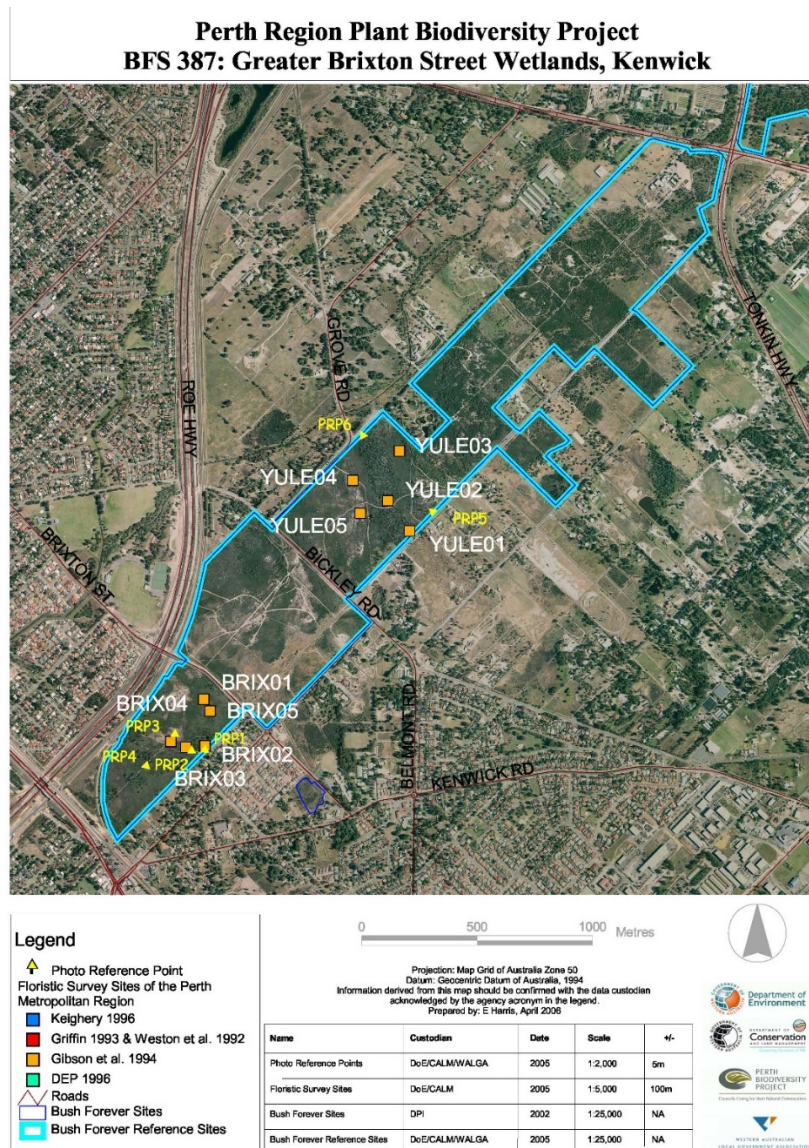




GREATER BRIXTON STREET WETLANDS – POTENTIAL REGIONAL PARK - POSITION STATEMENT

Background

The Greater Brixton Street Wetlands are defined in the State's Bush Forever Policy, as Bush Forever Site 387.

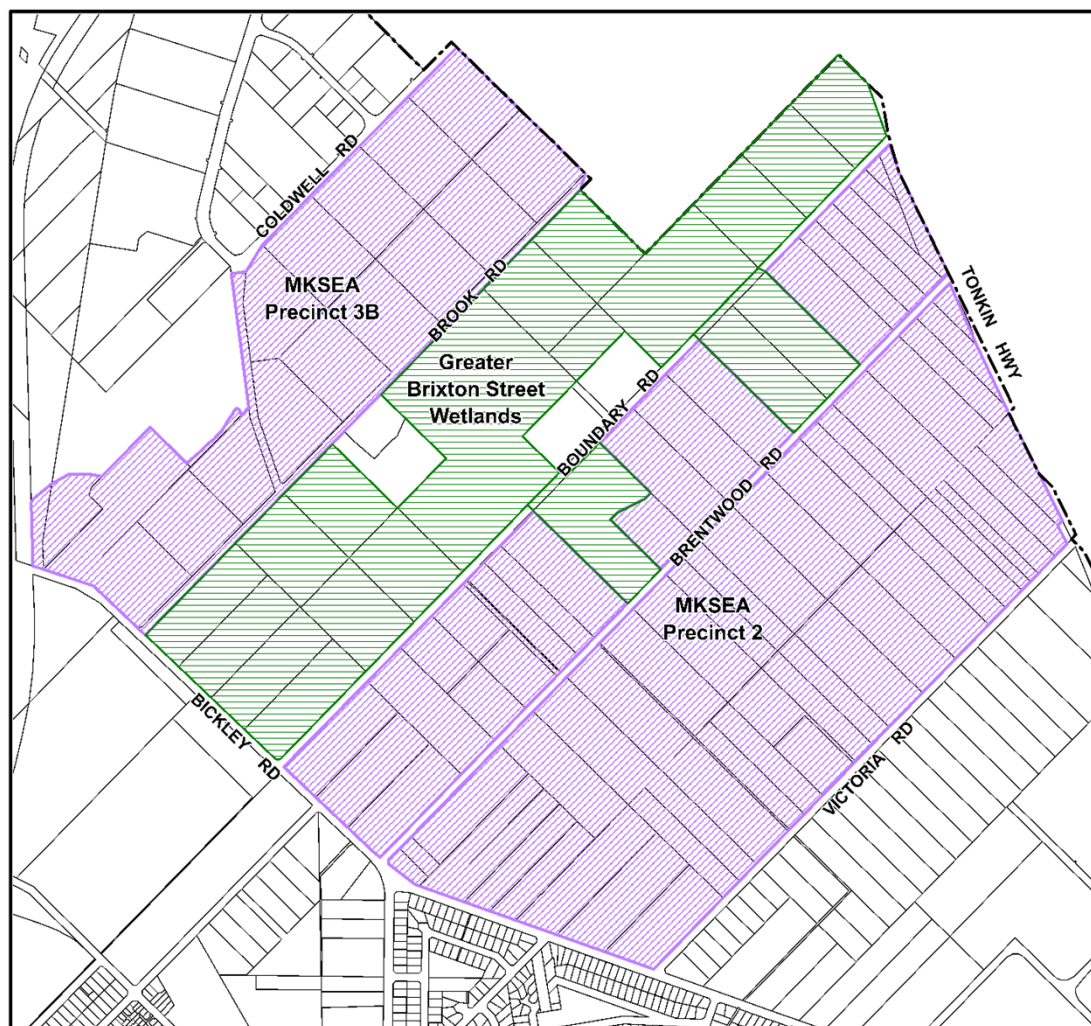


Land adjacent to BF387 was rezoned under the Metropolitan Region Town Planning Scheme for Industrial use in 2015.

The Planning and Development Act requires local governments to modify their local planning schemes to align with changes in the Region Scheme.



The City's rezoning application for MKSEA Precincts 2 and 3B (marked for Business Development in the following plan) required the completion of a complex body of scientific studies over more than 10 years.



LEGEND

-  Business Development
-  Greater Brixton Street Wetlands



The background work included site specific research, data interpretation and seasonal monitoring of the characteristics of the land to be rezoned and its potential interaction with the wetlands habitat.

The resulting body of work supports several key outcomes. Firstly, the resolution of the rezoning proposal will assist in protecting the wetlands by;

1. establishing formal buffer separation to the wetlands
2. providing a drainage management strategy to mitigate any impacts, and
3. guiding and monitoring future land uses under a formal planning framework.



In addition, the independent site specific research undertaken by the City identifies the importance of the wetland area and lends support to a community proposal that the Greater Brixton Street Wetlands become a Regional Park.

Council's Position

Council supports elevating the status of the wetlands, currently identified as Bush Forever site 387 and known as the Greater Brixton Street Wetlands, to a Regional Park.