

Draft- Solid Fuel Heater Policy (Urban Areas)

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1 OUTCOMES

- 1.1 To protect the health of residents in the Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council Local Government Area by minimising air pollution from wood smoke.
- 1.2 To protect endangered species and reduce impacts on critical habitat, by reducing the demand and use of wood from natural sources.
- 1.3 To ensure consistency in the way Council deals with solid fuel heater applications.
- 1.4 To promote the adoption of cleaner and more sustainable heating solutions.

2 POLICY

- 2.1 The policy identifies specific areas in the Queanbeyan-Palerang Local Government Area where installation of solid fuel heaters is not permitted.

3 SCOPE OF THE POLICY

- 3.1 This policy applies to all applications for new Solid Fuel Heaters in the urban areas of the Queanbeyan Palerang Local Government Area (as shown on the maps in Appendix One of the Policy).
- 3.2 This policy does not apply to applications for replacement of existing approved wood heaters.
- 3.3 This policy does not require the removal of existing wood heaters in buildings.

4 DEFINITIONS

- 4.1 **Buildings** means structures with roof/s and walls (includes non-habitable buildings)
- 4.2 **Solid Fuel Heater** means any device designed or intended to burn wood or wood products for the purpose of heating indoor spaces.

5 LEGISLATIVE OBLIGATIONS AND/OR RELEVANT STANDARDS

- 5.1 Local Government Act 1993 Section 8
- 5.2 Local Government Act 1993 Section 68 Part F (4)
 - Install a domestic oil or solid fuel heating appliance, other than a portable appliance.
- 5.3 Protection of Environmental Operation Act 1997 (POEO)
 - Provides for the issuing of smoke abatement notices.

6 CONTENT

- 6.1 No approval will be granted for installation of a solid fuel heater in Queanbeyan (excluding Greenleigh), Jerrabomberra, Googong, Jumping Creek, Tralee, Bungendore (including Elm Grove Subdivision) and Braidwood (including Braidwood Ridge Subdivision)
- 6.2 Should an inspection find an unapproved solid fuel heater after the adoption of this policy, Council may take enforcement action.

6.3 Responsibilities

- 6.3.1 Council Development and Environment Directorate: Ensures that all Section 68 applications comply with this policy.
- 6.3.2 Building Inspectors and Private Certifiers: Verify compliance during site inspections.
- 6.3.3 Residents and developers: Ensure that no new wood heaters are included in new buildings designs.

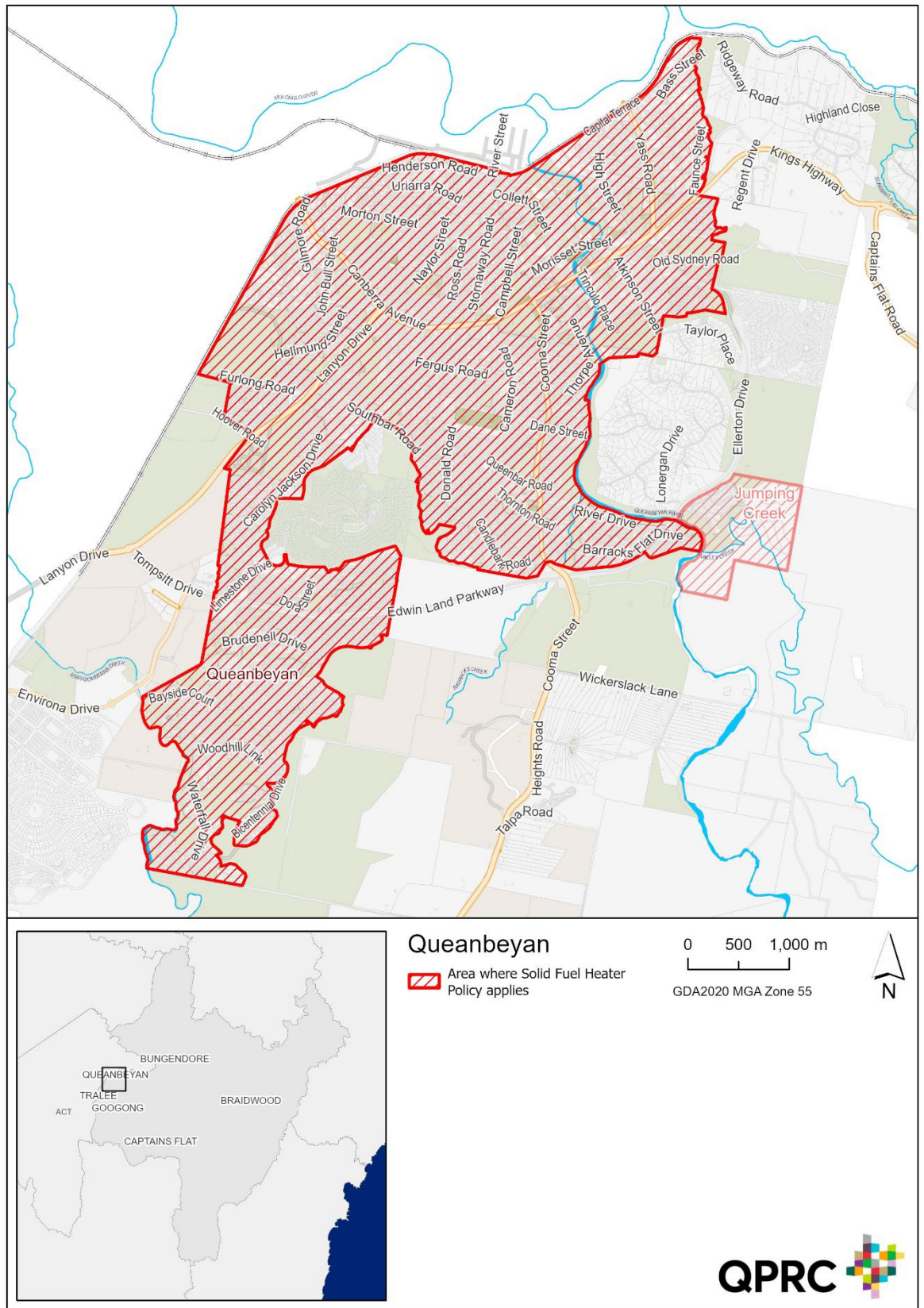
7 REVIEW

- 7.1 This policy may be reviewed and updated as necessary if:
- a) legislation requires it, or
 - b) Council's functions, structure or activities change.
- 7.2 Any review of the policy will require further public consultation prior to any changes being enacted except where the change is imposed by applicable State or Federal legislation.

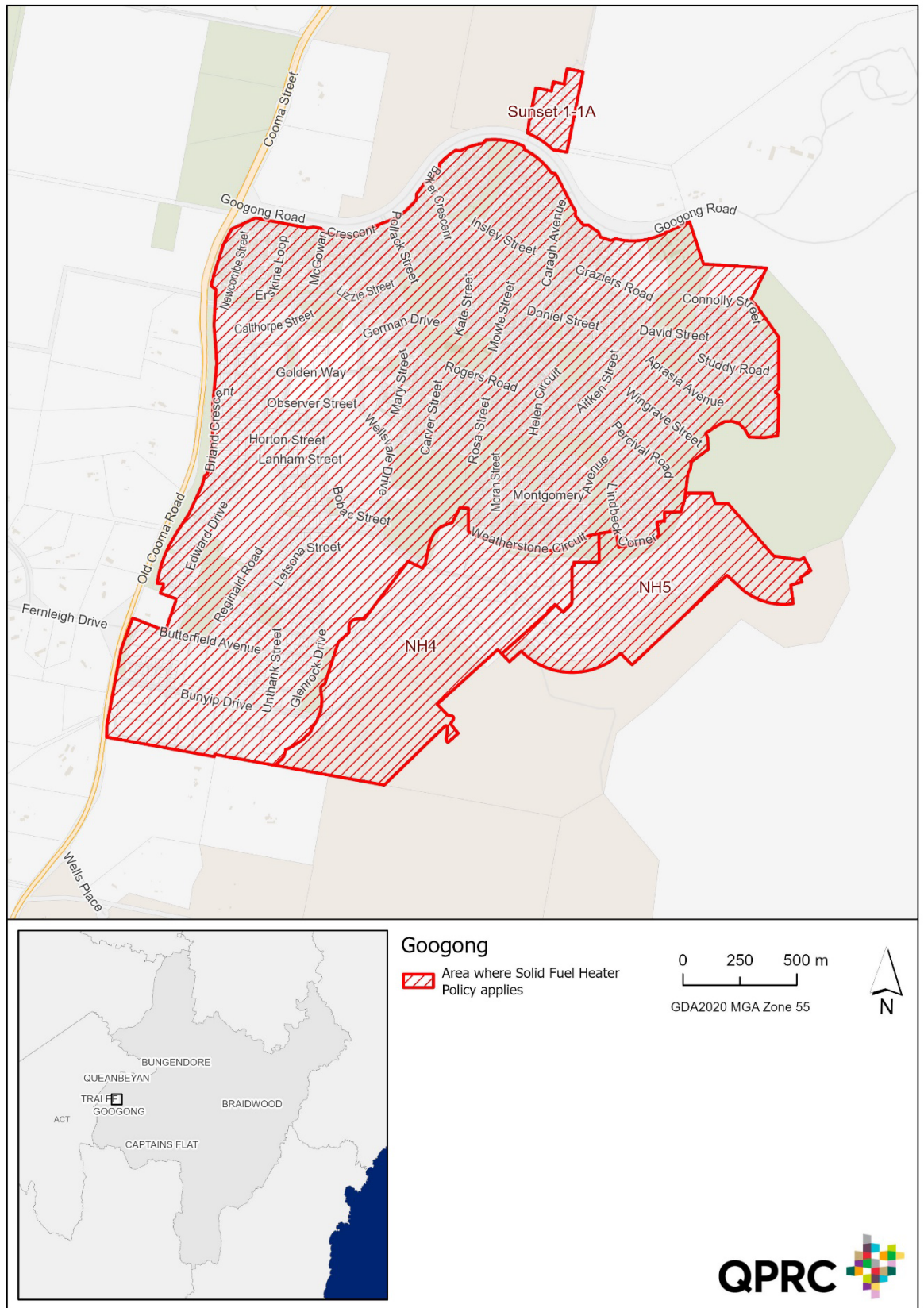
Appendix 1: Solid Fuel Heater Policy Maps

- Queanbeyan
- Googong
- Jumping Creek
- Tralee
- Bungendore (including Elm Grove Subdivision)
- Braidwood (including Braidwood Ridge Subdivision)

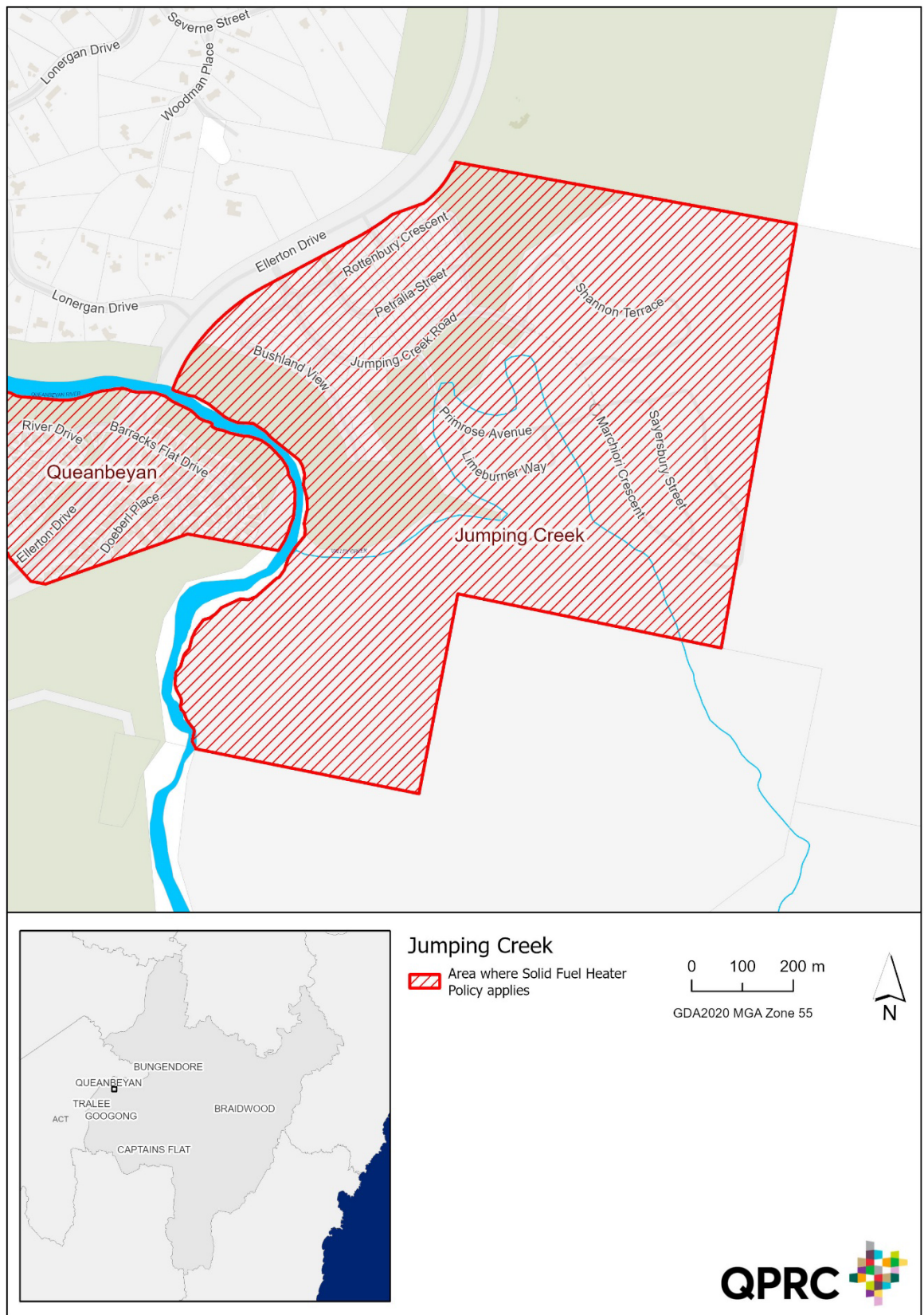
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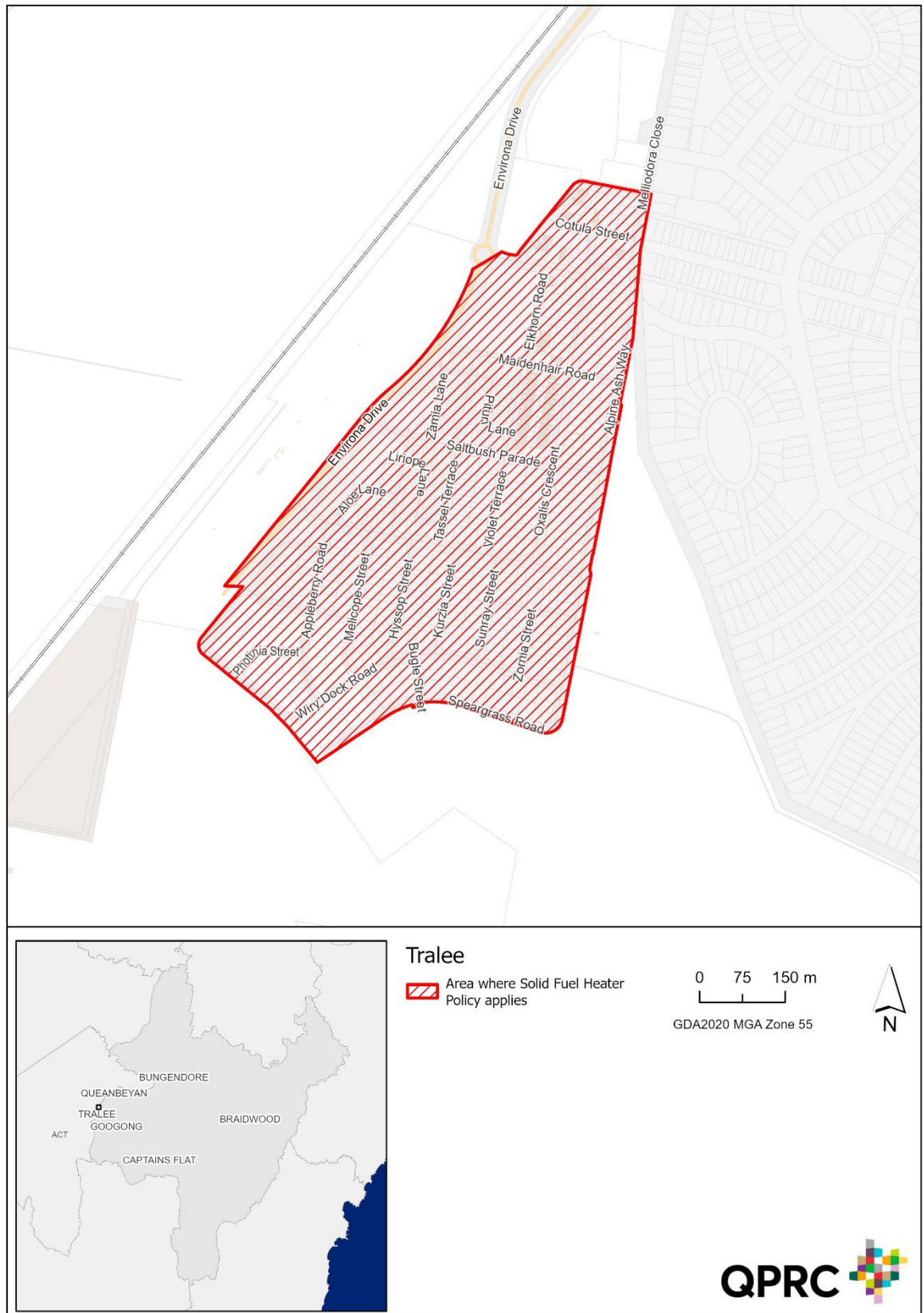
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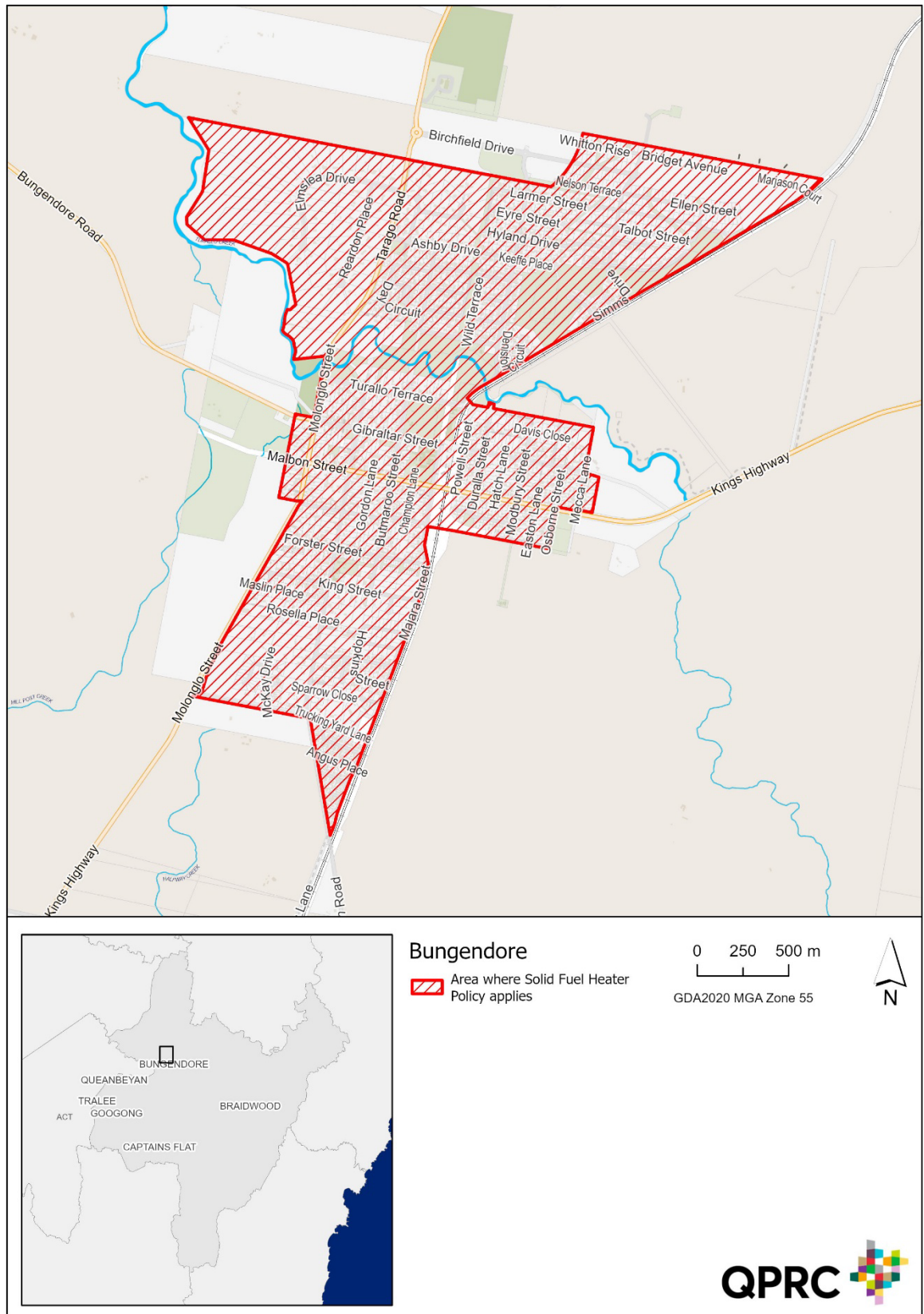
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