

Site Verification Certificate
HVO Open Cut Coal Continuation Project (SVC-12575722)

Part 4AA, Division 3 of *State Environmental Planning Policy (Mining, Petroleum Production and Extractive Industries) 2007*

Pursuant to clause 17C(1) of *State Environmental Planning Policy (Mining, Petroleum Production and Extractive Industries) 2007*, I determine the application made by HV Operations Pty Ltd by issuing this certificate.

I certify that in my opinion, having regard to the criteria in the *Interim Protocol for site verification and mapping of biophysical strategic agricultural land*, the land specified in Schedule 1 is not Biophysical Strategic Agricultural Land.

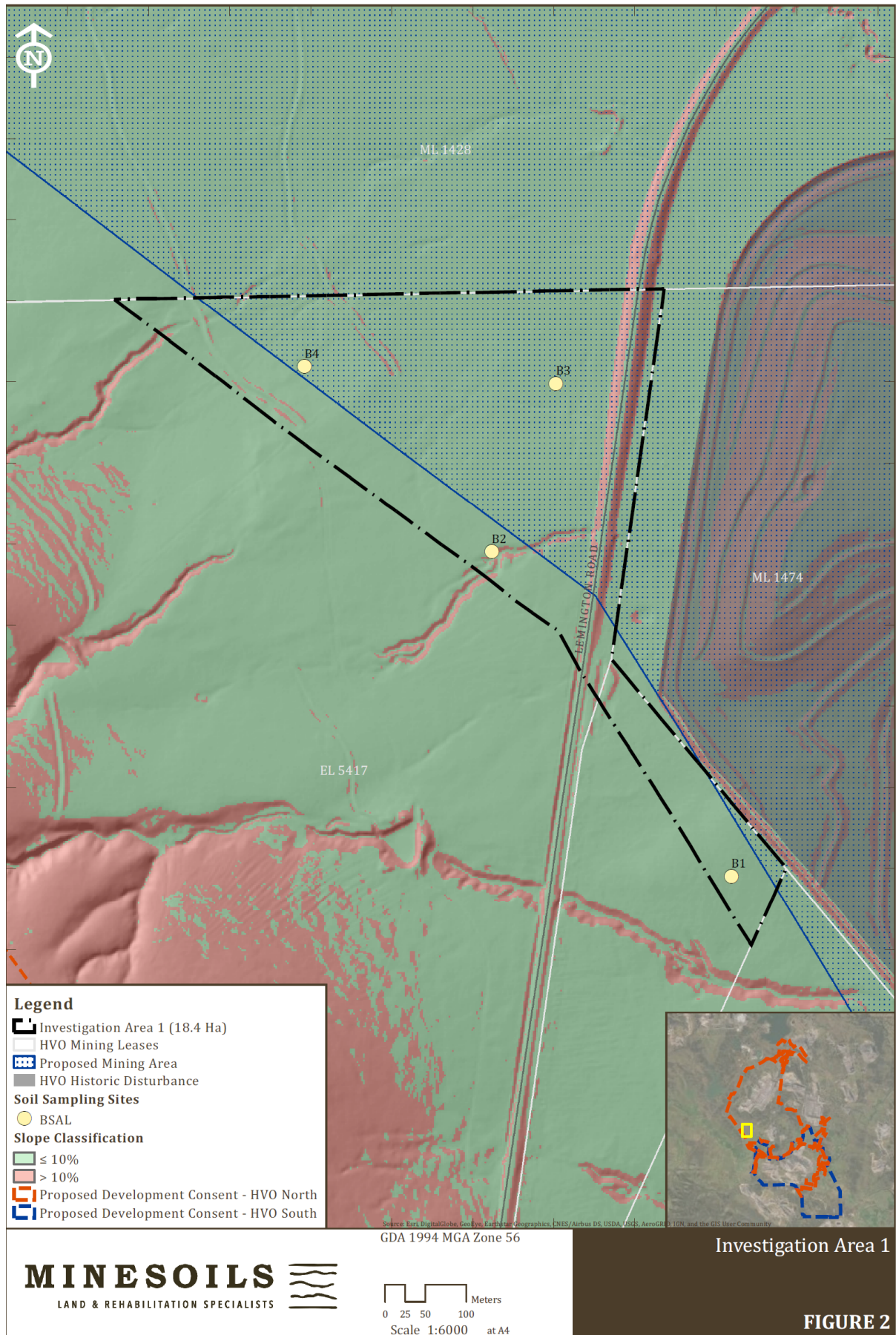
The reasons for forming the opinion on each of the relevant criteria are contained in Schedule 2.

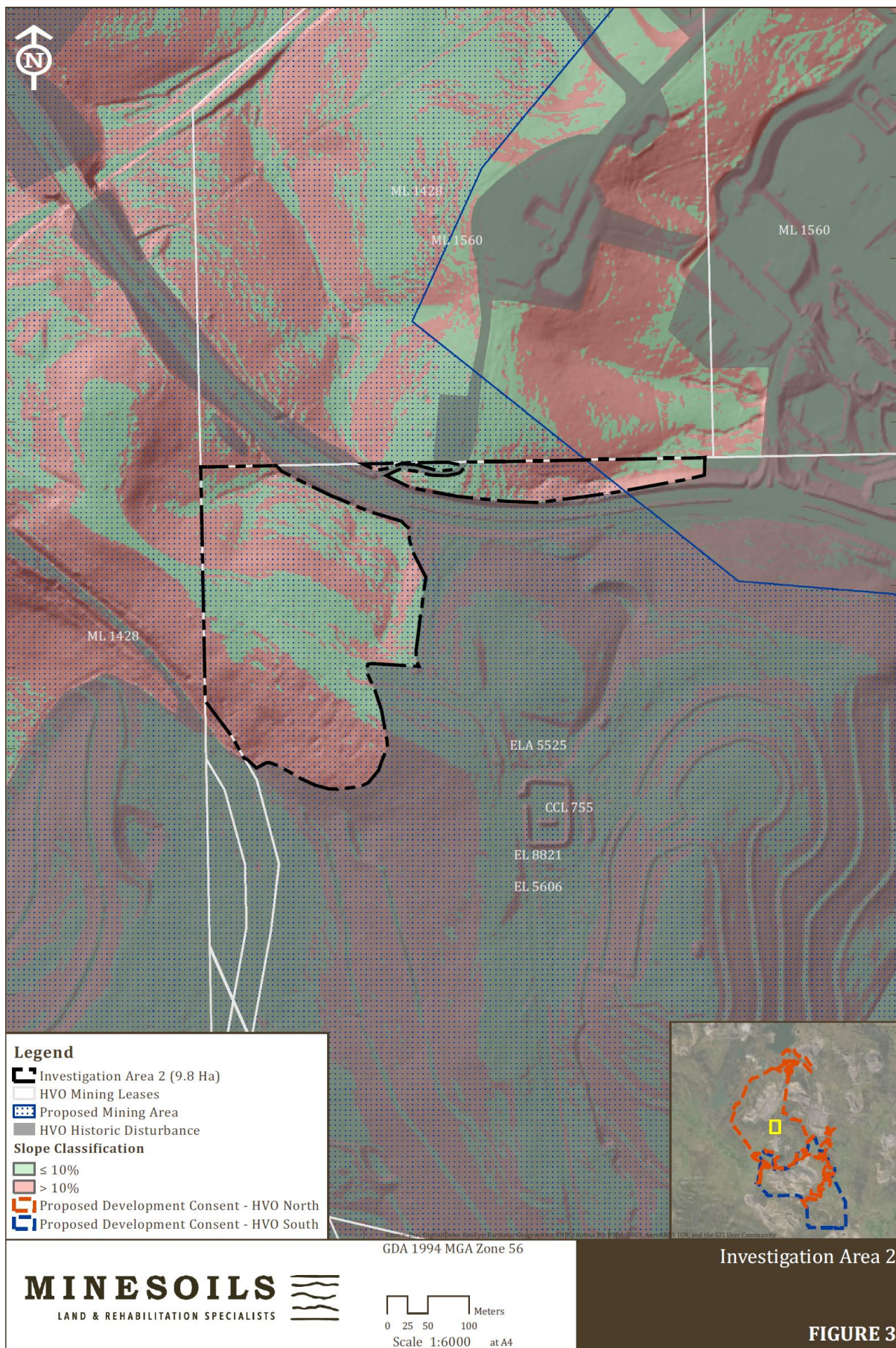


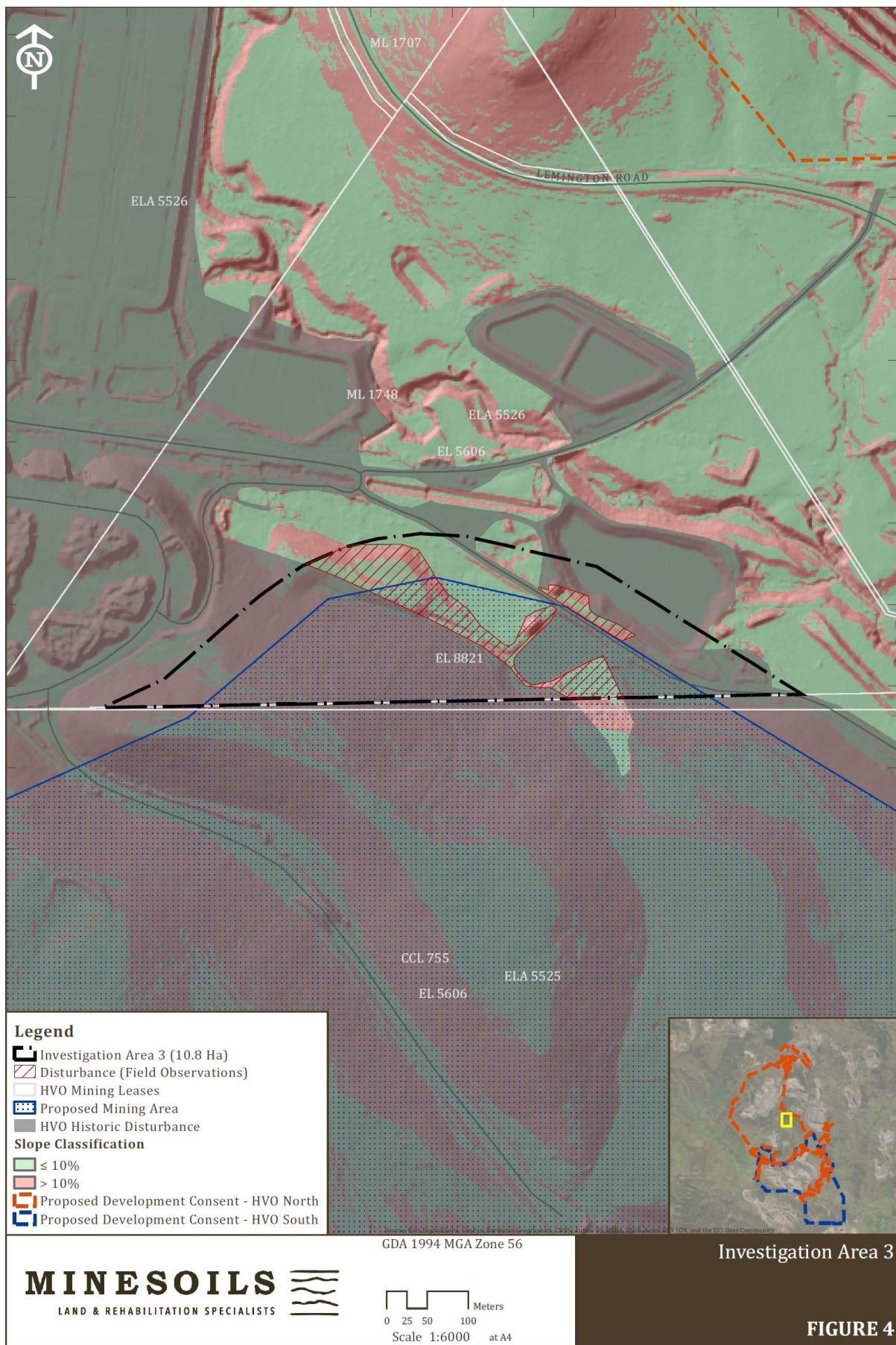
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as delegate for the Planning Secretary

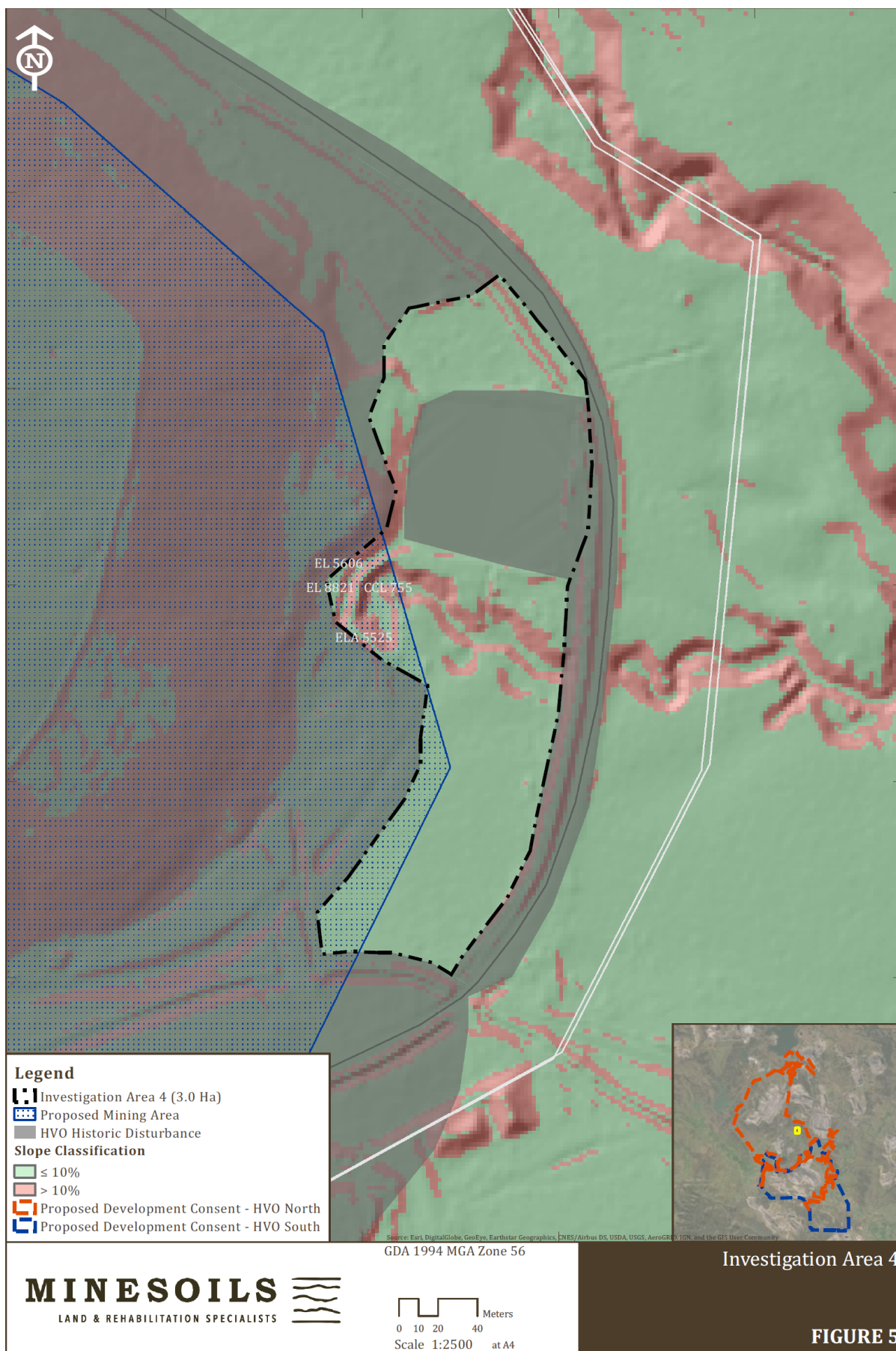
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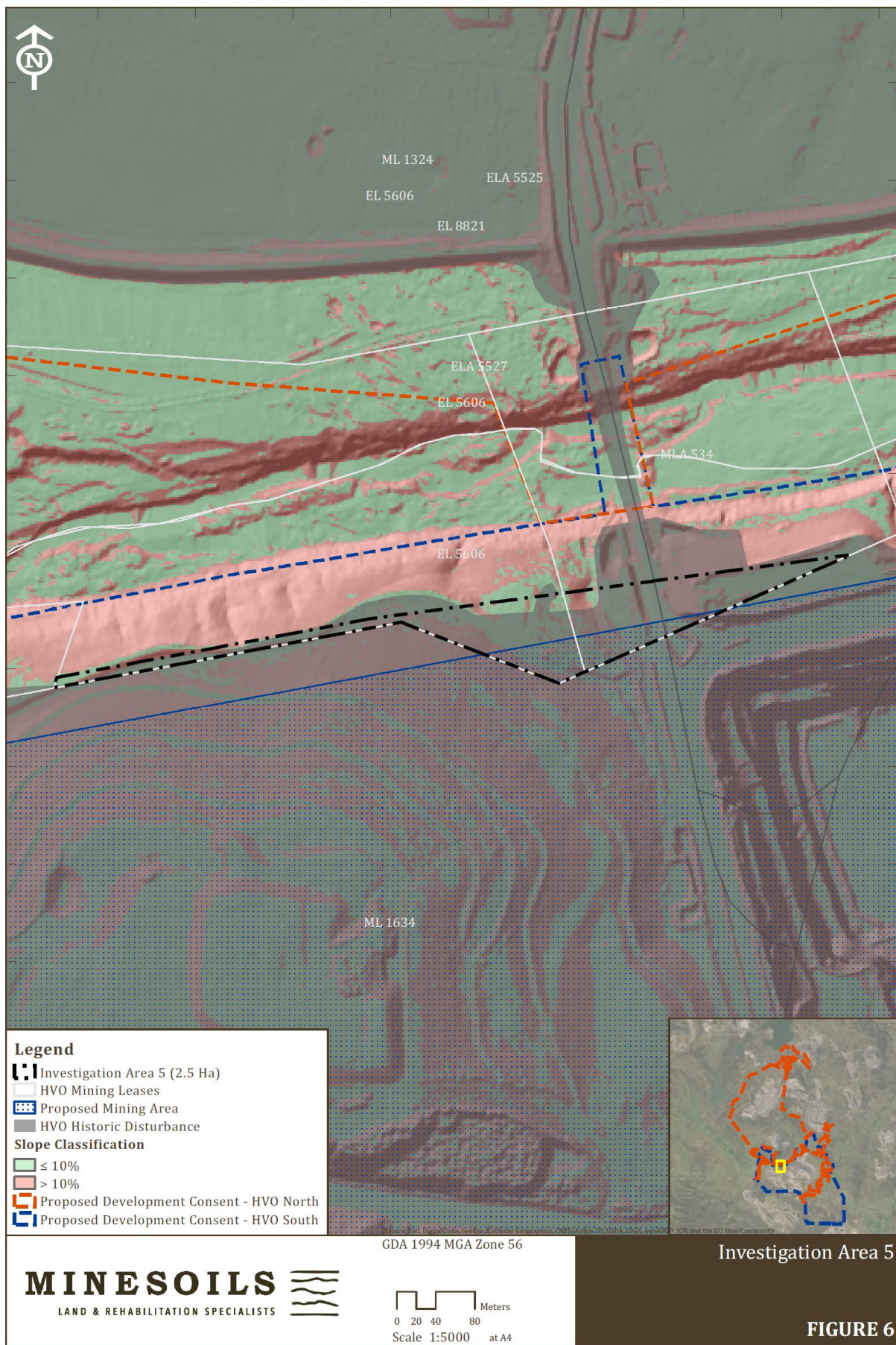
SCHEDULE 1











SCHEDULE 2

Relevant criteria	Consideration
Soil slope and contiguous land	Areas 2, 3, 4 and 5 failed to meet the criteria for BSAL as they have a contiguous area of less than 20 ha and are surrounded by mining disturbance or slopes greater than 10%.
Soil salinity and effective rooting depth	Area 1 did not meet soil fertility and/or effective rooting depth criteria. The Department's Soil and Landscape Assessment Team agreed that the soil characteristics (salinity or alkalinity) are inconsistent with BSAL.