## AgCarE Assessment Report





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## **LANDHOLDER / PROPERTY DETAILS**

Name/s: John Citizen

Business Name: AgForce Queensland Farmers

ABN or ACN:

Property Name: Belmont Research Station

Property Address: Etna Creek Road, Etna Creek, QLD 4702

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Phone: (07) 3236 3100

LGA: Livingstone Shire Council

3237

As per attached maps

Lot on Plans:

**Property Size:** 

## **AGRICULTURAL DESCRIPTION**

Livestock
Seedstock - BEEF Breeding - BEEF Backgrounding - BEEF

Sheep and Wool
Feedlot - BEEF Backgrounding - BEEF

Intensive Livestock
Feedlot - BEEF Backgrounding - BEEF

Grains, Pulses & Oilseeds
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Feedlot - Beef Backgrounding - BEE

Run approximately 500 breeders

**Further details** 

## **CARBON RESULTS**

**Property Name** Belmont Climate **Sub-Tropical** 

**Total Area** Vertosols 3237 Soils (ha)

## **ENERGY USAGE**

Description	All GHG TC02 eq	Per Year  Positive = emitting Negative = sink	Balance
Electricity	169	169	169
Diesel	33	33	33
Petrol	6	6	6
Gas (LPG or Natural)			
Ethanol			
Waste oil/Lubricants	3	3	3
Wood			
Other			

## **IRRIGATION**

Description	All GHG TC02 eq	Per Year  Positive = emitting Negative = sink	Balance
Not Specified			

## **BUILDINGS & ROADS**

Description	All GHG TC02 eq	Per Year Positive = emitting Negative = sink	Balance
Not Specified			

## **FERTILISER & PESTICIDES**

Description	All GHG TC02 eq	Per Year  Positive = emitting Negative = sink	Balance
Herbicides	116	116	116

## **CROPPING - ANNUAL & PERENNIAL**

Description	All GHG TC02 eq	Per Year  Positive = emitting Negative = sink	Balance
Oats			
Lucerne			
Leucaena			

## **LIVESTOCK**

Description	All GHG TC02 eq	Per Year  Positive = emitting Negative = sink	Balance
Beef Cattle	1071	1071	1071
Not Specified			
		Sub - Total	1399

CARBON RESULTS CONT.			
Potential Avoided Clearing Carbon Project  (400 hectares) First year.  TC02 eq			
Total Carbon Abatement/Removal	21,645	TC02 eq	
Total Net GHG	-20,246	TC02 -eq	
Total Net GHG	-6	TC02 eq/per ha	

## AGCARE ECOLOGICAL VALUES / ACTIVITY RESULTS

Belmont Sub-Tropical **Property Name** Climate

Vertosols Soils Total Area (ha) 3237

**Address** Etna Creek Road, Etna Creek, QLD 4702

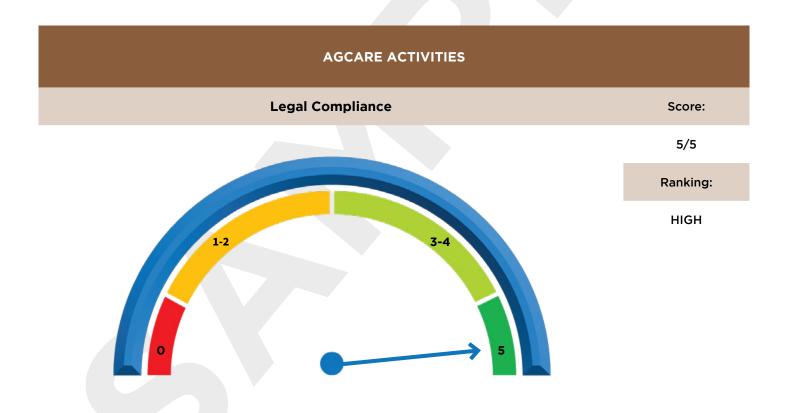
### **ECOLOGICAL VALUES**

High ecological values - Located in a GBR catchment - Borders a major Description

watercourse - Essential habitat present - EPBC listed regional ecosystems

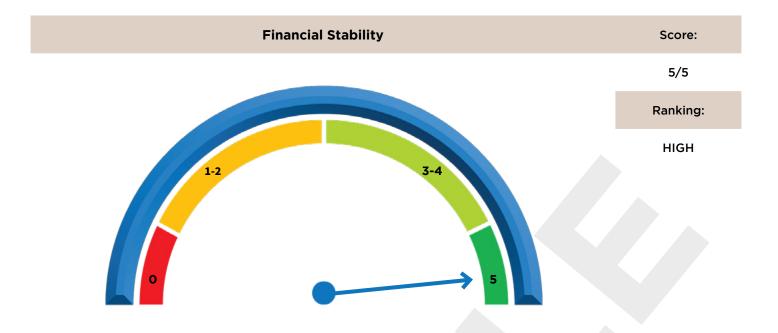
present

**Climate Stressor** Drought declared since 01/04/09

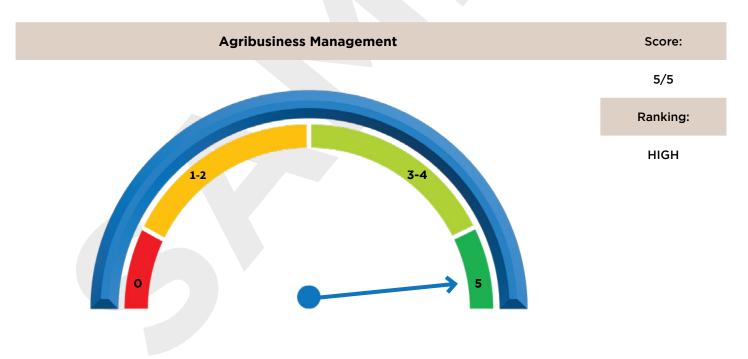


Comments:

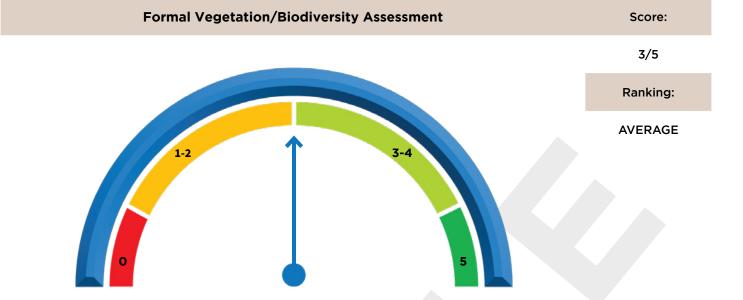
Receive regular updates from AgForce on changes and potential changes to State and Federal legislation that may affect my business



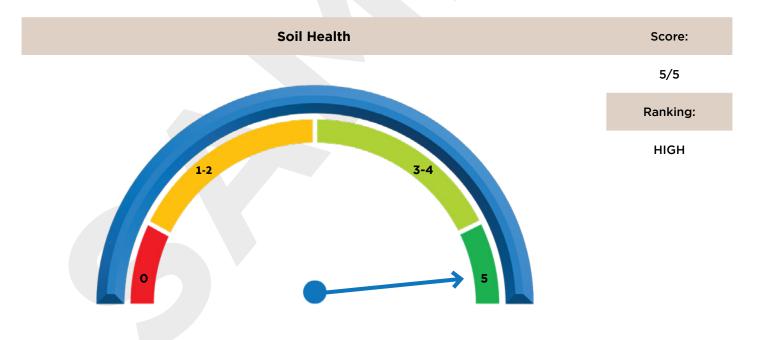
Comments: We maintain a business plan, regular budgets and up-to-date accounts



A Business Management Plan is in place and updated annually following Comments: changes to the business

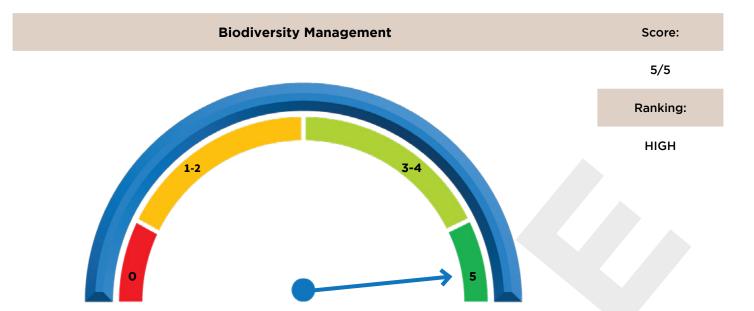


Comments: We had a regional ecosystem assessment done as part of our PMAV



Comments:

We have soil mapping for our property, which provides us with information on appropriate pastures and management practices. Continually maintain groundcover to minimise erosion



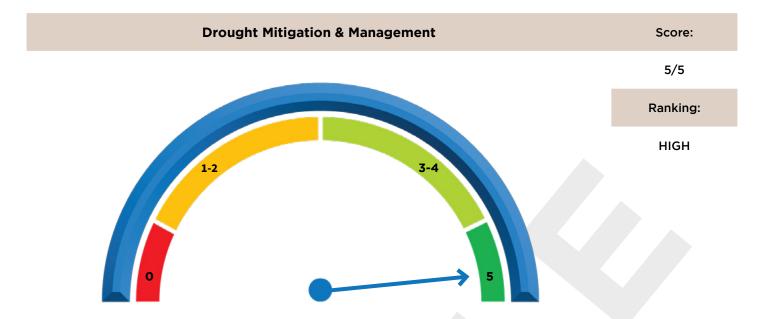
Comments:

Conduct regular weed and feral animal management activities. Internal fencing is based upon our land types, with limited grazing pressure applied to sensitive ecosystems



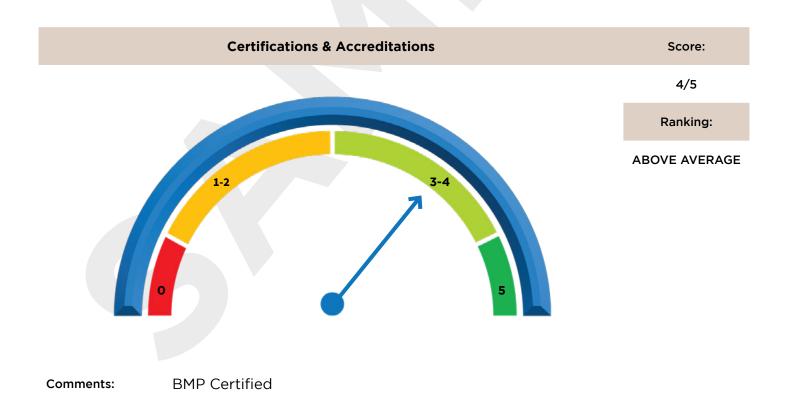
Comments:

Regular check ect, pH and turbidity levels at a downstream monitoring location to understand if our management practices are affecting water quality.



Comments:

This is based mainly around selling stock, when to start feeding what and when to early wean. Employ long term weather forecasting into our business plan.



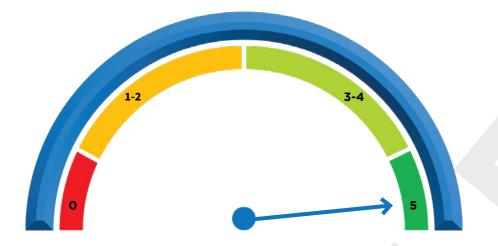
## **Planning & Management Systems**

Score:

5/5

Ranking:

HIGH



Comments: We have a property, biosecurity and business plan in place

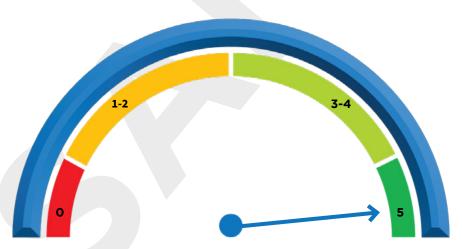
## Fuel/Chemical Use & Storage

Score:

5/5

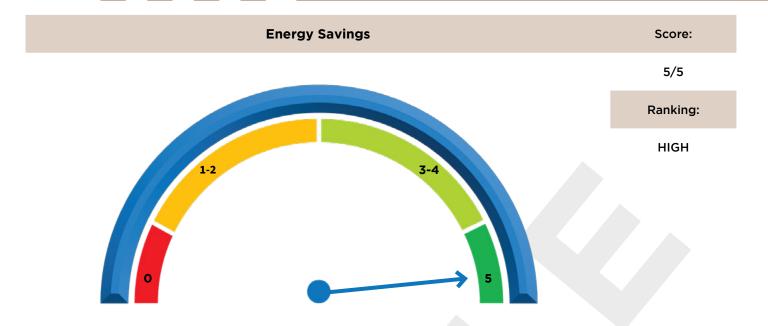
Ranking:

HIGH



Comments:

All fueling tanks and chemical storage areas are safe and secure. MSDS for all chemicals we use, are kept on property



Comments:

Have replaced all our pumps with solar pumps and have a 10kw solar system installed at the homestead



Comments:

We try and recycle as much as we can on property. All oils and chemical drums are disposed of in the correct manner

## **Labour Conditions** Score: 5/5 Ranking: HIGH

Comments: We adhere to both Federal and State labour laws.



We adhere to both Federal and State workplace health and safety laws Comments:



Actively participate in local shows when we can Comments:

**Total Activities Module Certificate** 

## AGCARE ACTIVITIES HIGH ACHIEVEMENT



This certifies that

# LANDHOLDER NAME

completed the AgCarE Activities Module and received a score of 77/80 - High Achievement Rating



Benn Knott, Assessor

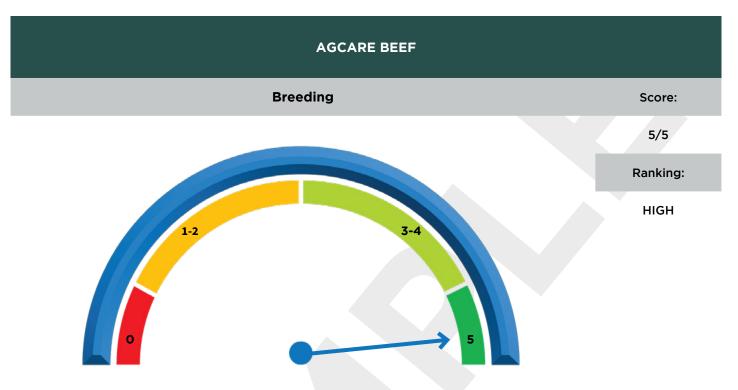
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## **AGCARE BEEF MODULE RESULTS**

Seedstock Breeding

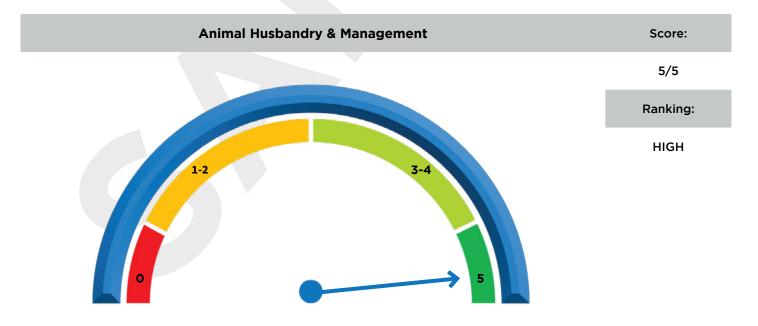
Feedlot Backgrounding

800 **Total Number of Head** 3200 **Total Grazed Area** 



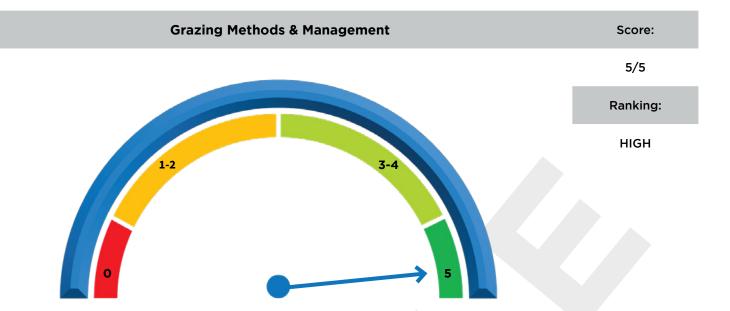
Comments:

We have birth weighed calves for eight years, selected low birth weight bulls for heifers and reduced calf mortality in first calf heifers to less than 2%. We have reduced handling of all calves at a young age (except for birth weight) after identifying mismothering as our largest form of calf death. All our herd carry EBV data



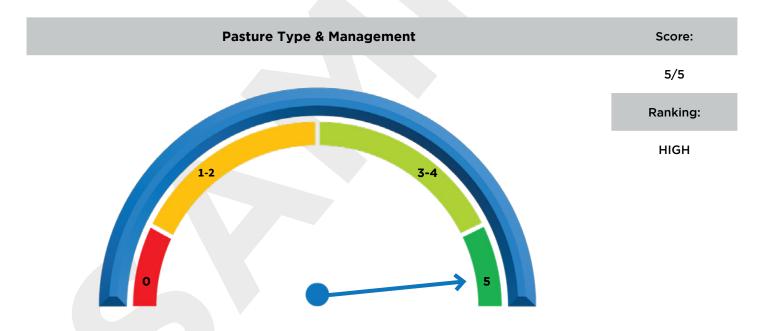
Comments:

Every cow is preg.-tested, joining period is 10 weeks to three months, empties are culled. Backgrounder cattle are weighed every three months. Regular mixing of 'Mectin' drugs and dipping for tick control. Semi regular monitoring of internal parasite levels. Utilisation of mechanical fly traps and dichotamas earth to control Buffalo Fly and ticks.



Comments:

The predominant grazing system is a rotational grazing system where cattle are rarely in the one paddock for more than three months. We aim to have regular and targeted rest in all paddocks with a special emphasis on paddocks having a good wet season rest after being under pressure the previous year



Comments:

Today we have Buffel, Green Panic, Purple Pigeon, Rhodes Grass and Creeping Bluegrass as introduced grasses in a grass mix that still maintains high level of native Speargrass and Bluegrass. We are aware of the need to maintain diversity in pastures and try to optimise this by regular rest, high herd impact (big mobs for a short time) and cool fires

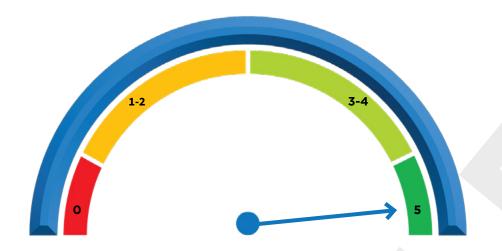
## **Pasture Groundcover Monitoring & Management**

Score:

5/5

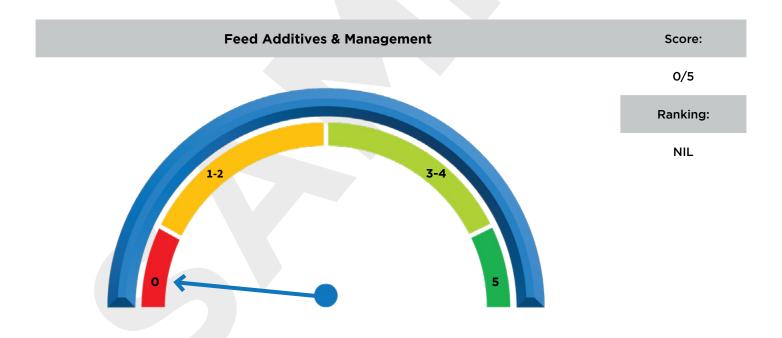
Ranking:

HIGH



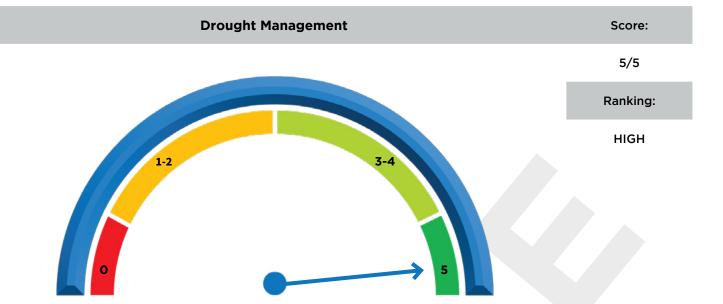
Comments:

We monitor and record pasture densities at the end of the dry and wet seasons. Use long paddock pasture reports to compare with our on-ground monitoring



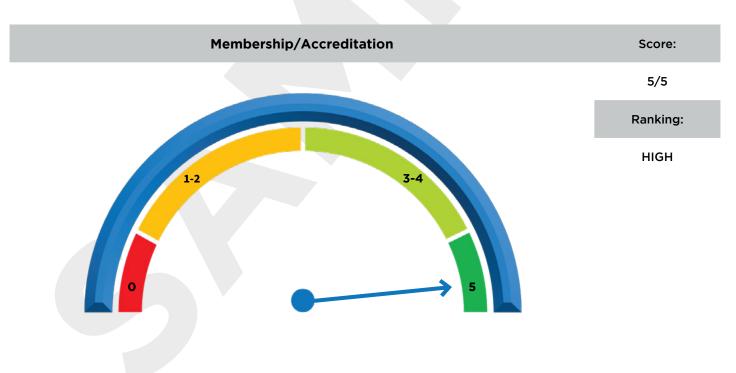
Comments:

Looking into potential feed additives that reduce methane, but must maintain our production parameters



Comments:

We are constantly monitoring our numbers of cattle (and classes) and assessing them against seasonal conditions and pasture densities. Our policy is to sell early when the indicators point to declining seasonal conditions and subsequent pasture growth.



MLA and AgForce membership. Comments:

**Total Beef Module Certificate** 



## BEEF MODULE HIGH ACHIEVEMENT

This certifies that

# LANDHOLDER NAME

completed the AgCarE Beef Module and received a score of 35/40 - High Achievement Rating

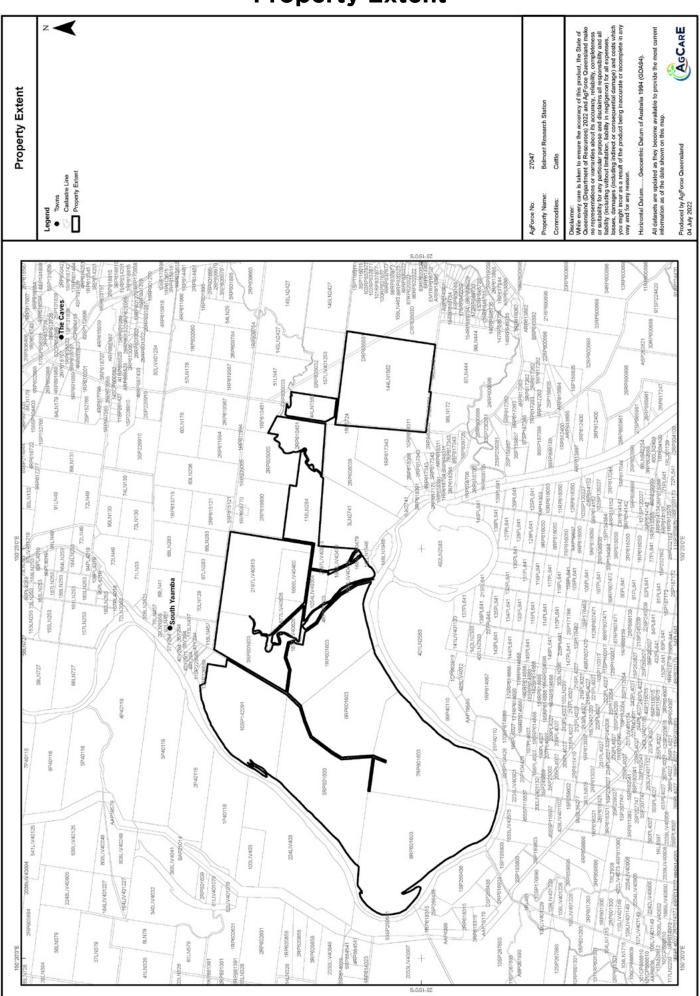


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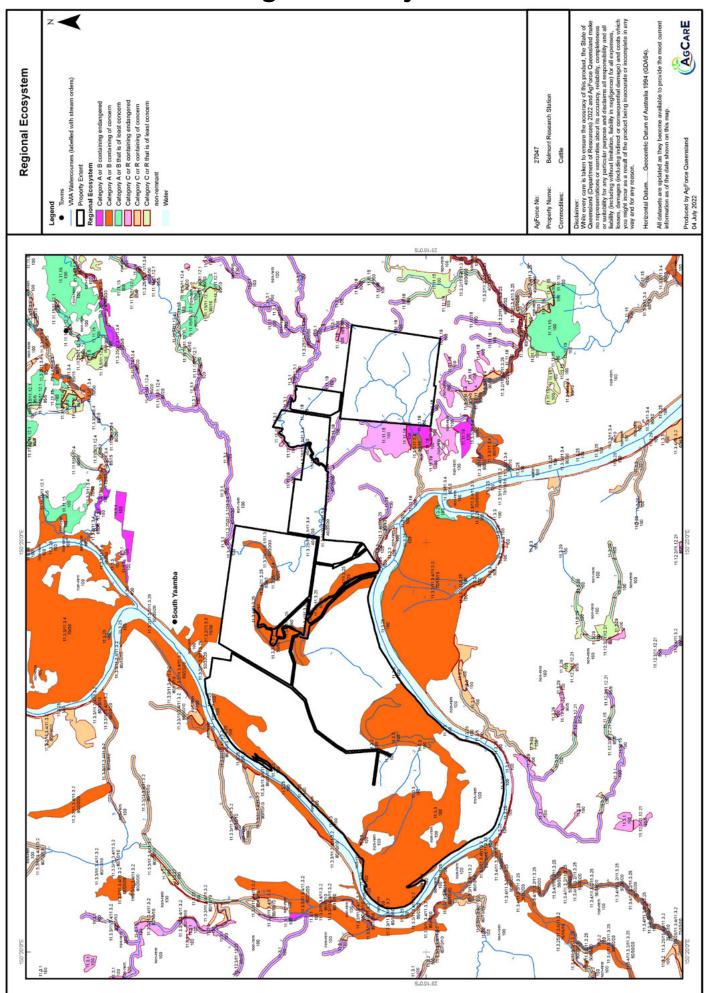
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**Appendices: AgCarE Mapping** 

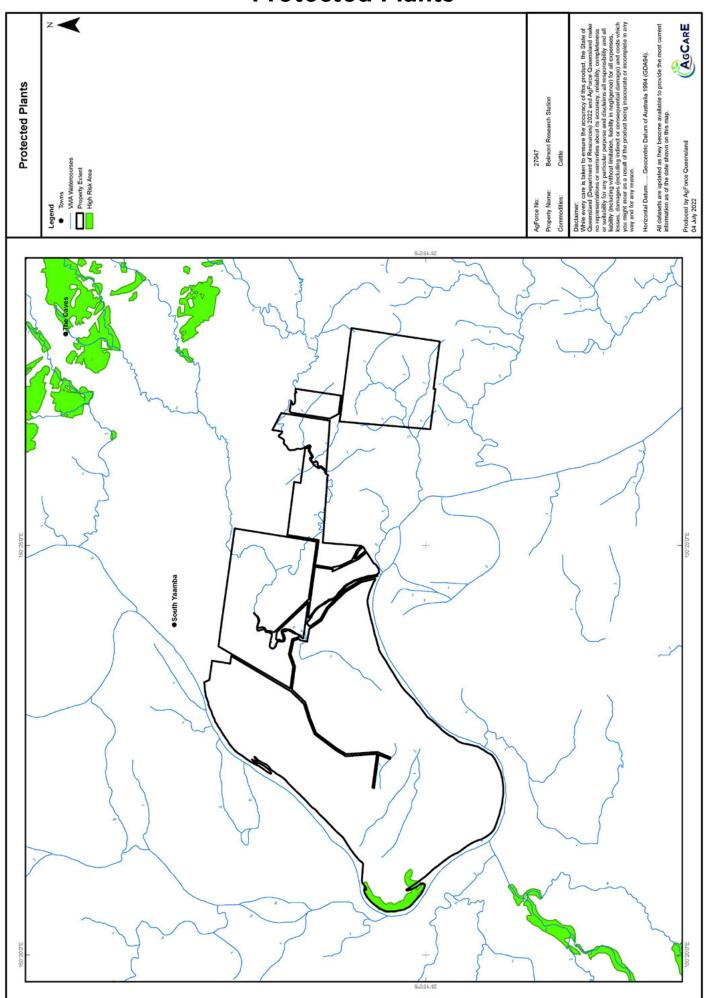
## **Property Extent**



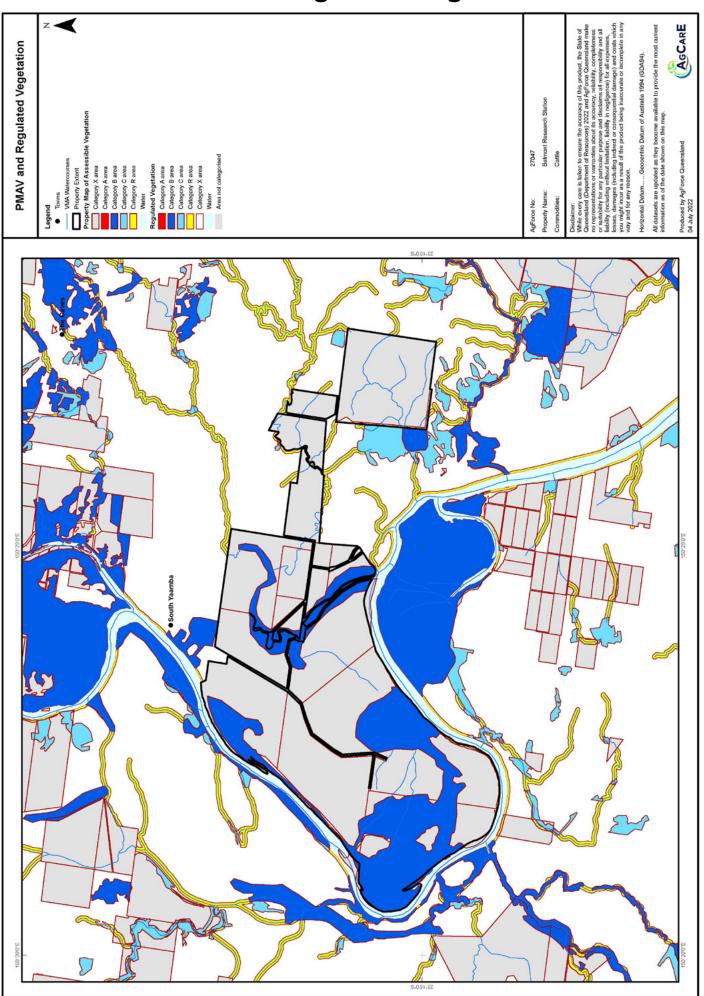
## **Regional Ecosystem**



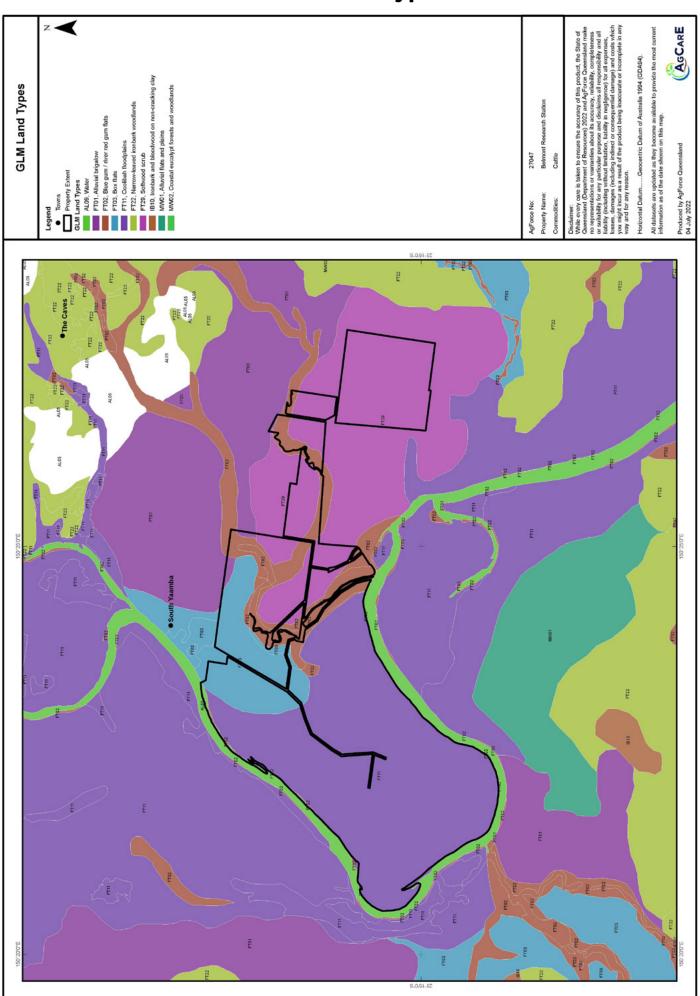
## **Protected Plants**



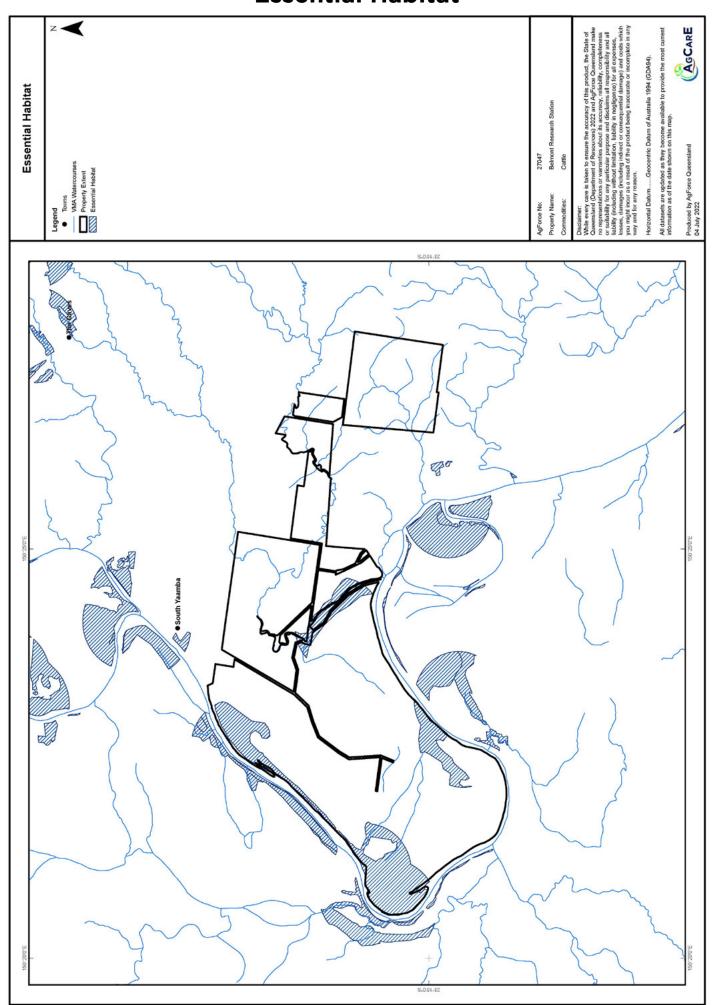
## **PMAV** and Regulated Vegetation



## **GLM Land Types**



## **Essential Habitat**





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