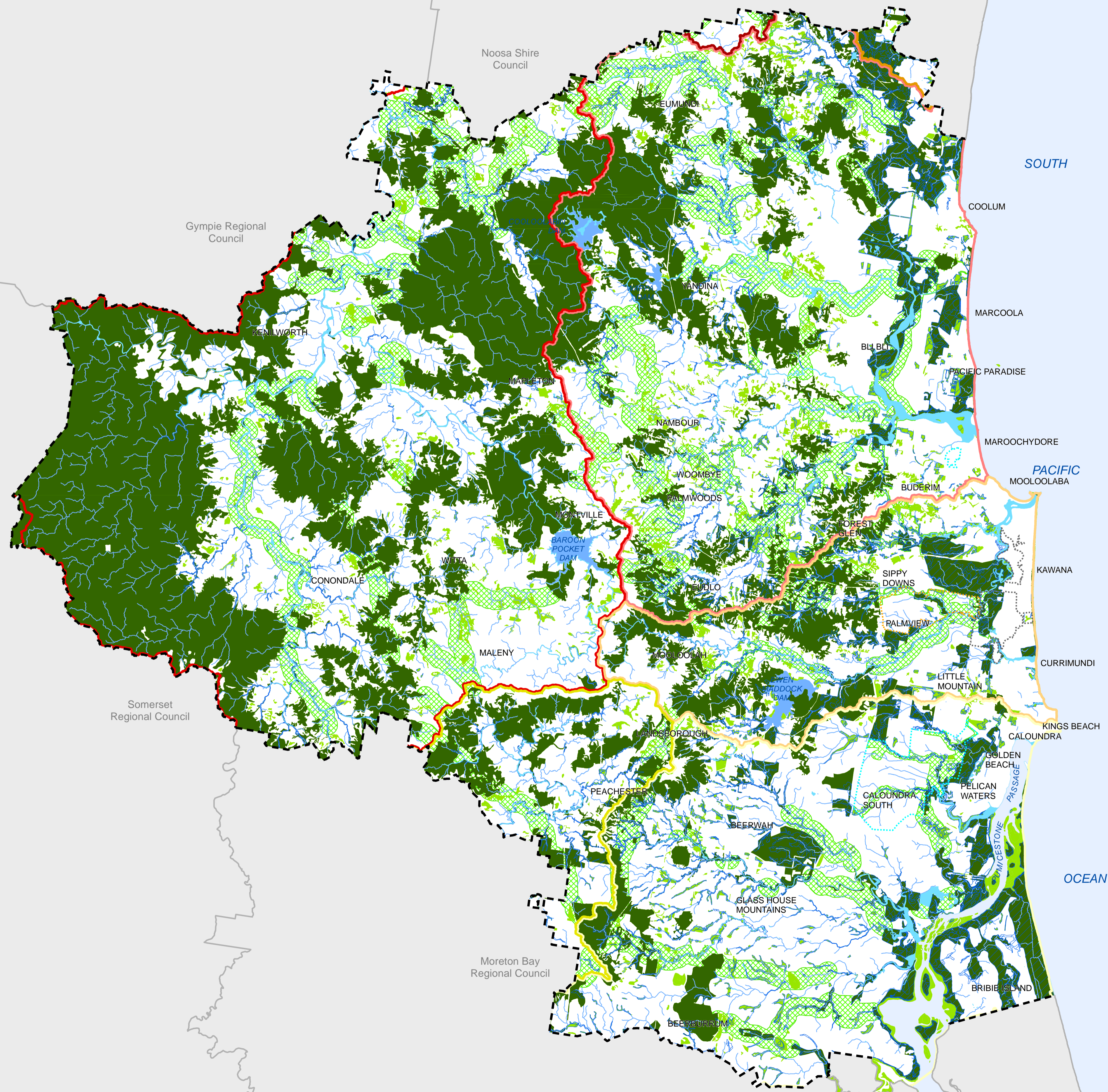


# Strategic Framework Map 5 Natural Environment Elements



**Ecologically Important Areas** (Note 1)

- Core Habitat Areas (Note 2)
- Connecting Habitat Areas (Note 3)
- Natural Wetlands
- Natural Waterbodies
- Natural Waterways (Note 4)

**Ecological Linkages**

- Existing and Future Linkages (Note 5)

**Major Natural Catchments**

- Maroochy River Catchment
- Mary River Catchment
- Mary River North Catchment
- Mooloolah River Catchment
- Noosa River Catchment
- Pumicestone Passage Catchment
- Stanley River Catchment

**Other Elements**

- Local Government Area Boundary
- Declared Master Planned Area (see Part 10 - Other Plans)
- Land within Development Control Plan 1 - Kawana Waters which is the subject of the Kawana Waters Development Agreement (see Section 1.2 - Planning Scheme Components)
- Priority Development Area (subject to the *Economic Development Act 2012*) (Note 6)
- Ocean
- Water Supply Dams

**Note 1 : Ecologically Important Areas**  
Identified on this map include areas of High Ecological Value as Identified by the State Government (Regional Ecosystem Version 6b - Publication Date: 06/11/2009).

**Note 2 : Core Habitat Areas**  
Defined as an area greater than 50 hectares of contiguous (connected) remnant and regrowth vegetation and may comprise:  
 - Multiple vegetation community types (Regional Ecosystems);  
 - Wetlands, rivers and wide coastal waterways that traverse the core area;  
 - Known rare and threatened flora and fauna populations;  
 - Lands with a variety of tenures;  
 - Small non-habitat areas (e.g. clear paddocks) that are enclosed within the core;  
 - Infrastructure easements (e.g. transmission lines) that retain a grassy ground cover or shrubby understorey that reflects the habitat characteristics of nearby habitat types; and  
 - Relatively narrow infrastructure corridors such as local roads or rail easements.

**Note 3 : Connecting Habitat Areas**  
Defined as all other remnant and regrowth vegetation not within a Core Habitat Area and may comprise:  
 - Habitat areas less than 50 hectares in size;  
 - Fragmented and isolated patches of vegetation/habitat greater than 1 hectare in size;  
 - A group of loosely aggregated, but proximal, small habitat fragments in natural or near natural condition; and  
 - Groups of habitat fragments within discrete physical regions such as catchments, landform elements that were not identified as Core Habitat Areas.

**Note 4 : Natural Waterways**  
Stream orders 3 and above only are identified on this map.

**Note 5 : Existing and Future Linkages**  
Comprise of:  
 - Existing (identified through previous council studies) or future opportunities to connect Core Habitat Areas;  
 - Linear habitat or landscape features that provide a link or are components of a more extensive link between Core Habitat Areas; and  
 - Terrestrial or riparian habitat landscape features.

**Note 6 : The Caloundra South Priority Development Area (PDA) is subject to the *Economic Development Act 2012*. The Natural environment elements identified on this map for the Caloundra South PDA reflects the Caloundra South Priority Development Area Infrastructure Agreement (Local Government Infrastructure) dated 2 November 2015.**

This Strategic Framework map graphically represents elements of the Natural Environment theme at a conceptual level and is not intended to be interrogated at the cadastre level.

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