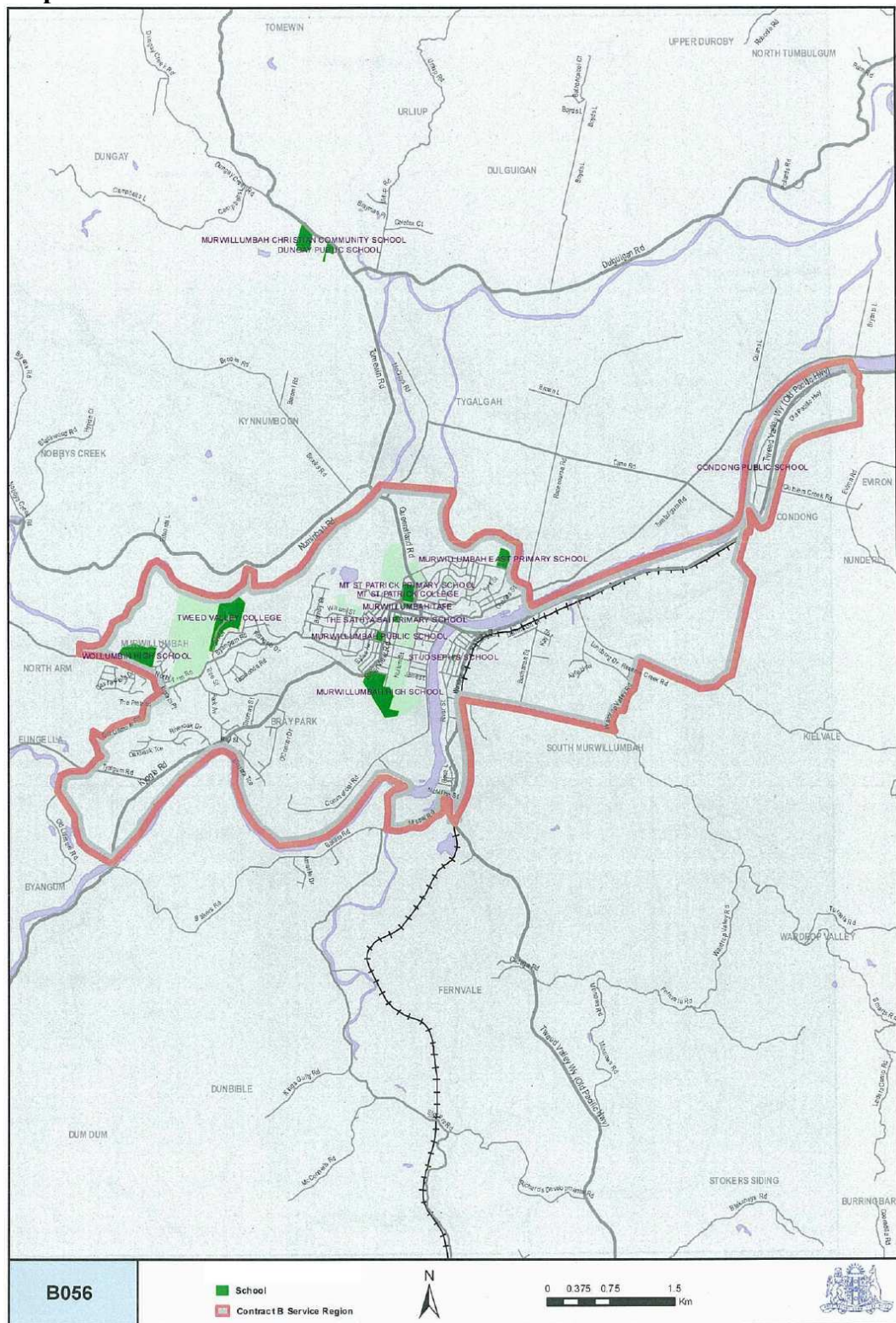
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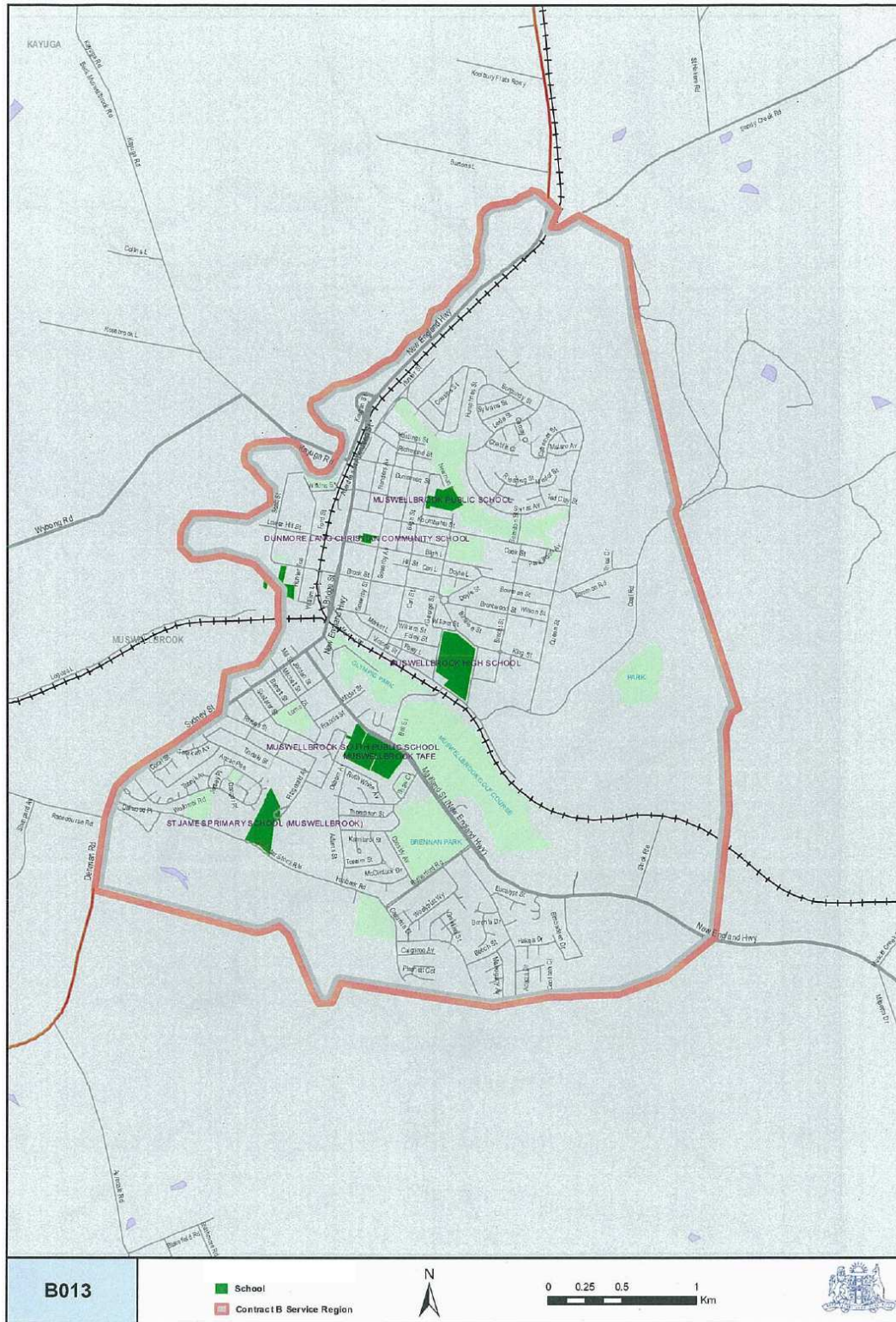
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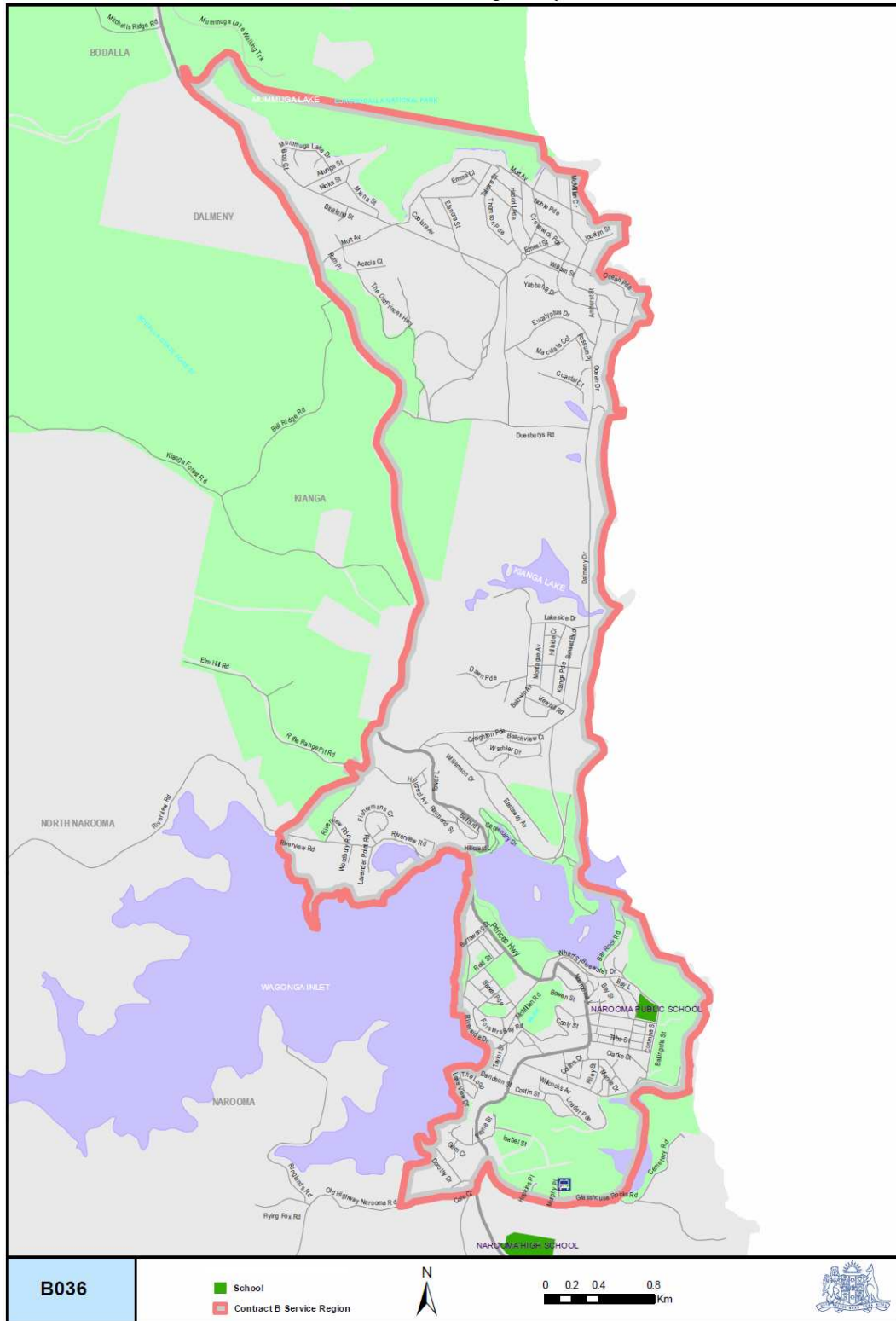
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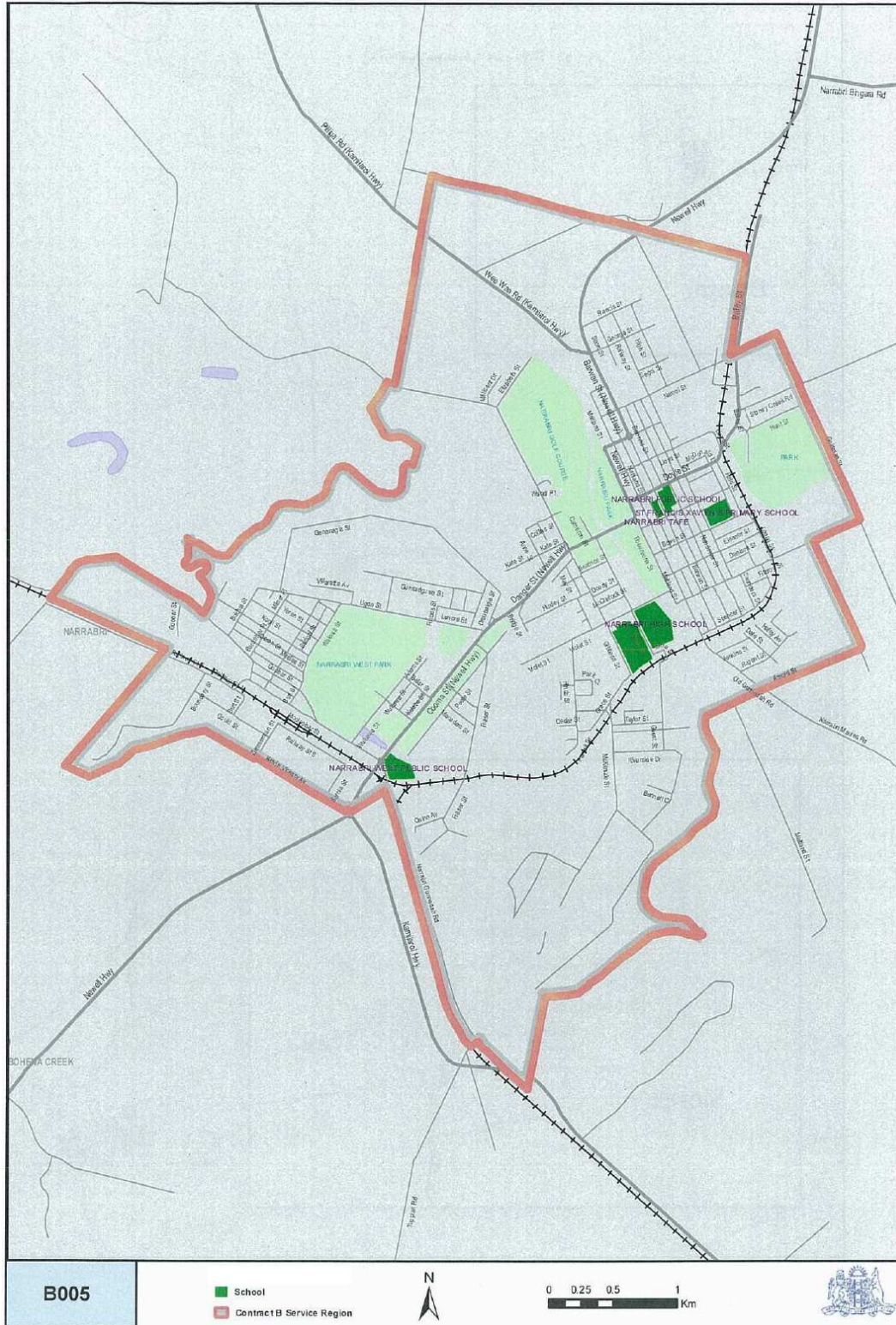
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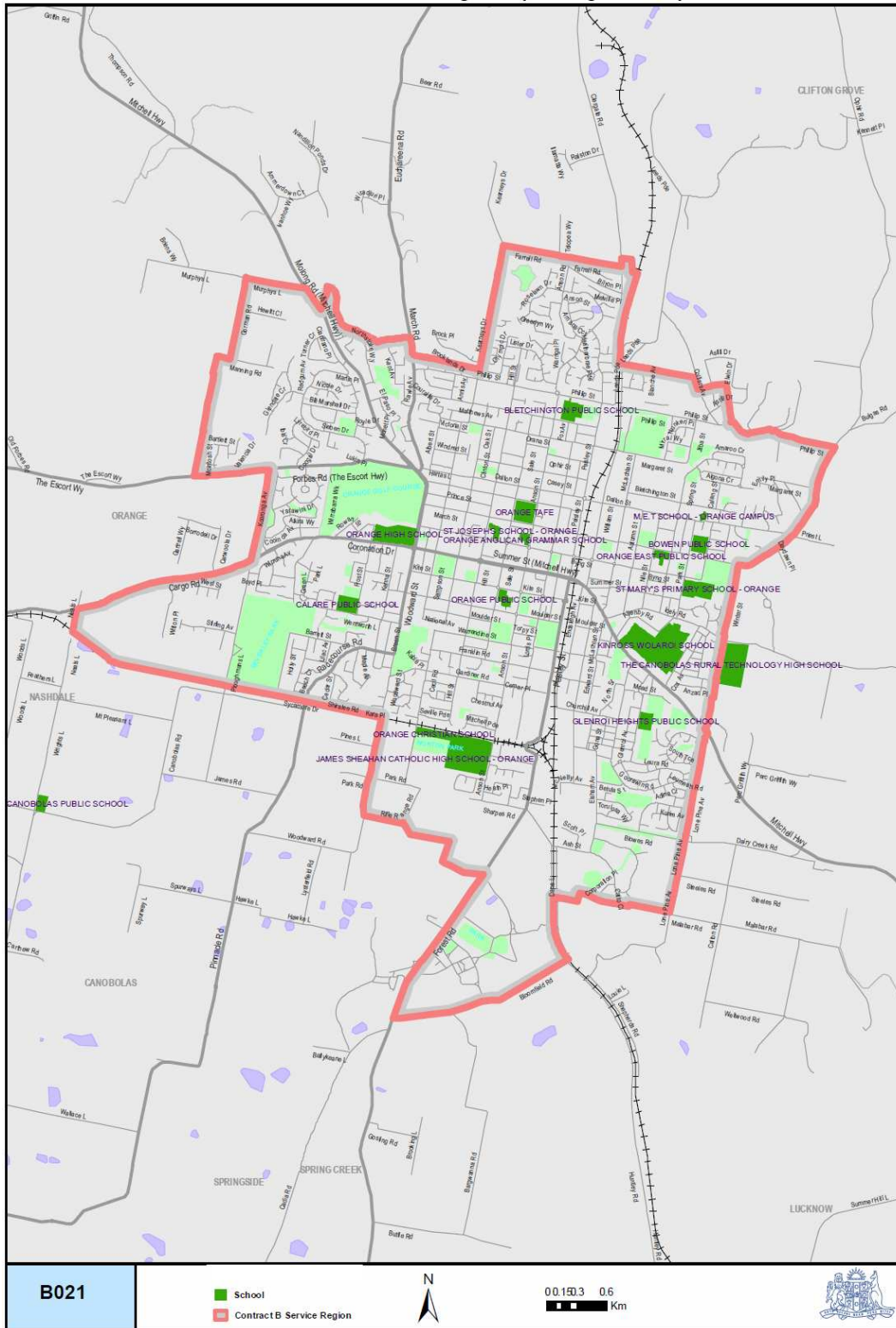


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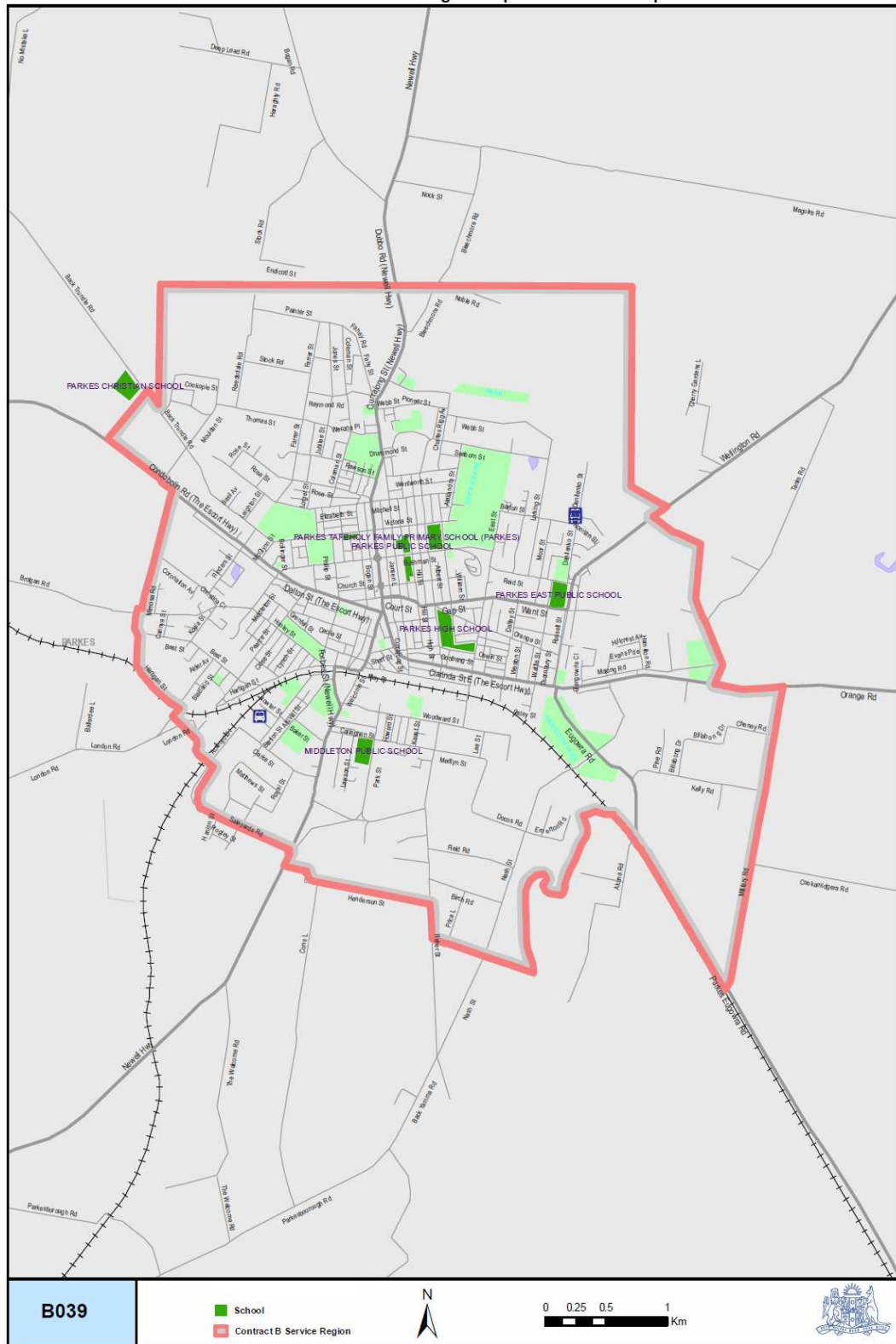


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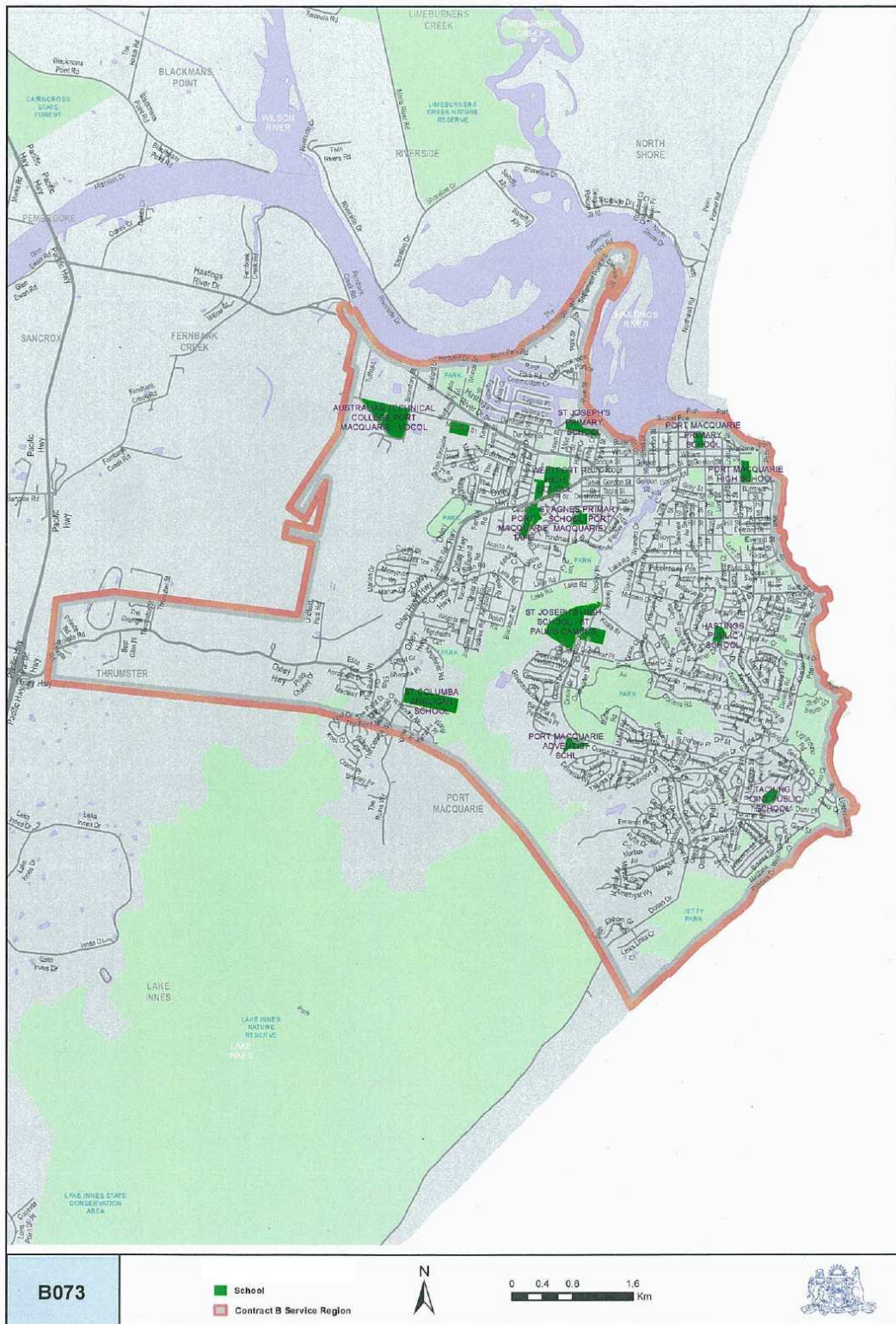
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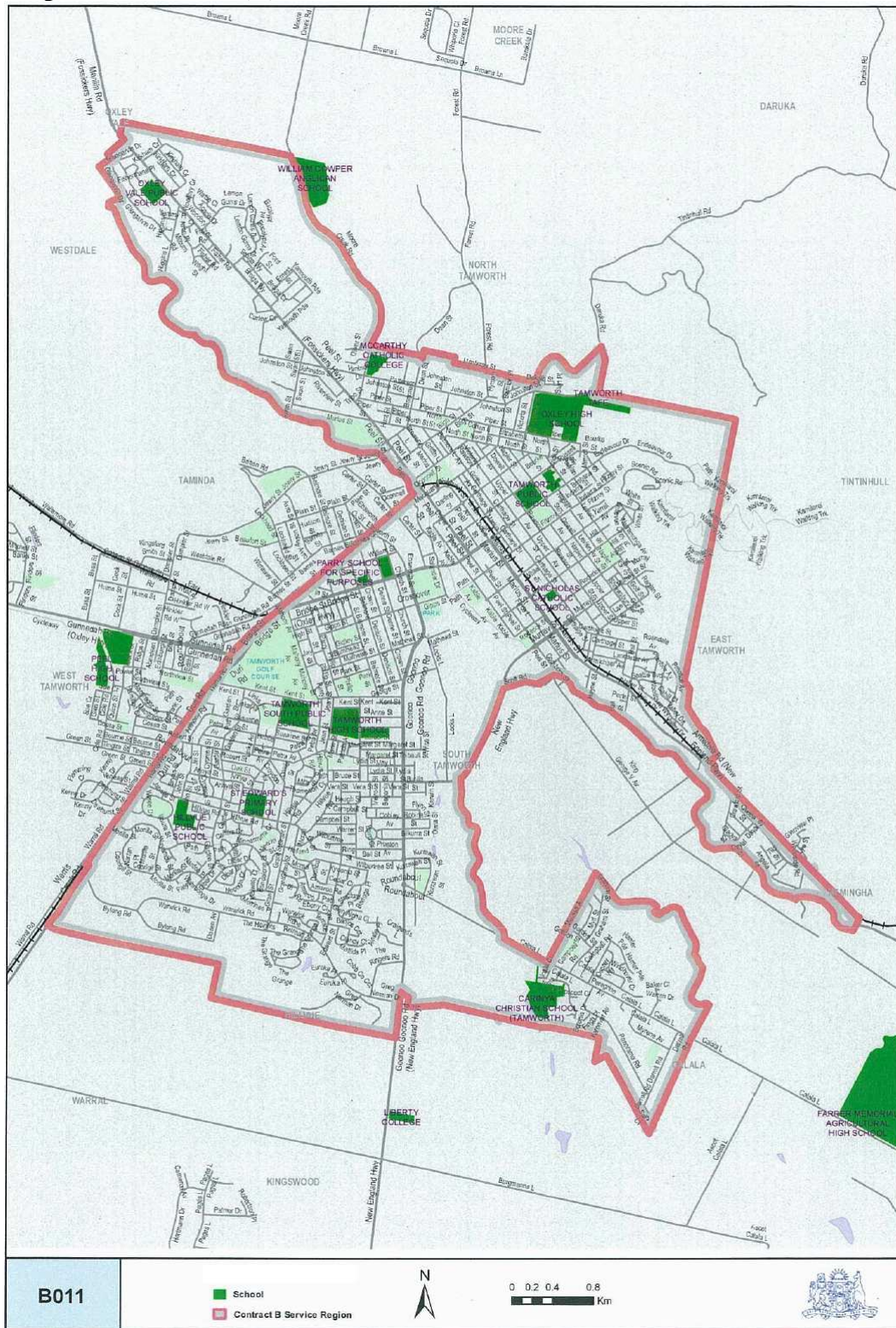


The map displays the B076 Contract B Service Region, outlined in red. It includes the following schools (indicated by green squares):

- QUEANBEYAN WEST PUBLIC SCHOOL
- QUEANBEYAN EAST PUBLIC SCHOOL
- QUEANBEYAN TAFE
- QUEANBEYAN HIGH SCHOOL
- ST GREGORY'S SCHOOL - MACQUOID STREET CAMPUS
- ST GREGORY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL - LOWE STREET CAMPUS
- QUEANBEYAN PUBLIC SCHOOL
- KARBAR HIGH SCHOOL
- QUEANBEYAN NORTH PUBLIC SCHOOL
- JERRABOMBERRA PUBLIC SCHOOL

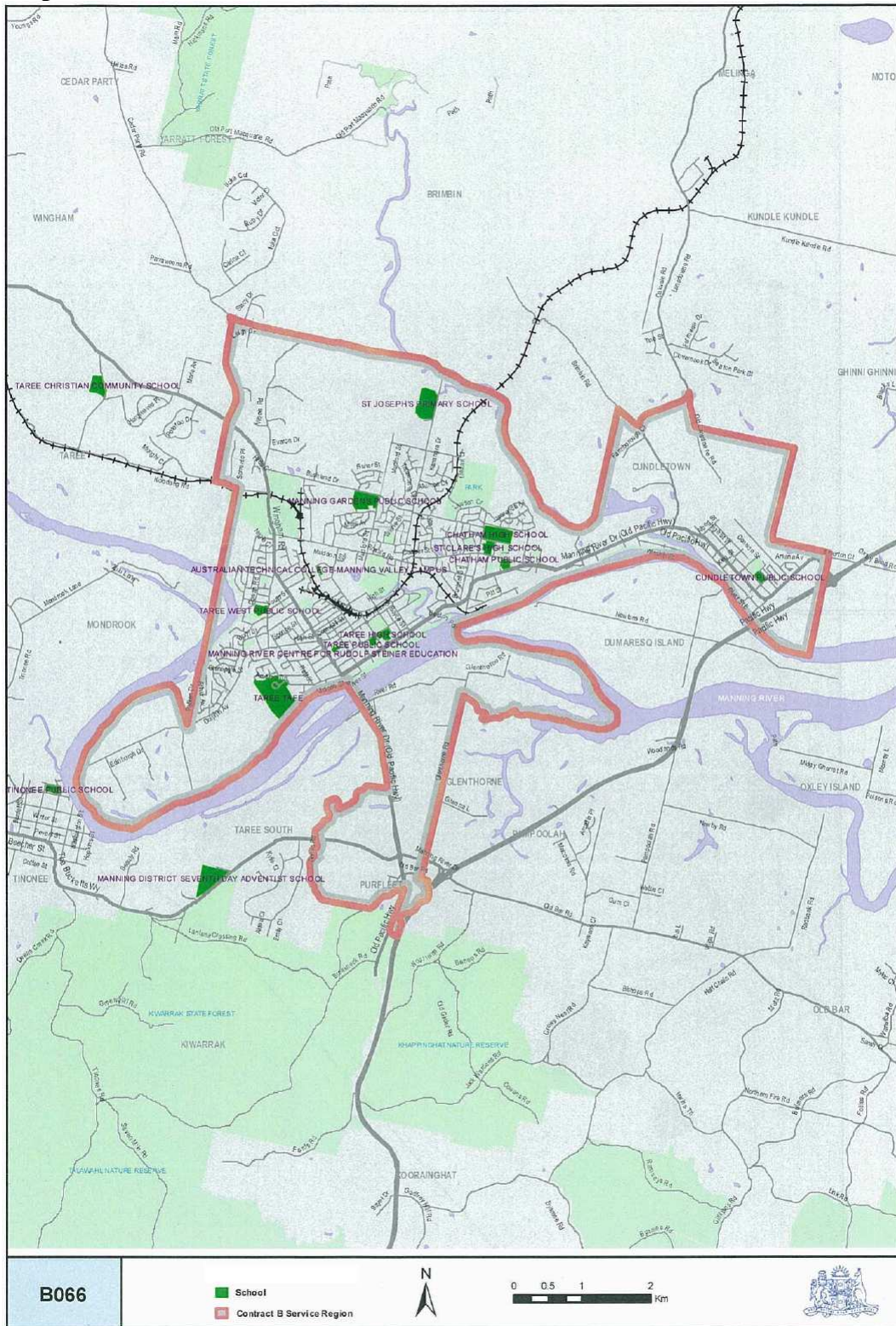
Other labeled areas include: ENVIRONA, GODGONG, TRALEE, GOOGONG RESERVOIR, VARROW, GREENLEIGH, CARWOOLA, and THE RIDGEWAY. The map also shows major roads like Murrumbidgee Hwy, Hume Hwy, and various local streets. A legend at the bottom identifies the green square as 'School' and the red outline as 'Contract B Service Region'. A scale bar (0 to 1.2 km) and a north arrow are also present.

Map 44: Tamworth (A)

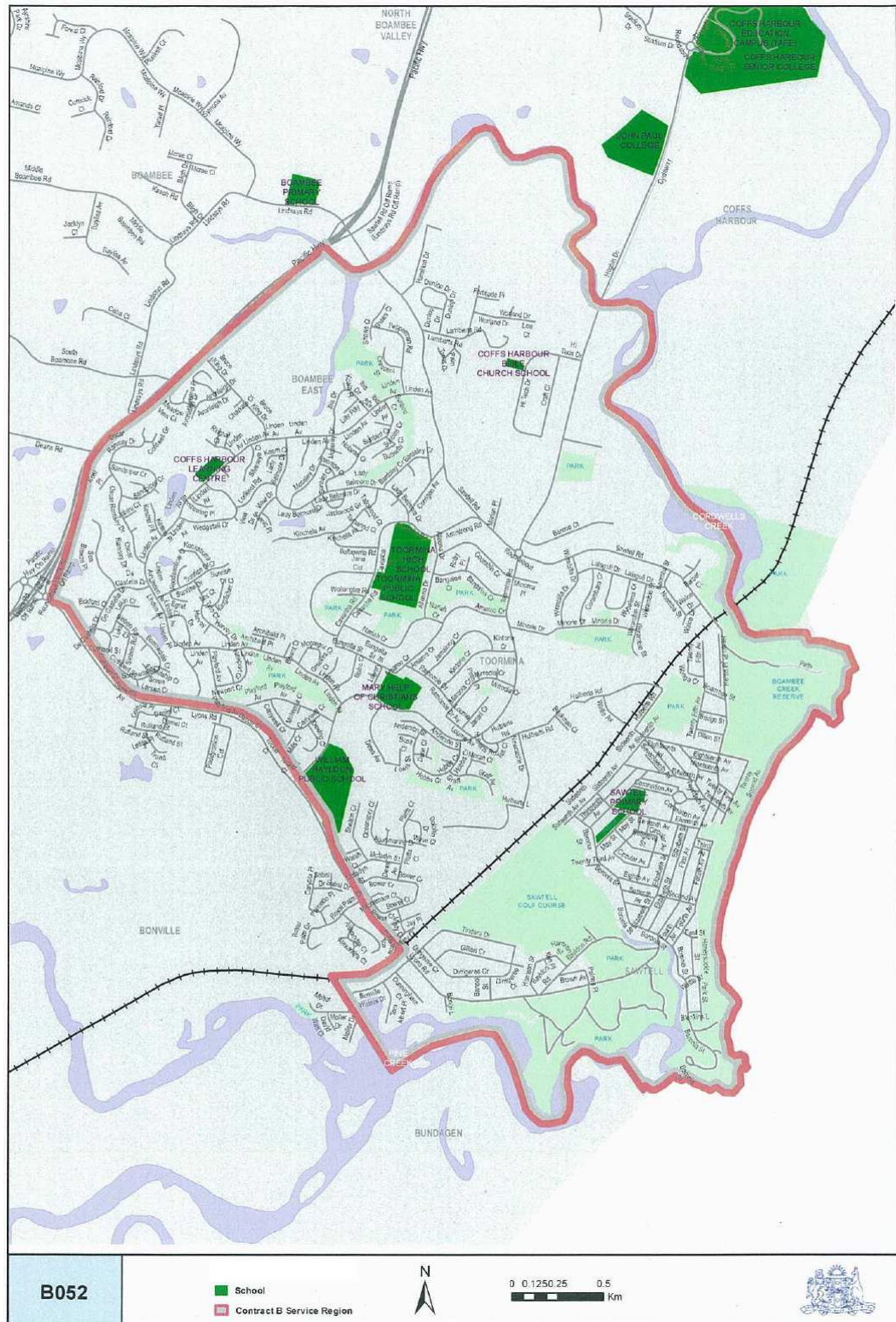


This map displays the B010 Contact B Service Region, which is outlined in red. The region includes several schools, marked with green squares: Oxley Vale Public School, McCarthy Catholic College, Westdale Public School, Peel Public School, West Tamworth Public School, St Joseph's Primary School, St Nicholas Catholic School, Tamworth South Public School, Steward's Primary School, Hillvue Public School, and Carinya Christian School. The map also shows surrounding areas such as North Tamworth, East Tamworth, and Warral. A legend in the bottom left corner identifies the red outline as the 'Contact B Service Region' and the green squares as 'School'. A scale bar at the bottom indicates distances from 0 to 1.6 km, and a north arrow is located in the bottom center.

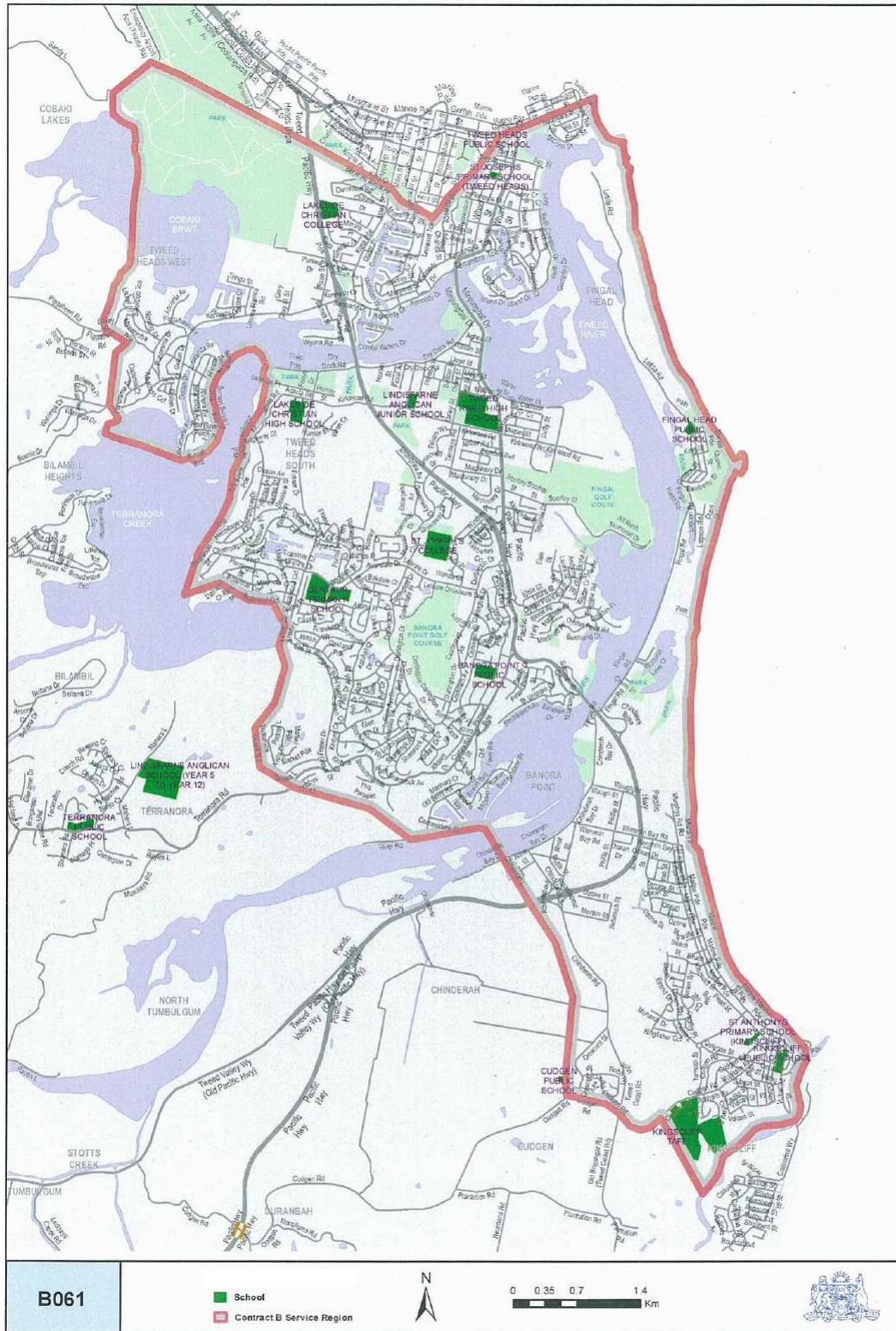
Map 46: Taree



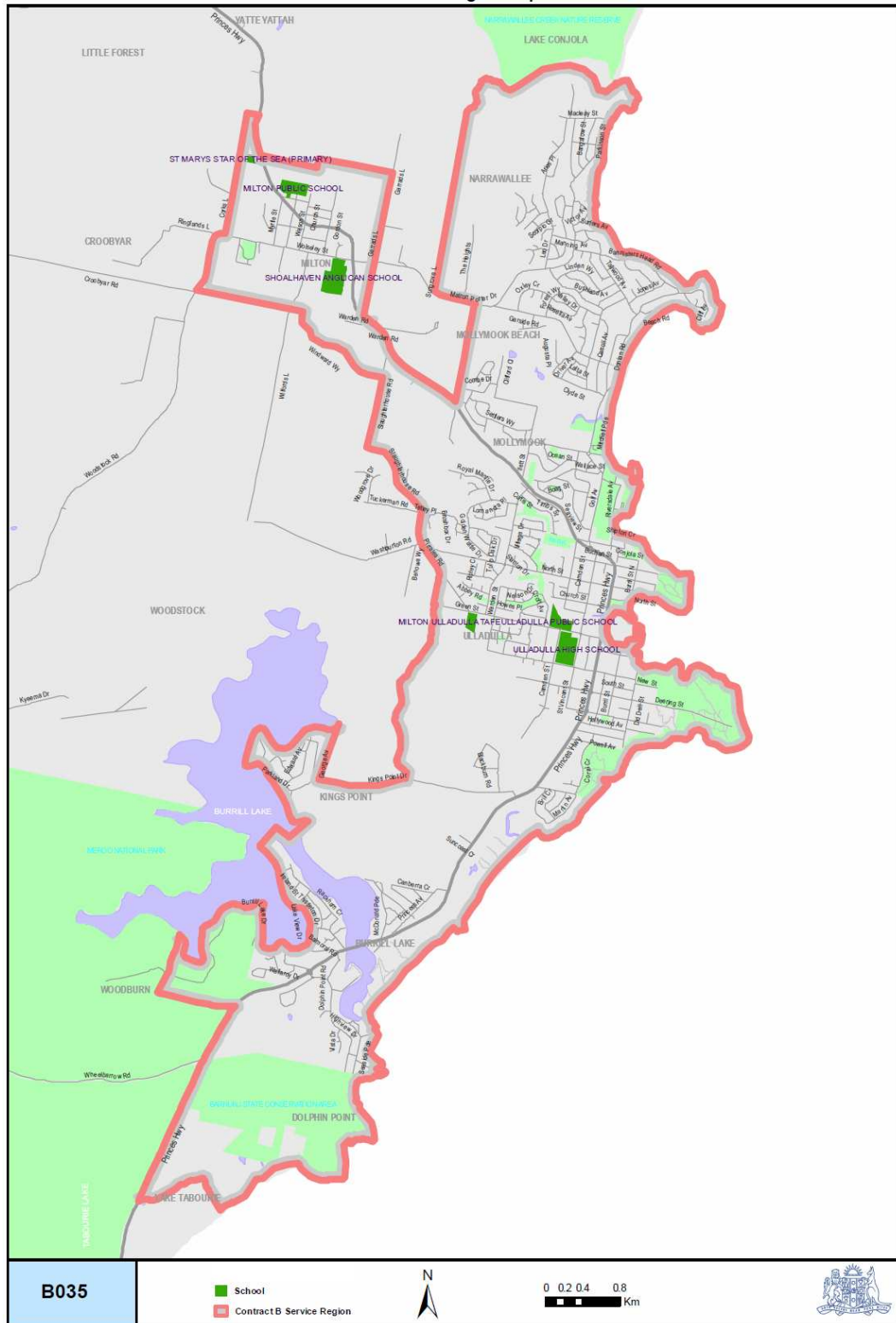
Map 47: Toormina - Sawtell



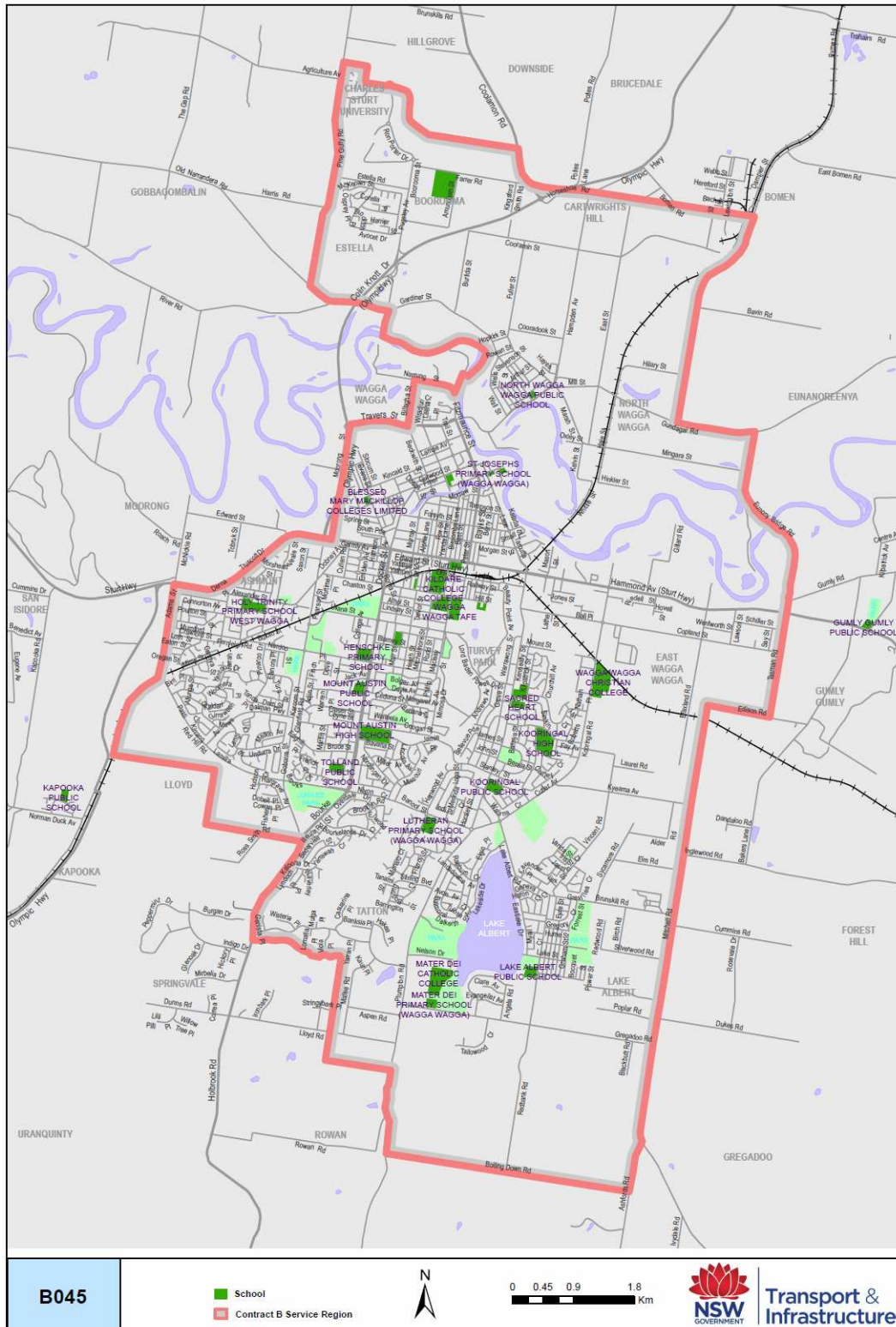
Map 48: Tweed Heads - Banora Point



Map 49: Ulladulla - Milton



Map 50: Wagga Wagga



Map 51: Wingham - Bungay

