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Safety on Public Land Act 2004

DECLARATION OF PUBLIC SAFETY ZONES

I, Aaron Kennedy, Deputy Chief Fire Officer, as delegate of the Secretary to the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (DEECA), make the following declaration of public safety zones under section 4(1) of the **Safety on Public Land Act 2004**.

1. Definitions

In this declaration:

- (a) ‘the Act’ means the **Safety on Public Land Act 2004**;
- (b) ‘the declared public safety zone’ means the area declared under clause 2 of this declaration.

2. Declaration of Public Safety Zones

The public safety zones are limited to all areas that contain State Forest within an area identified by the coordinates and map in the Schedule.

3. Purpose for which the area has been declared

The purpose for which the public safety zones have been declared is for the maintenance of public safety in relation to high-risk forest management works.

4. Period of the declaration

The period for which the declared public safety zones are declared is the period commencing from 1 October 2026 and ending on 31 December 2026 inclusive.

5. Activities prohibited

The activities that are prohibited in the declared public safety zones are:

- (a) Knowingly entering a declared public safety zone during a period when access is prohibited.
- (b) Knowingly remaining in or being present in a declared public safety zone during a period when access is prohibited.
- (c) Unlawfully alter, obliterate, deface, remove, or destroy a notice displayed in accordance.
- (d) Unlawfully break down, damage, or destroy a barrier or fence which has been erected to prohibit or restrict access to a public safety zone.
- (e) A person who is not authorised to do so must not carry out any activity in a public safety zone in contravention of a public safety zone declaration.
- (f) A person who is not authorised to do so must not contravene any restriction or condition applying to a public safety zone which is specified in the public safety zone declaration.
- (g) A person who is not authorised under this Act to be in a public safety zone must not, contrary to a direction of an authorised officer under section 14 –
 - a. re-enter a public safety zone; or
 - b. attempt to re-enter a public safety zone.

6. Periods when conditions apply

Public access is not allowed while either a sign is displayed, or DEECA staff, equipment, machinery or vehicles are present.

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7. Exempt persons or classes of person

Pursuant to section 5(2) of the Act, the following persons or classes of person are exempt from the operation of this declaration:

- (a) Employees, agents and contractors of the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action engaged in carrying out their functions.
- (b) Employees, agents, volunteers, and contractors of Fire Rescue Victoria or the Country Fire Authority engaged in carrying out their functions.
- (c) Employees, agents and contractors of Fire Rescue Victoria, Ambulance Victoria, WorkSafe Victoria and Environment Protection Authority Victoria engaged in carrying out their functions.
- (d) Members of the police force of Victoria engaged in carrying out their functions.
- (e) Employees, agents, and contractors of the Local Government Areas engaged in carrying out their functions.
- (f) Employees, agents, and contractors of the Department of Families, Fairness and Housing engaged in carrying out their functions.
- (g) Employees, agents, volunteers, and contractors of Emergency Management Services engaged by the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action, Fire Rescue Victoria or the Country Fire Authority to carry out an emergency management function.
- (h) Employees, agents, volunteers, and contractors of Networked Emergency Organisation partners engaged by the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action, Fire Rescue Victoria or the Country Fire Authority to carry out their functions.
- (i) Employees, agents, and contractors of Water Authorities engaged in carrying out their functions.
- (j) Members of the public using State Forest roads as the most practical access to and from private properties adjoining or surrounding State Forest, notwithstanding road closures due to hazardous trees and road conditions to ensure safe egress to private properties.
- (k) Employees, agents, and contractors engaged in accessing and carrying out functions within a prescribed mine, as defined by regulation 5.3.3 of the Occupational Health and Safety Regulations 2007, where both an approved work plan, as defined by section 40 of the **Mineral Resources (Sustainable Development Act 1990)**, and an Emergency plan, prepared in accordance with regulation 5.3.34 of the Occupational Health and Safety Regulations 2007, are in place which address the risk of bushfires.

Dated 21 September 2026

AARON KENNEDY
Deputy Chief Fire Officer (Hume)
as delegate of the Secretary to the
Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action

Notes:

1. Maps showing the public safety zones are held at the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (DEECA) 128 Highett Street, Mansfield, Victoria 3722 and at 8 Nicholson Street, East Melbourne, Victoria 3002 (by appointment, telephone 136 186). Maps are also available at the following website: www.ffm.vic.gov.au/permits-and-regulations/closures-of-parks-and-forests
2. Sections of Walsh Road and Ewart Hill Road within the Public Safety Zone may be used as a thoroughfare. All road users must obey signage and traffic management measures on affected roads.
3. In addition to the above persons or classes of person exempted under section 5(2), section 9 of the **Safety on Public Land Act 2004** provides that a public safety zone declaration does not apply to the following:
 - the Secretary;
 - an authorised officer;
 - a utility engaged in the carrying out of its functions in a State forest;
 - a transport authority engaged in the carrying out of its functions in a State forest;
 - a person or class of person authorised under section 10 of the **Safety on Public Land Act 2004** to be in the public safety zone.

Schedule: Public Safety Zones

Extent of Public Safety Zones					
State Forest, Forest Park or Reserve	South-west limit (DD)		North-east limit (DD)		MGA Zone
	Easting	Northing	Easting	Northing	
Delatite Arm Reserve – 4A	145.918437E	37.121051S	145.920885E	37.118850S	GDA2020 Zone 55
Delatite Arm Reserve – 4B	145.921343E	37.125639S	145.926212E	37.123388S	GDA2020 Zone 55
Delatite Arm Reserve – 7	145.962560E	37.129010S	145.966276E	37.127133S	GDA2020 Zone 55
Delatite Arm Reserve – 8A	145.972738E	37.134755S	145.975942E	37.133299S	GDA2020 Zone 55
Delatite Arm Reserve – 8B	145.972467E	37.143517S	145.984119E	37.139746S	GDA2020 Zone 55
Delatite Arm Reserve – 13	146.020903E	37.175762S	146.032330E	37.170636S	GDA2020 Zone 55
Delatite Arm Reserve – 14	146 01.8104E	37 10.4605S	146 02.0060E	37 10.3214S	GDA2020 Zone 55

NOTICE OF PINE REMOVAL OPERATIONS PUBLIC SAFETY ZONE

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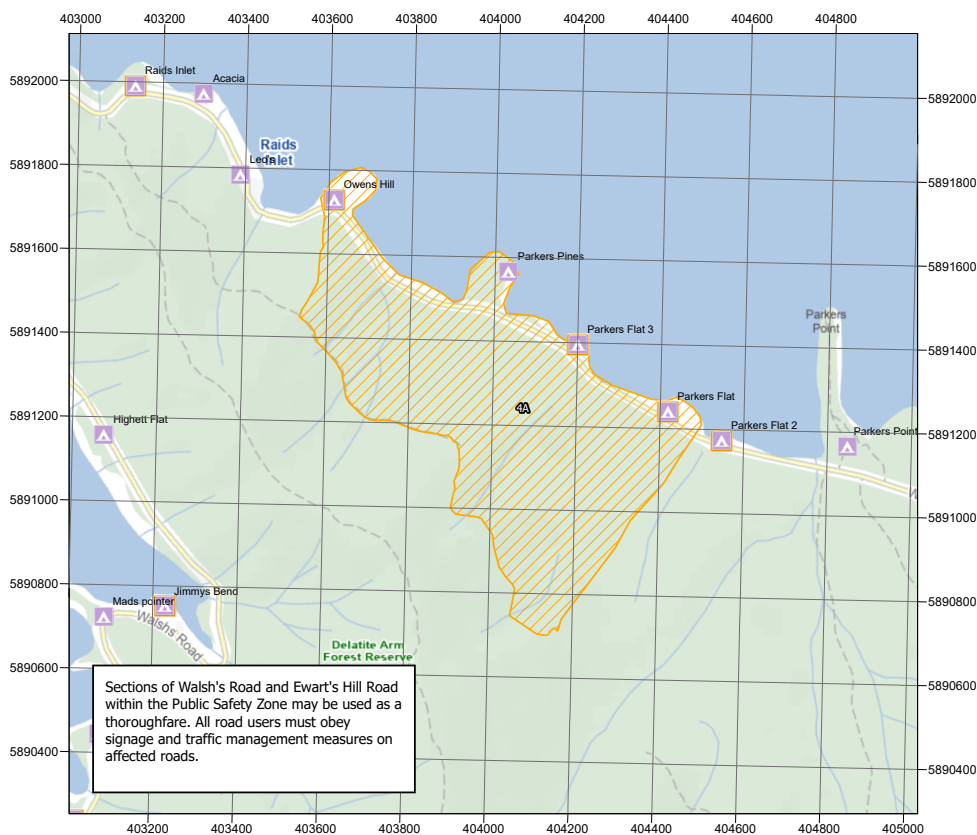
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Period when access is Prohibited

The period during which access to the pine removal forest management operations public safety zone is prohibited commences 1st October 2026.

Offences include:

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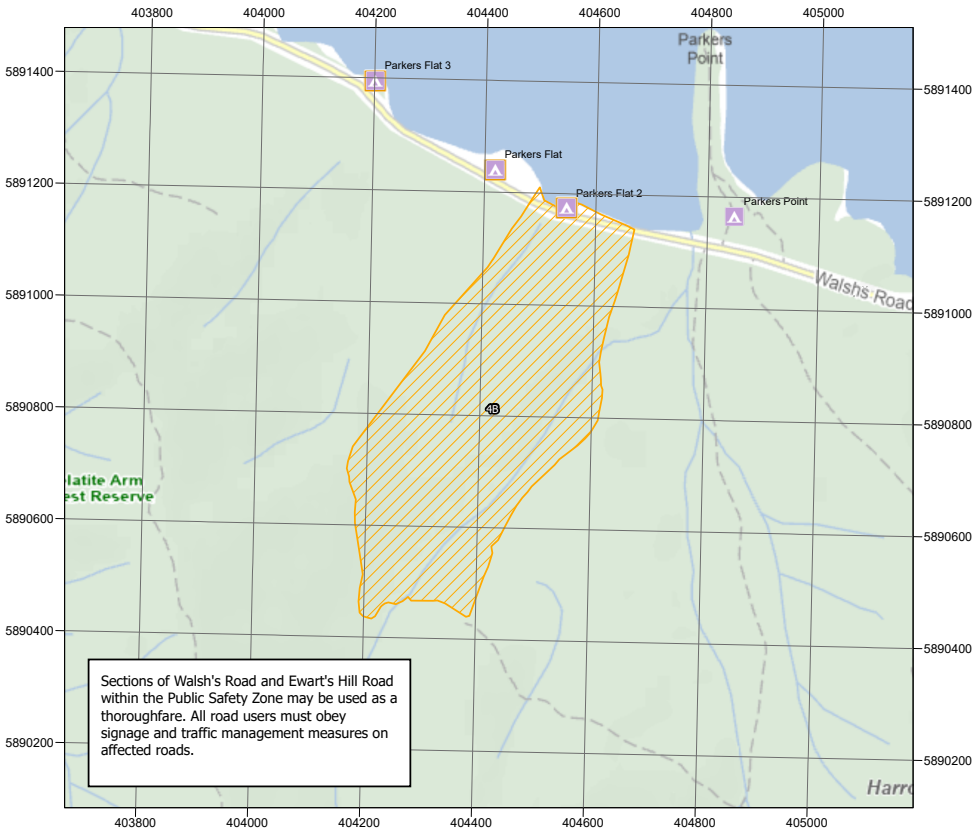
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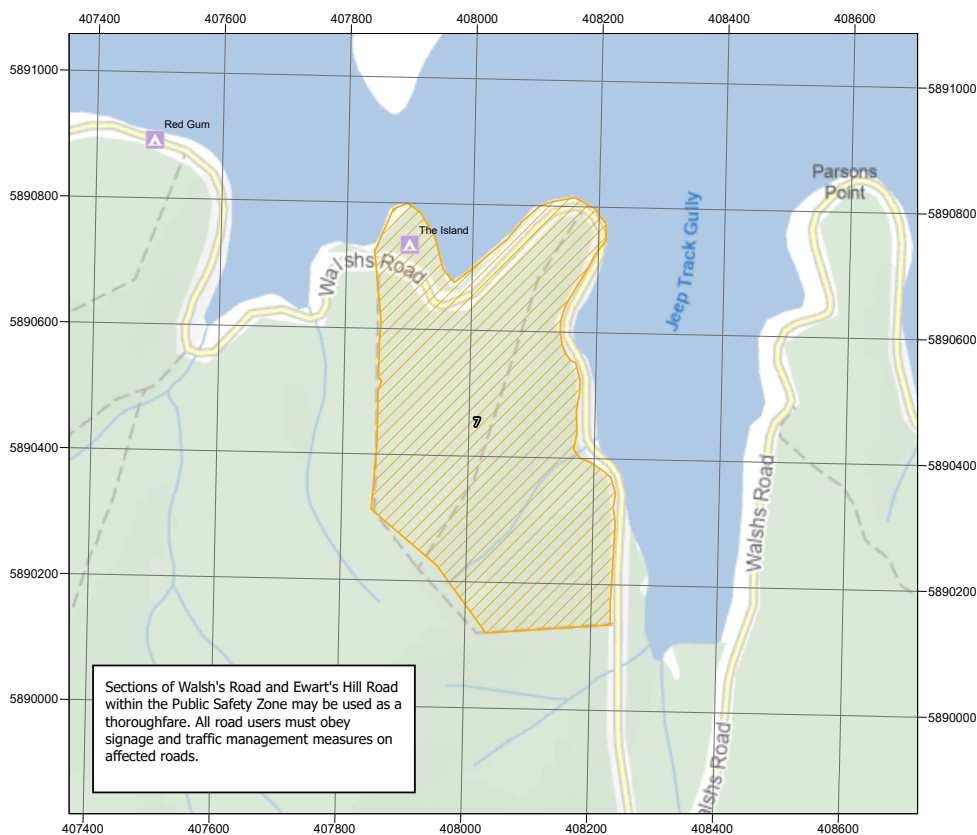
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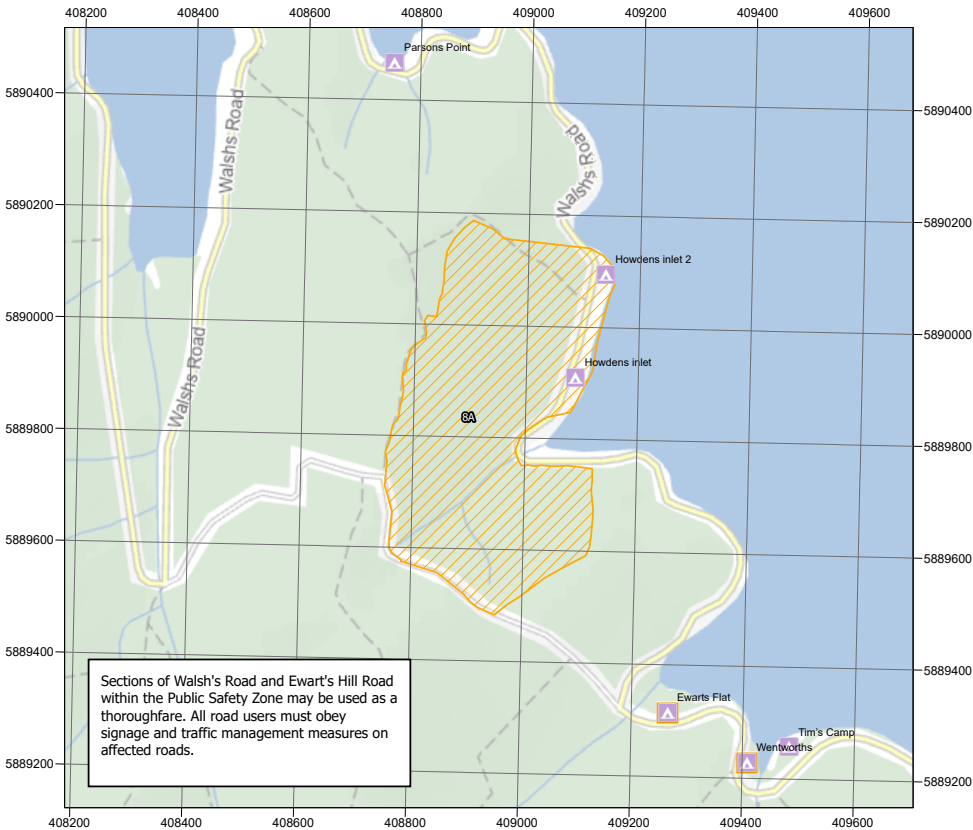
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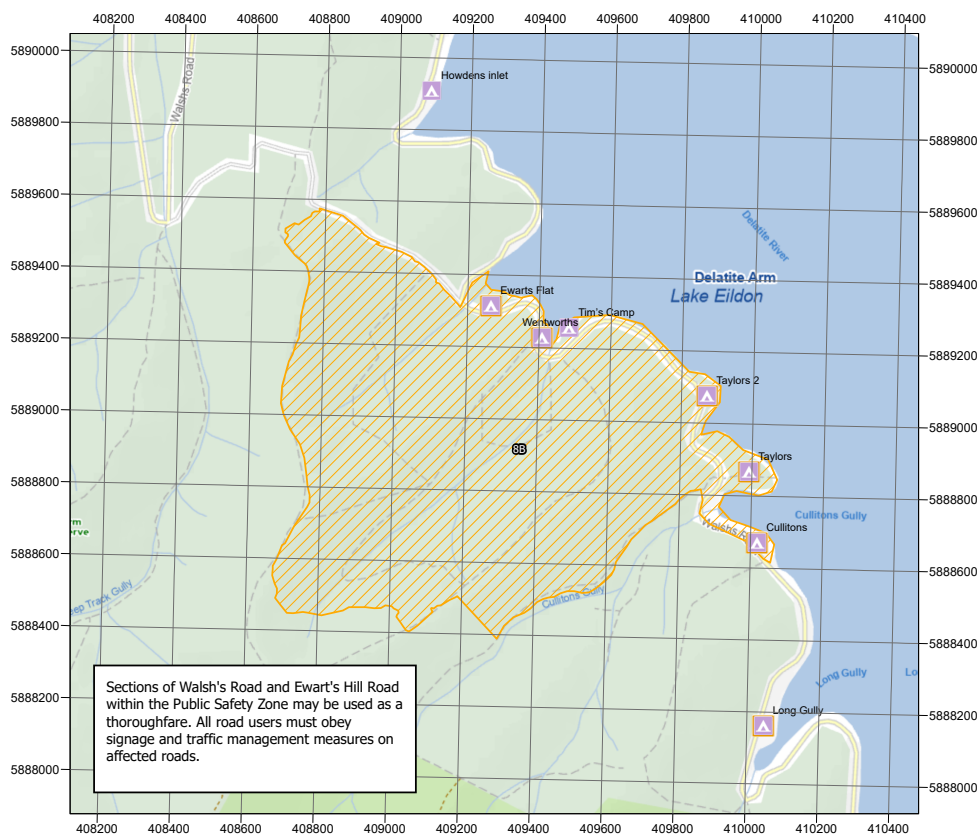
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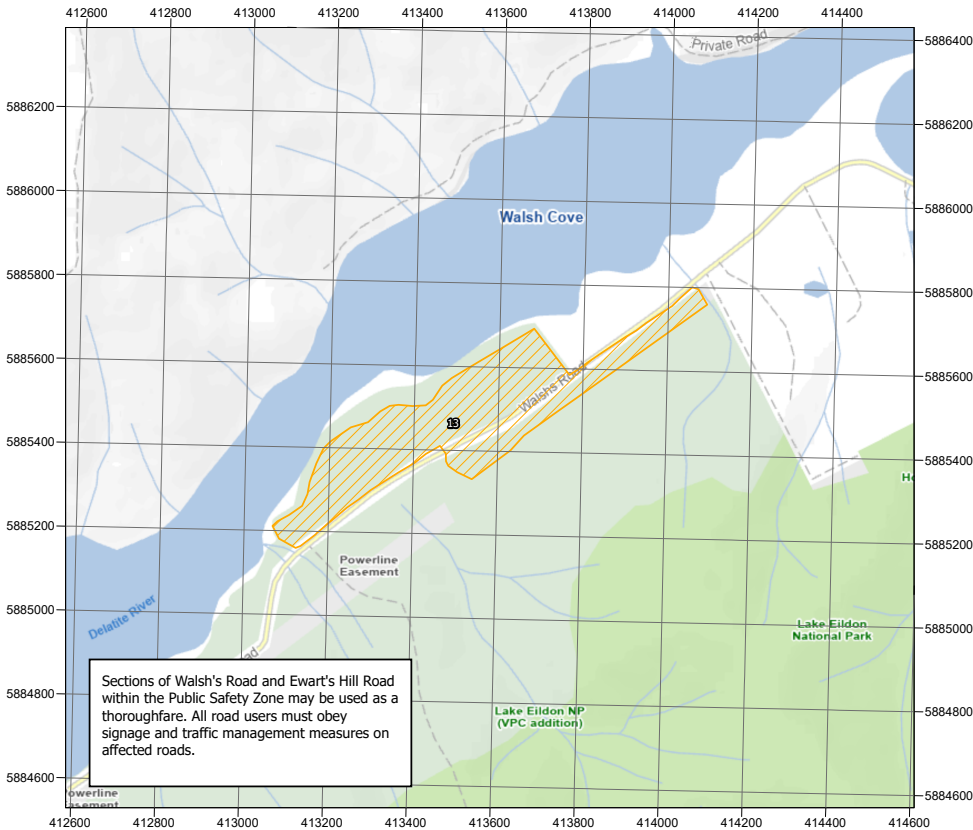
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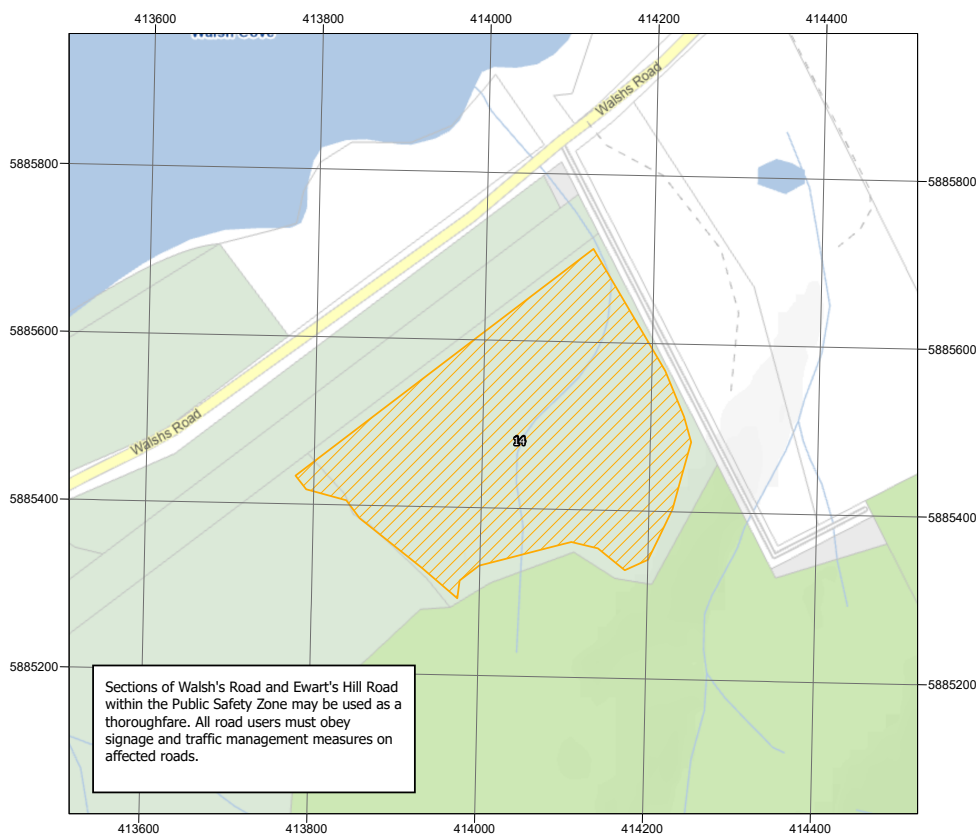
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