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Jonathan Brewer
by email: requests@fyi.org.nz

Dear Jonathan

OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

I refer to your email of 16 November 2011 in which you ask the Ministry of Economic Development (**MED**) the following questions:

1. *What was the footprint of the existing Smartlinx 3 network at the time of the grant?*
2. *Where was the new fibre and wireless capacity added?*
3. *What new services were brought to the market as a result of the grant?*
4. *Did Smartlinx 3 contribute matching funds?*
5. *Was an audit done on the project, and if so, will it be made public?*

I am sorry for the delay in our response.

I have addressed each of your questions in turn below:

1. Please find attached documents describing the network footprint at the time of the grant, and maps (**attachment 1**).
2. Please find attached maps detailing the new fibre and wireless capacity added as a result of the grant (**attachment 2**).
3. In relation to any new services brought to the market as a result of the grant, the Ministry does not hold that information, as that was not relevant to our oversight of the grant. As such, your request for this information is refused under section 18 (g)(i) of the Official Information Act 1982 on the grounds that the information requested is not held by the department.

The grant was provided to support the establishment of infrastructure, not services. The Ministry's focus was to check that the infrastructure was laid, according to the terms of the grant.

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4. In relation to whether Smartlinx3 contributed matching funds, the Ministry does not hold that information, as that was not relevant to our oversight of the grant. As such, your request for this information is refused under section 18 (g)(i) of the Official Information Act 1982 on the grounds that the information requested is not held by the department.

There was no requirement within the contract for Smartlinx3 to contribute matching funds. Smartlinx3 had an overall budget for the project, and it was their responsibility to obtain the necessary funds to supplement the grant funding.

5. The Ministry did not carry out a formal audit on the project. As such, your request for this information is refused under section 18 (g)(i) of the Official Information Act 1982 on the grounds that the information requested is not held by the department.

Funding payments for the project were retrospective of the milestones being completed and required clear documentation supporting the completion of the milestone.

You have the right by way of complaint under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act 1982 to an Ombudsman, to seek an investigation and review of my refusal to release the information referred to above.

Yours sincerely



Brad Ward
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Smartlinx 3 Limited Techn

ical Plan as at May 2006

Background - Porirua and Hutt Valley Fibre-based MAN Project
[material withheld - out of scope]

As at 16th May 2006 the network consisted of leased fibre capacity linking the three cities and a POP in Wainuiomata to allow connectivity with CityLink, nine switches, a number of radio links and a small amount of duct placed underground in Lower Hutt on an opportunistic basis. [material withheld - out of scope]

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Smartlinx3 Network Coverage

The Smartlinx3 open-access broadband network is continually expanding its coverage. The following maps are intended to give an indication of current network coverage. They are not exact surveys. Please contact Smartlinx3 to enquire about any particular site.

In addition to the sites shown on these maps, we operate a Point of Presence collocated with CityLink at AT&T House in Murphy Street, Wellington. We are therefore able to offer connectivity between sites on our network and sites on the CityLink network. In addition to this, to reduce ISPs' costs connecting to our network we operate a special purpose ISP access VLAN across the CityLink network.

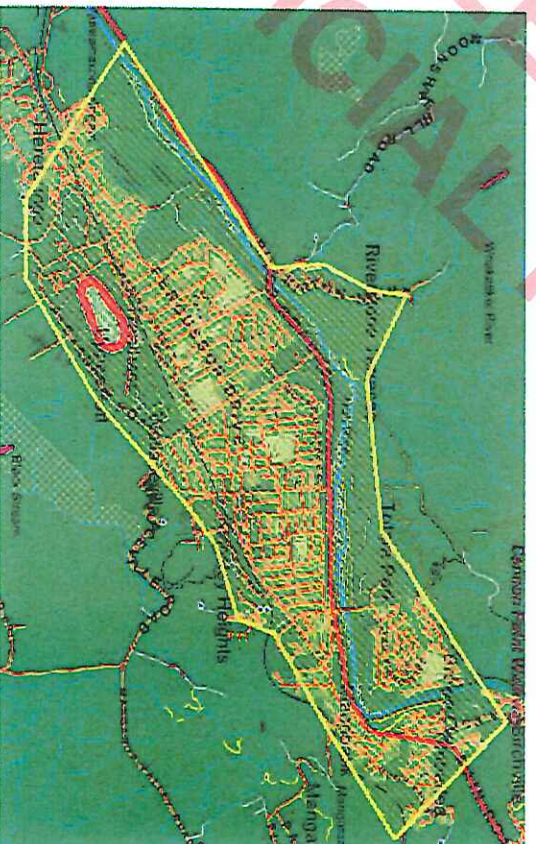
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Hutt City

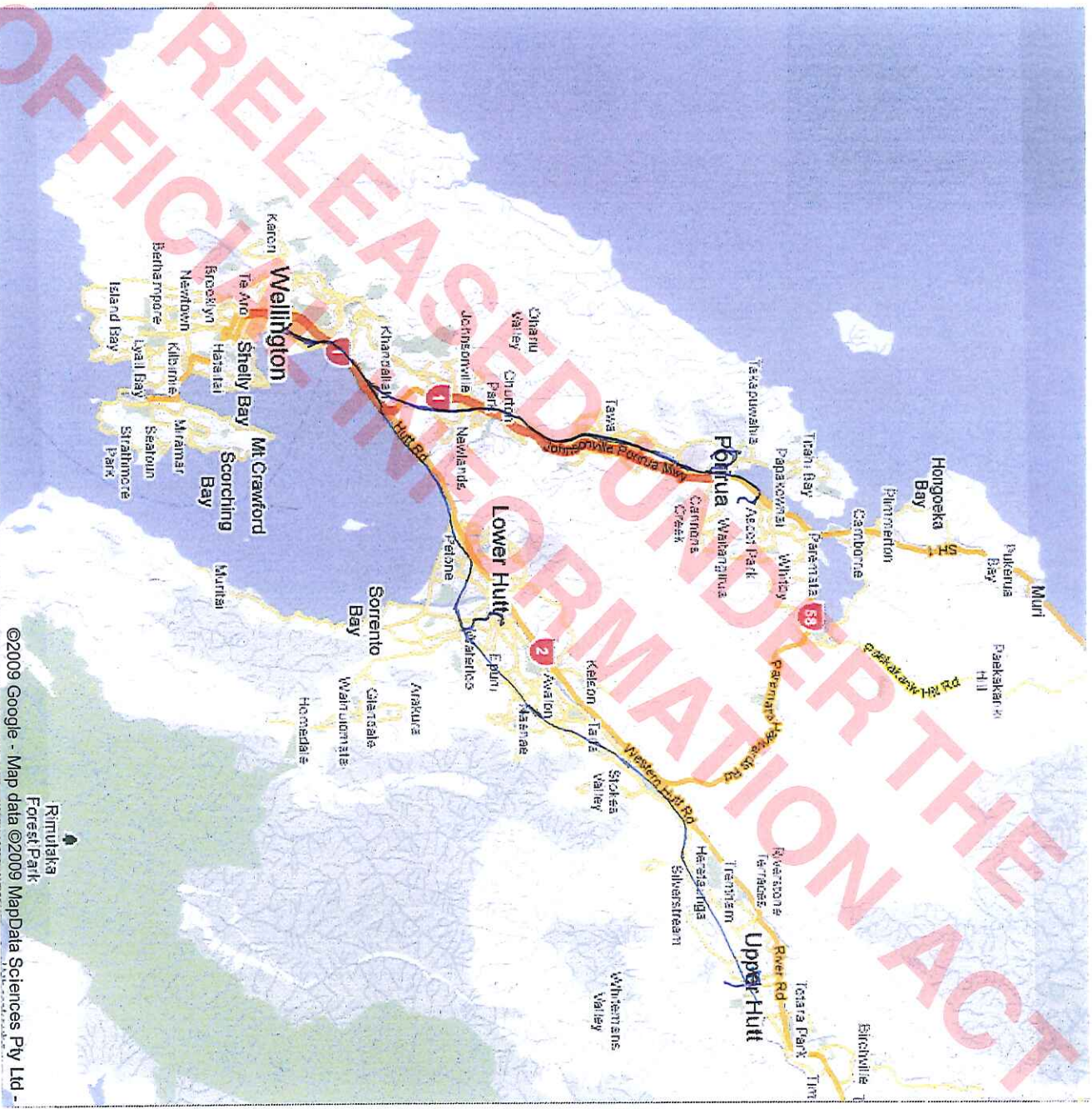


Upper Hutt City





MAP ONE – NETWORK OVERVIEW

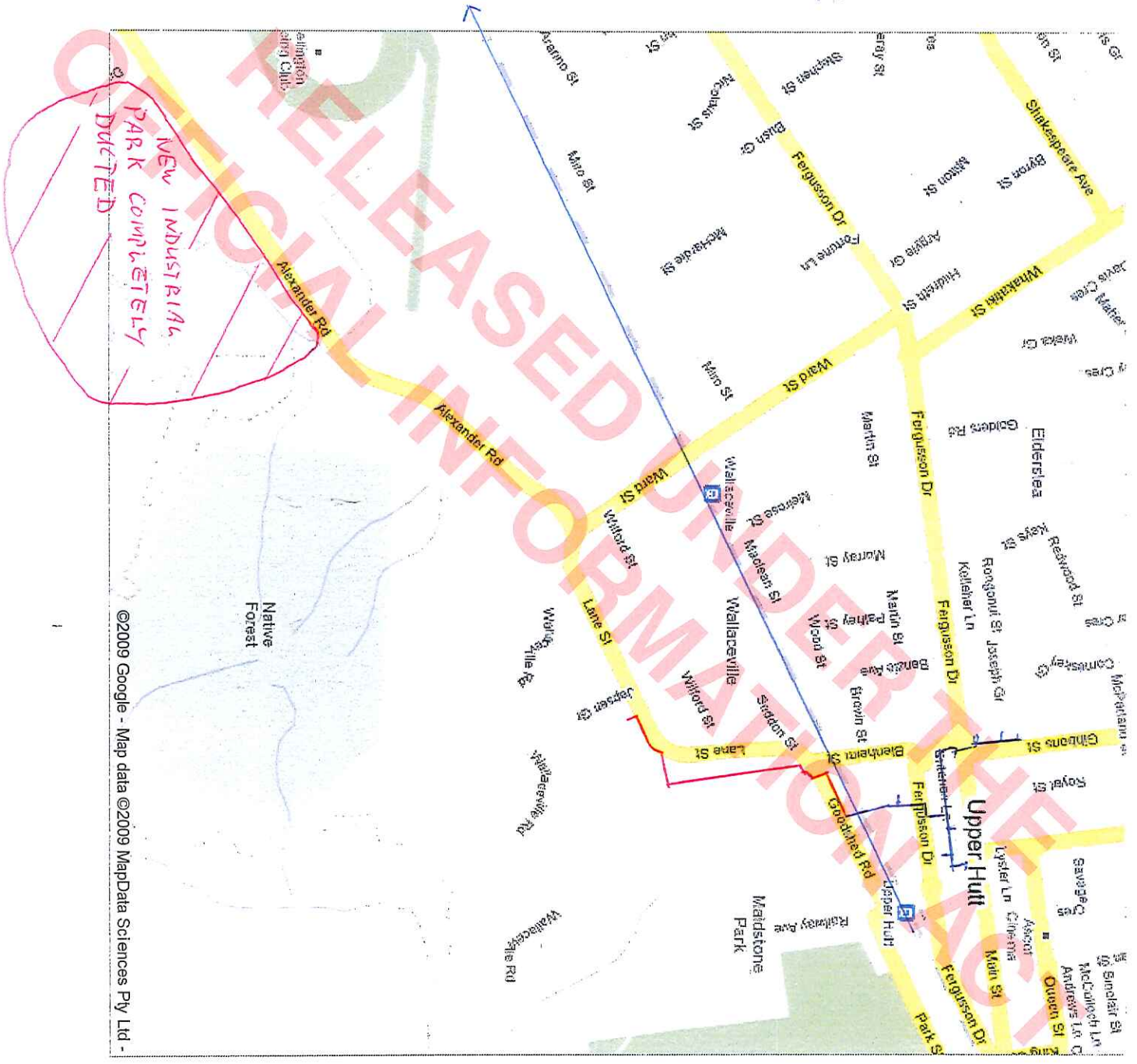


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MAP TWO - UPPER HUTT

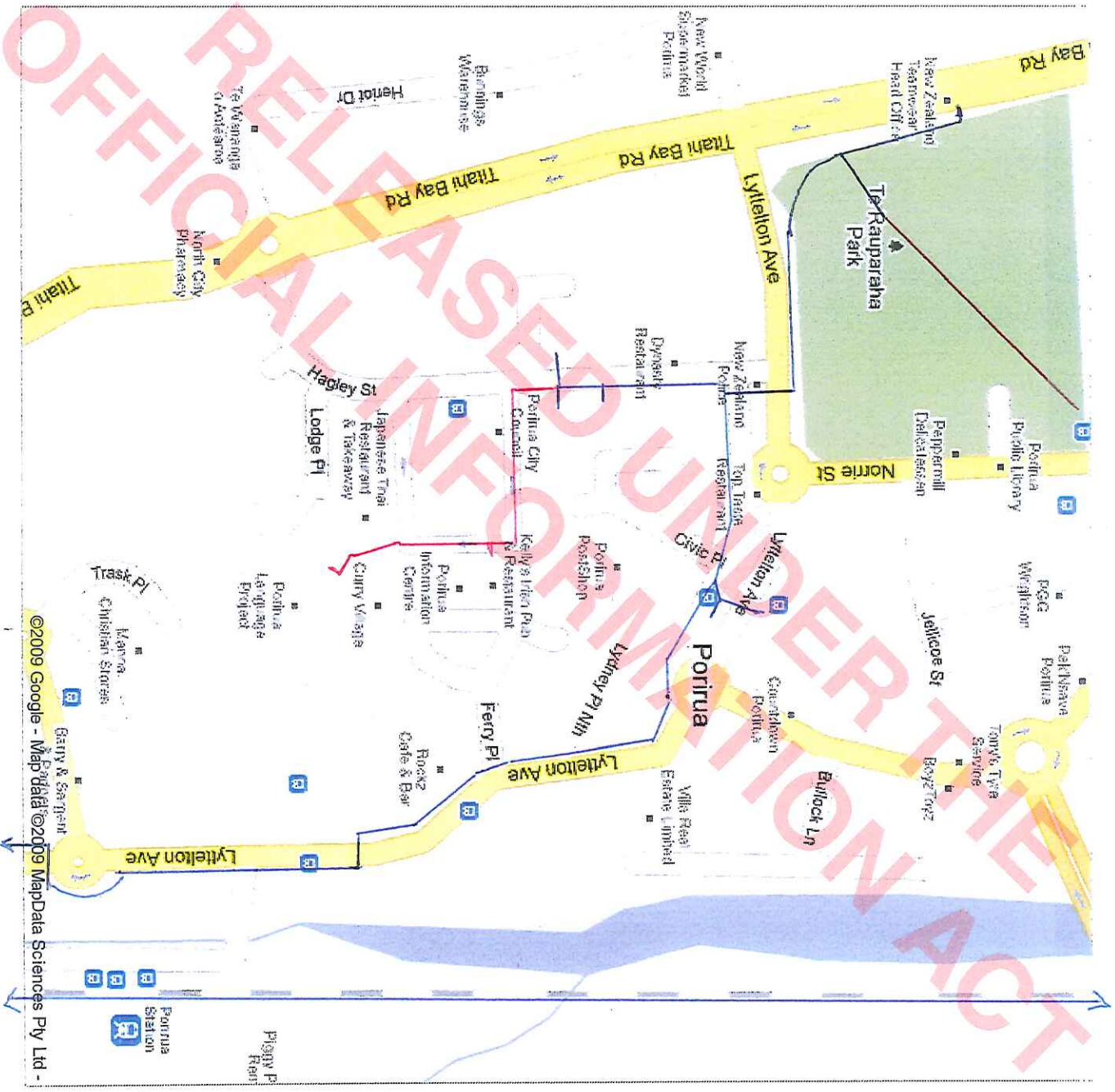


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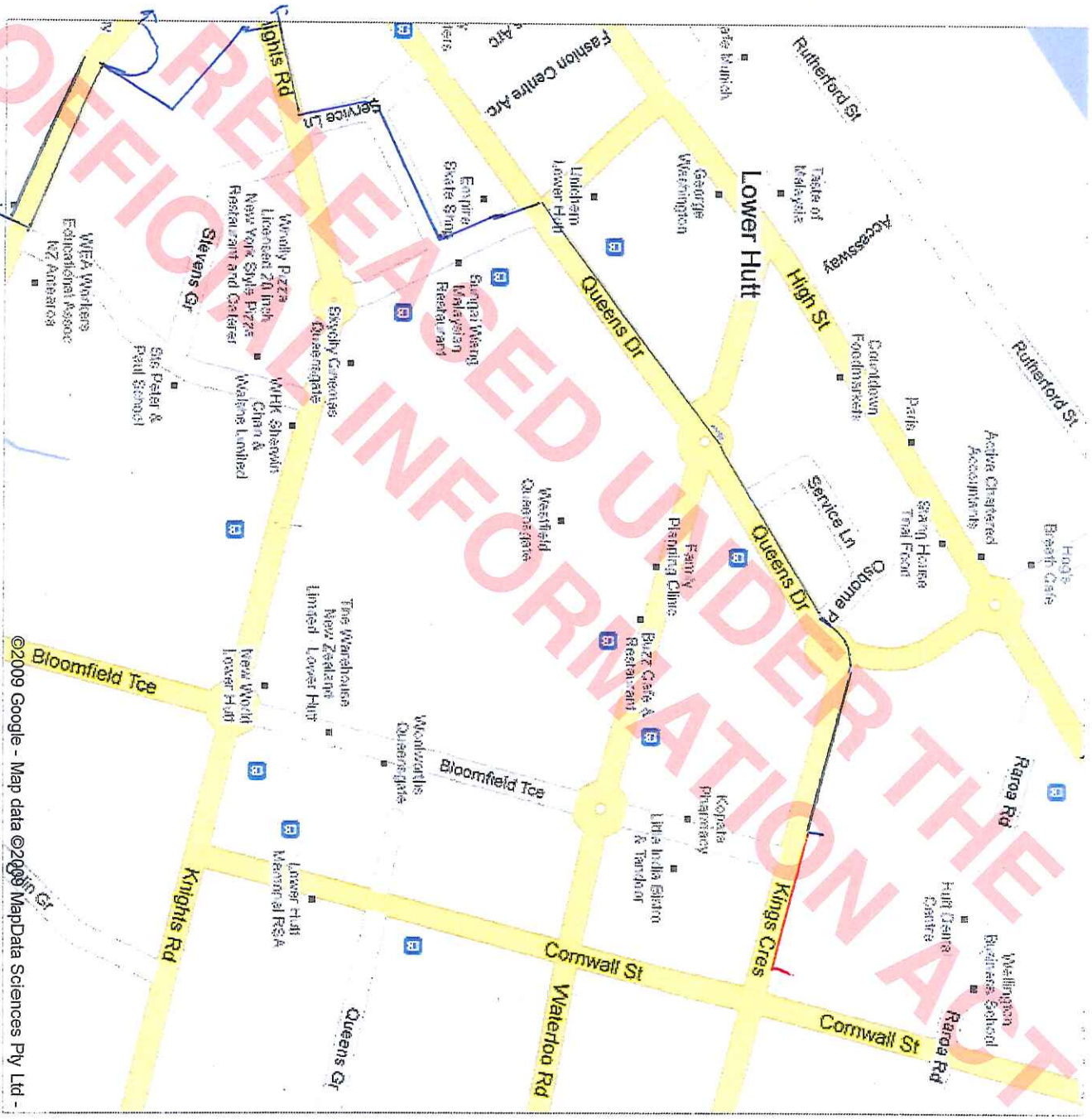
MAP THREE – PORIRUA



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MAP FOUR – LOWER HUTT



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General Network Layout (Lower Hutt)



Key

- Wireless Access Site
- ▼ Repeater Site
- Wireless Backhaul Link

Figure 1

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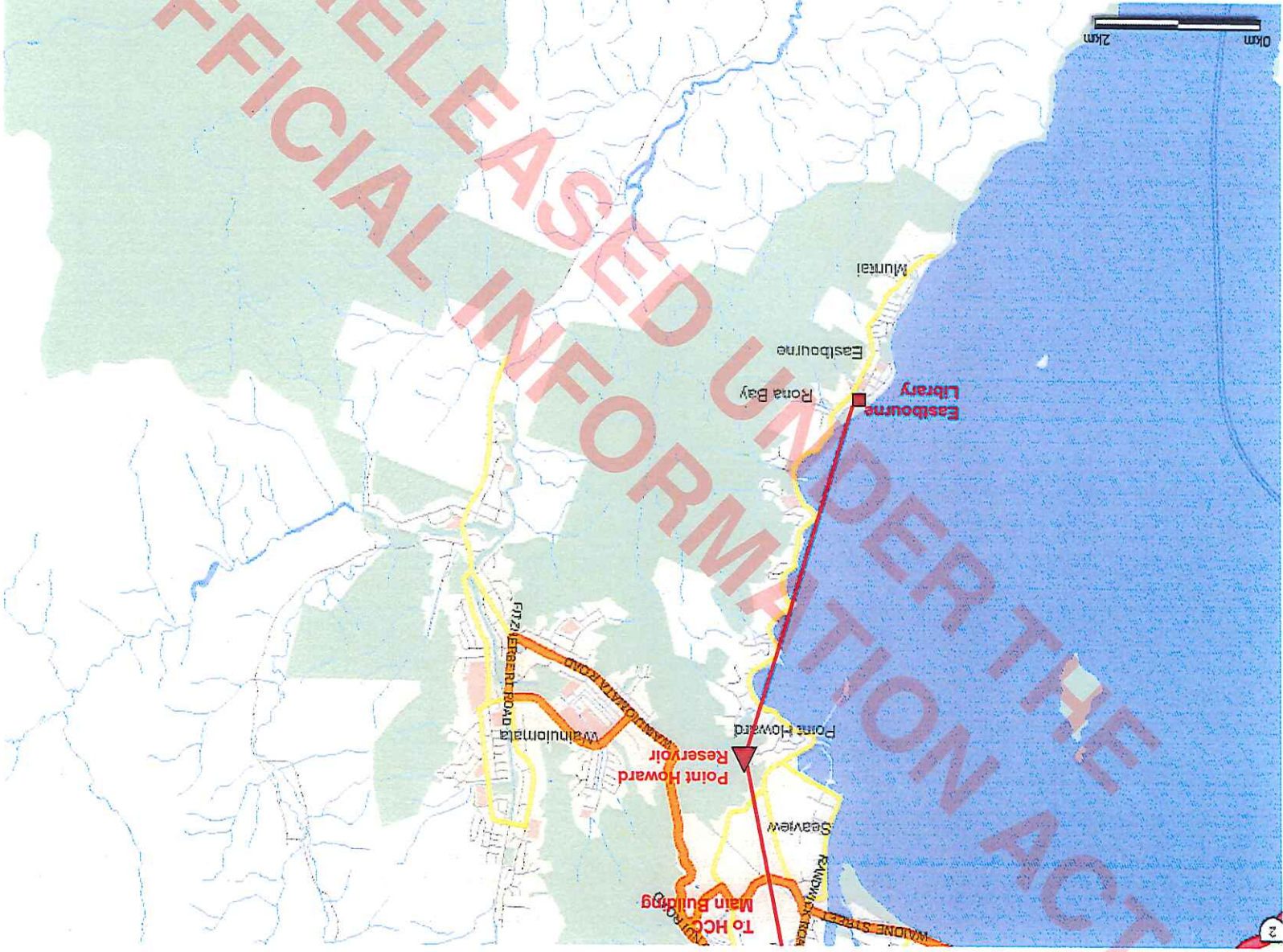


Figure 2

Key

- Wireless Access Site
- ▼ Wireless Access Site
- Repeater Site
- Wireless Backhaul Link

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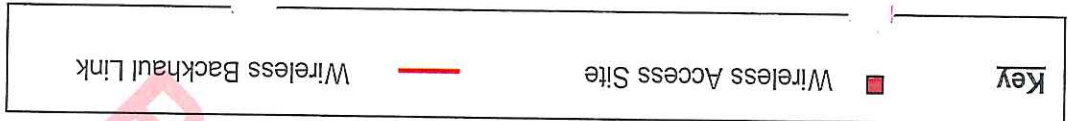
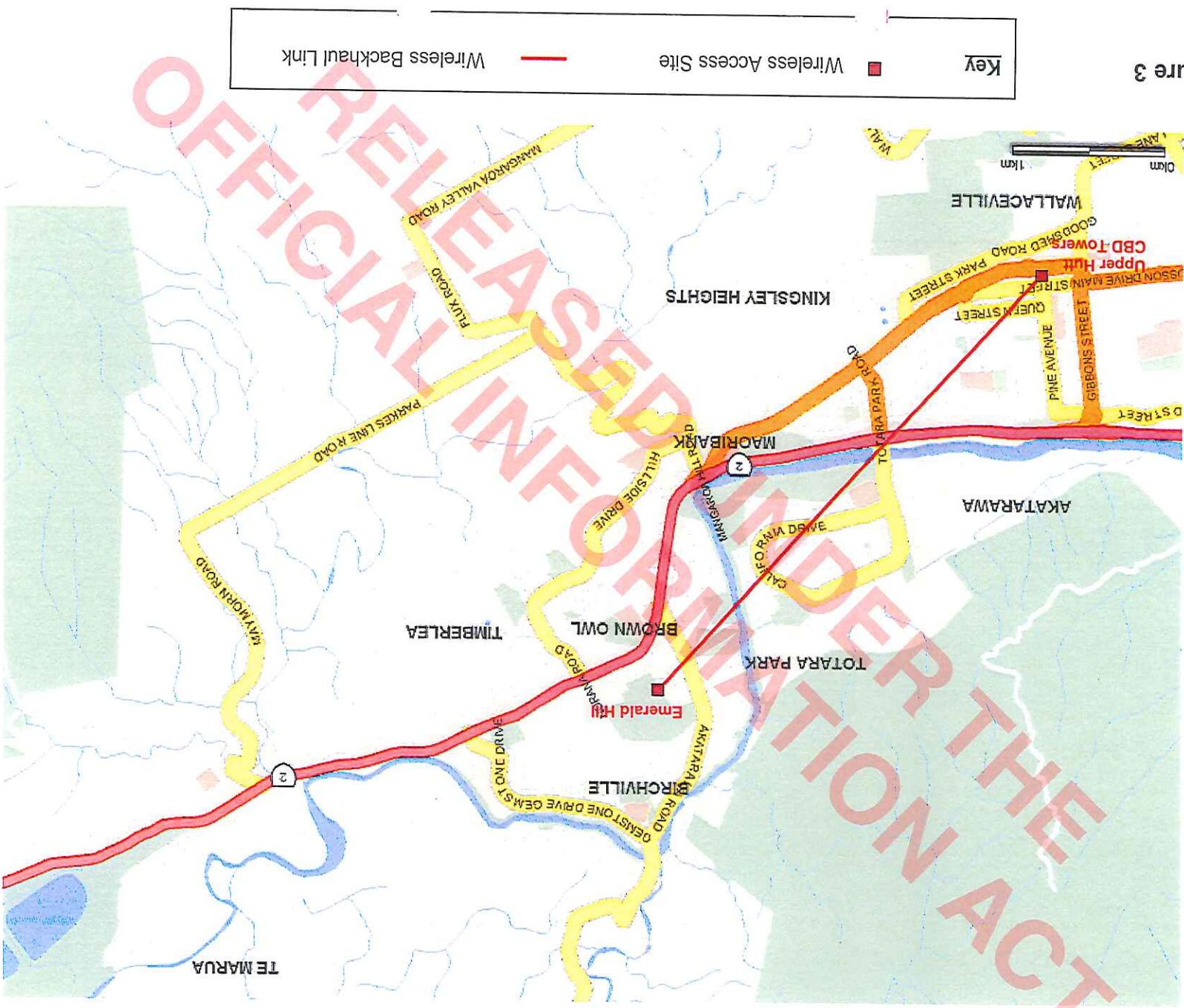


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General Network Layout (Upper Hutt)

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General Network Layout (Portra)

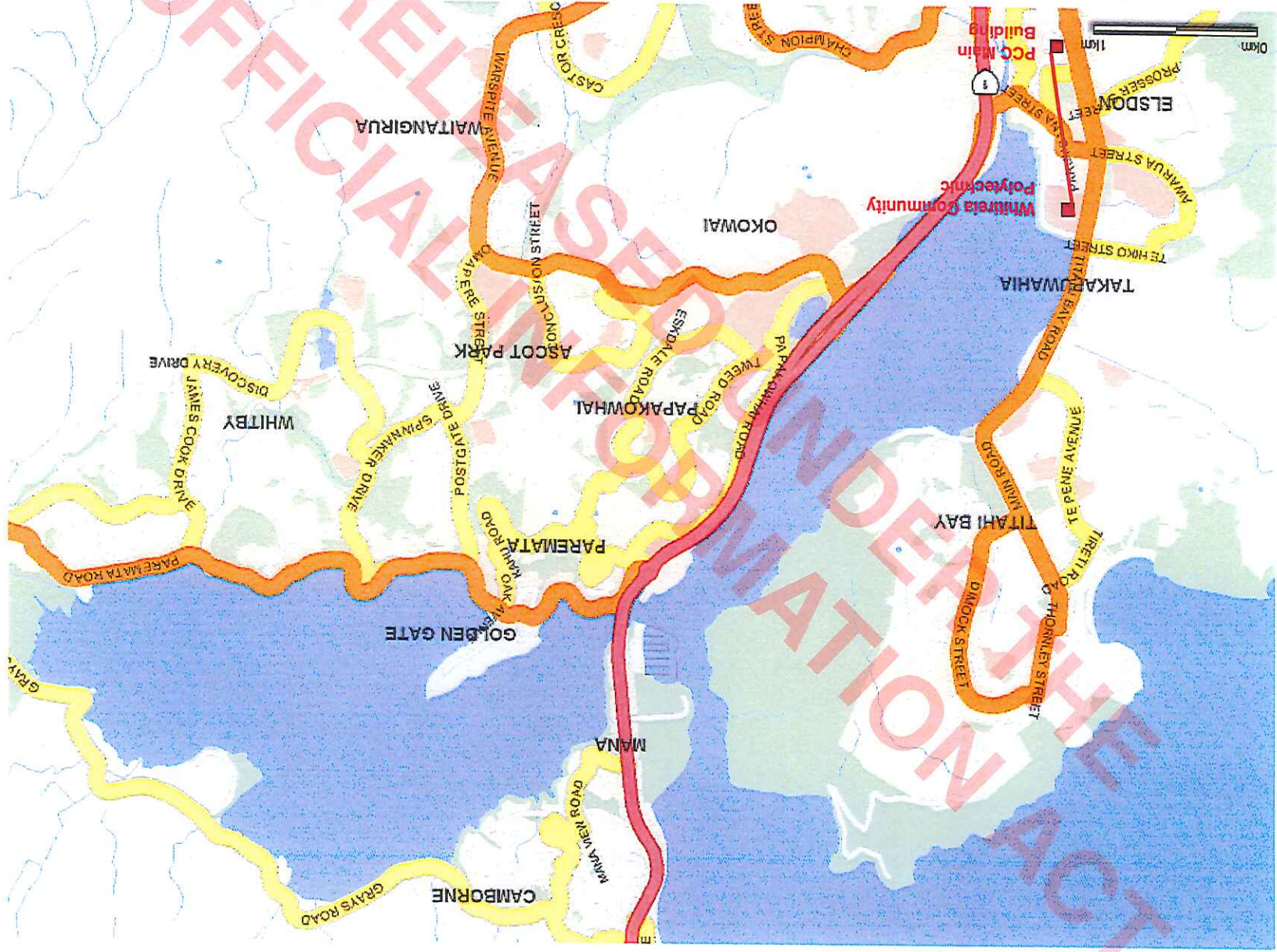


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