

# Prohibition on wire trace use | Perth metro and Busselton and Esperance Jetties

**From 1 October 2024, recreational fishing with a wire trace is prohibited at the Busselton Jetty and foreshore, and the Esperance Jetty.**

Restrictions to manage recreational fishing for sharks will now be extended to two regional locations in the City of Busselton and Shire of Esperance.

Under the revised legislation, recreational fishers are not permitted to use wire trace while fishing at the Busselton Jetty or within 800 metres of the coastal shoreline along the Busselton foreshore, and at the Esperance Jetty.

## ***Prohibition on Fishing (Wire Trace) Order 2024***

In 2023, the WA Government banned the use of wire trace for recreational fishing in all nearshore waters in the Perth metropolitan area, including the Swan-Canning Estuary, following ongoing community concerns around anti-social recreational shark fishing.

The *Prohibition on Fishing (Wire Trace) Order 2024* replaces the former Order to expand the prohibition of recreational fishing by wire trace to:

### **Perth metropolitan area**

All nearshore waters (within 800 m from shore) from Tim's Thicket Beach to Two Rocks north and all waters of the Swan-Canning Estuary.

### **Busselton Jetty and foreshore**

Busselton Jetty and all nearshore waters (within 800 m from shore) along the Busselton foreshore (between the Vasse Diversion Drain and the Georgette Street Boat Ramp).

### **Esperance Jetty**

Esperance Jetty (200 m buffer around the jetty) and extending out to 800 m from shore.

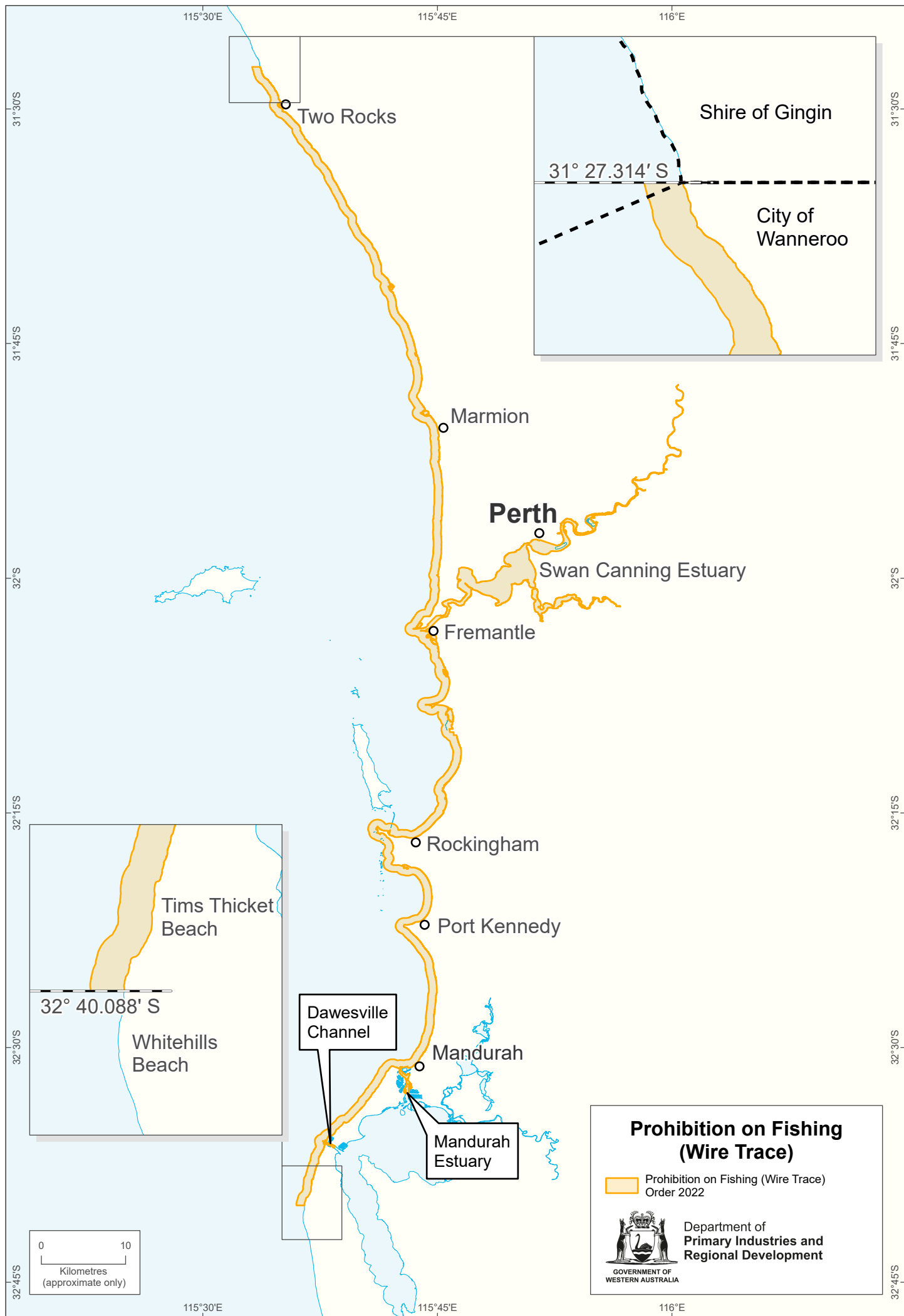
## **Recreational shark fishing**

Recreational fishing for large sharks is incompatible with other recreational activities such as swimming and diving.

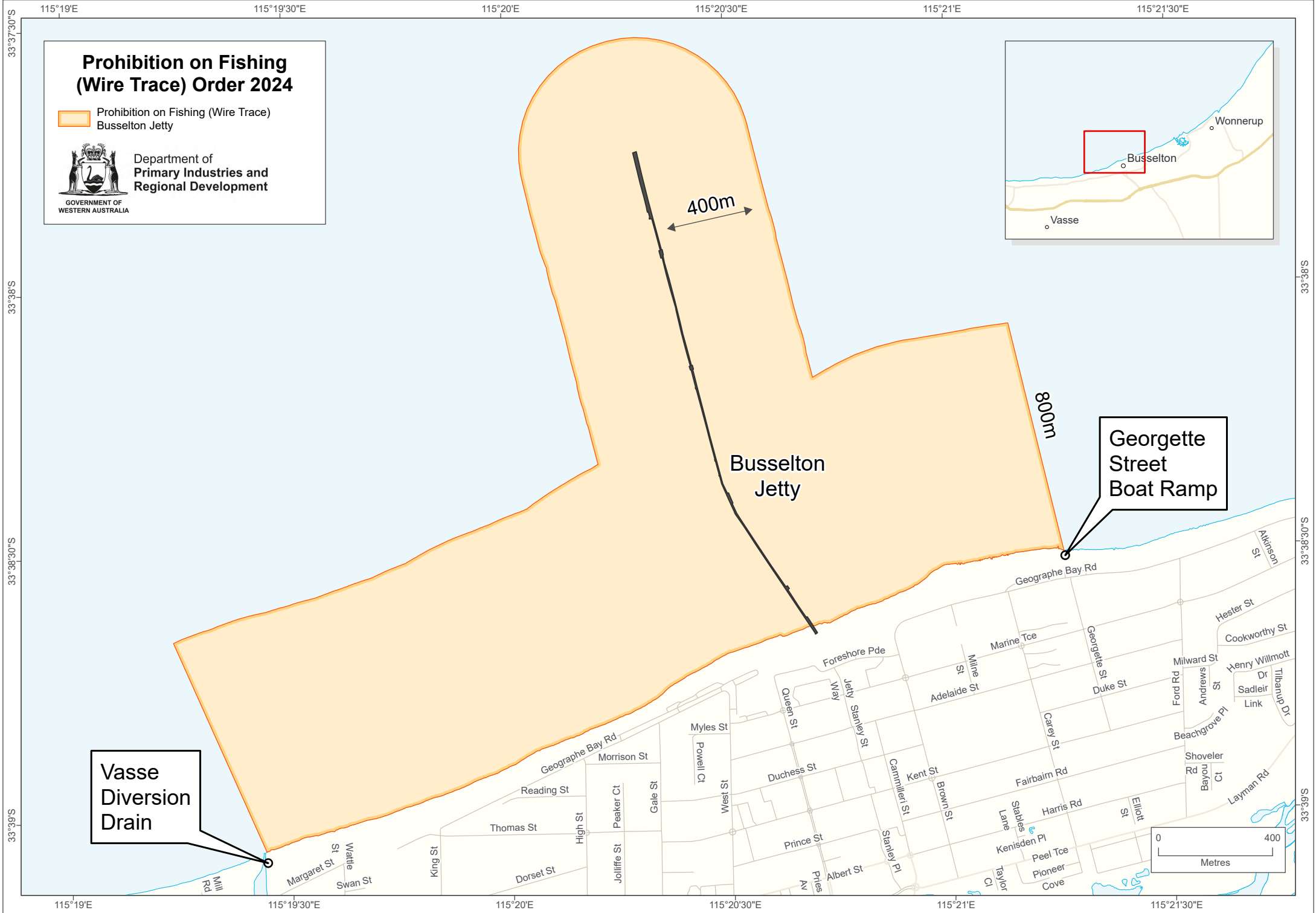
Targeting and landing sharks in shared public spaces, poses a risk to other water users and the public, and can impact the wellbeing of released sharks, including protected shark species.

Fishers who target species such as mackerel and tailor are encouraged to speak with their local tackle shops to switch out the use of wire trace with other rig types and fishing techniques.









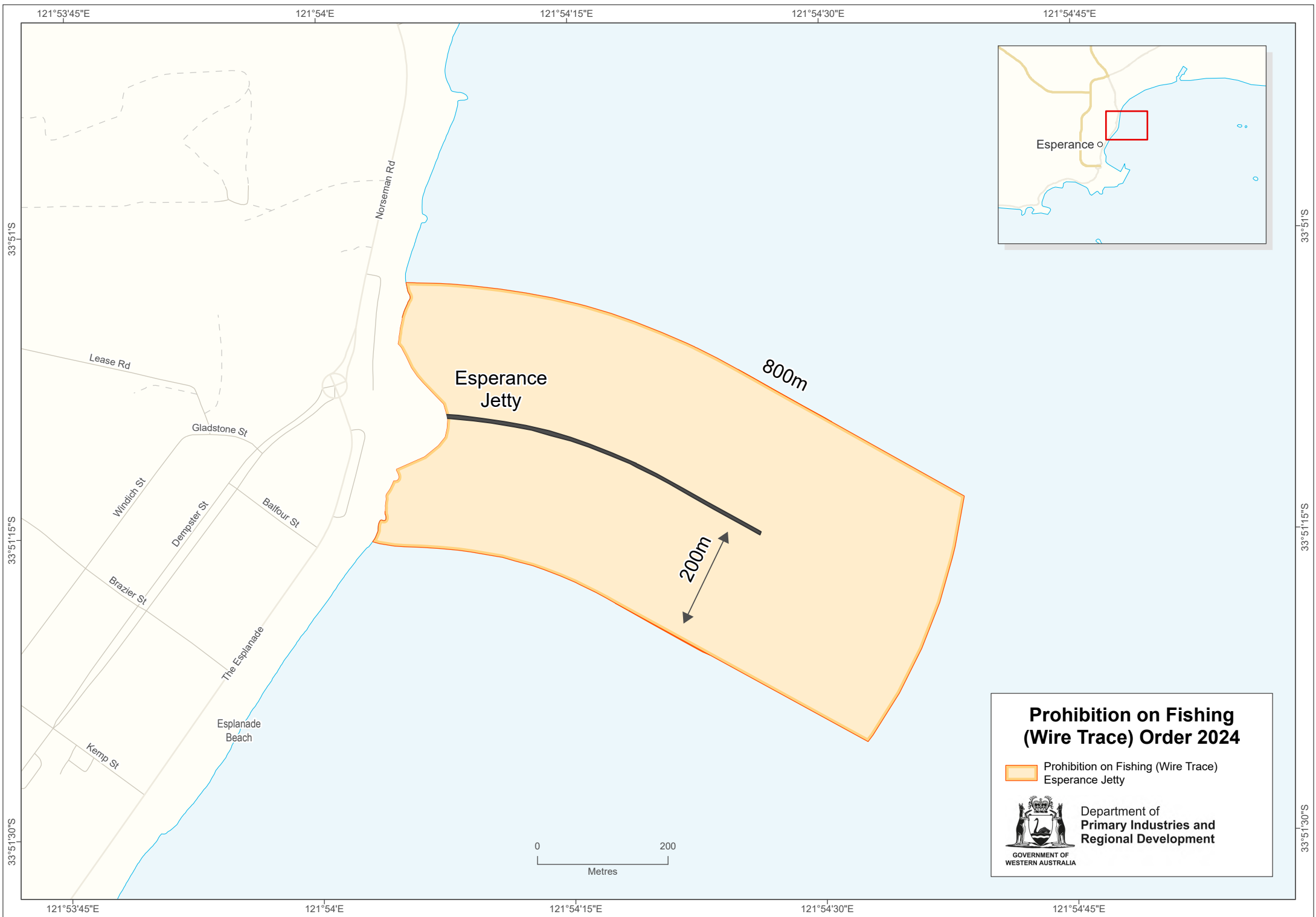
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