



Parks of Western and Central Kangaroo Island

Management Plan Amendment 2024



Your views are important

The reserves and wilderness protection areas covered by The Parks of Western and Central Kangaroo Island Management Plan 2022 are home to some of the State's most spectacular natural areas and attractions.

The Parks of Western and Central Kangaroo Island Management Plan 2022 was developed following the devastating impacts of the 2019-20 bushfires that affected wildlife, habitat, visitor facilities and infrastructure in many parks in the central and western end of Kangaroo Island.

In December 2023, the Department for Environment and Water sought the community's views regarding proposed updated mapping amendments to the existing plan through the release of a draft amendment package for public consultation.

All submissions received on the draft plan amendments have been considered and have assisted in the development of this final amendment. I thank all those who made a submission.

I am now pleased to adopt the Parks of Western and Central Kangaroo Island Management Plan Amendment 2024.



Hon Susan Close MP

Minister for Climate, Environment and Water

Providing updated Mapping

The maps in the *Parks of Western and Central Kangaroo Island Management Plan 2022* were developed to indicate management zones, support specific strategies and provide a geographical reference to the location and alignment of the proposed rebuilding of visitor facilities, infrastructure and trails following the bushfires.

At the time the management plan was developed, a new visitor hub was planned as the gateway to the western parks and some sections of the Kangaroo Island Wilderness Trail (KIWT) were indicative and subject to change in the future, based on the development of a trails strategy, or operational needs.

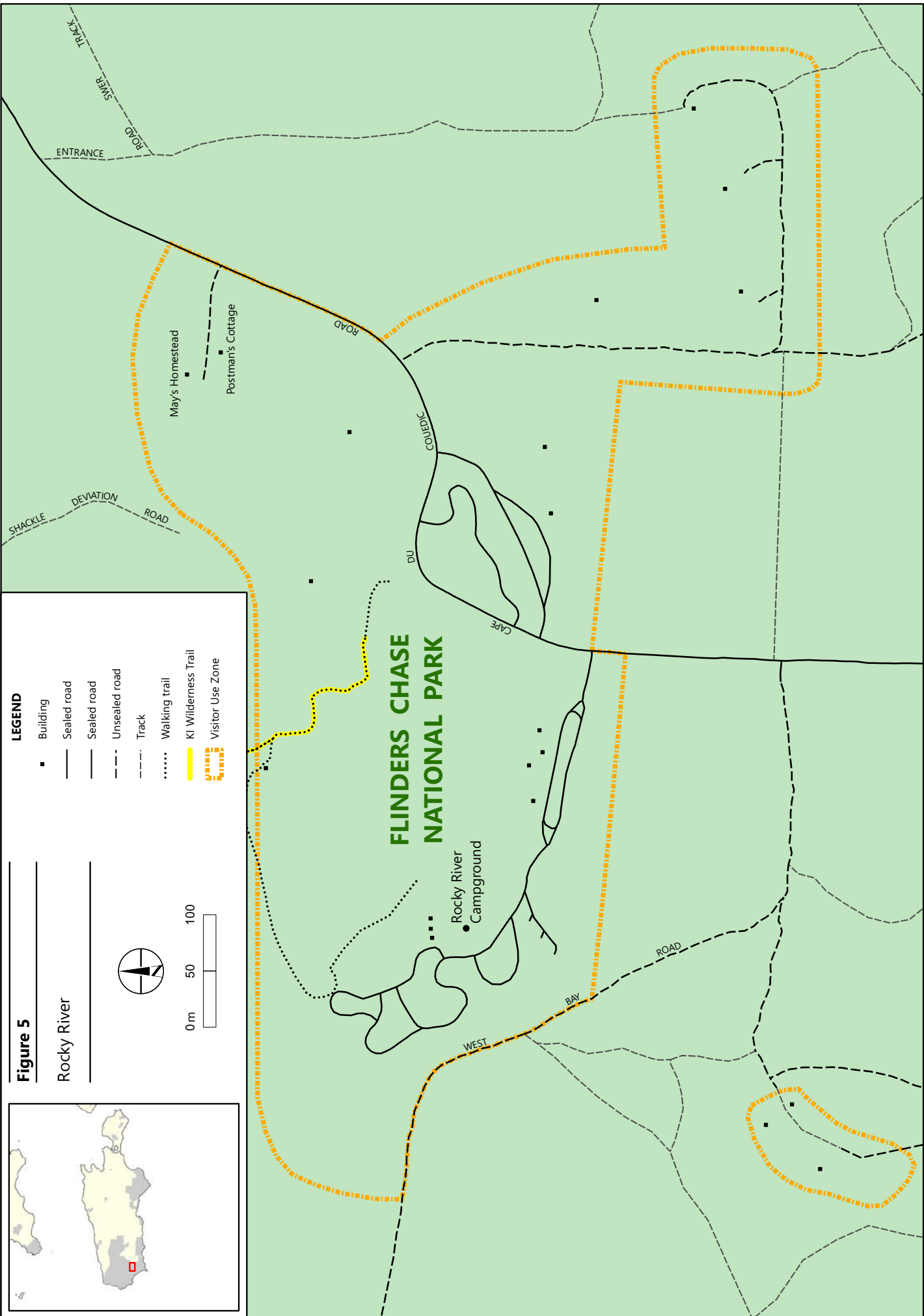
The amendments outlined in this document represent up-to-date maps indicating locations based on further planning work undertaken with stakeholders and the rebuilding of facilities and infrastructure in the parks following the bushfires.

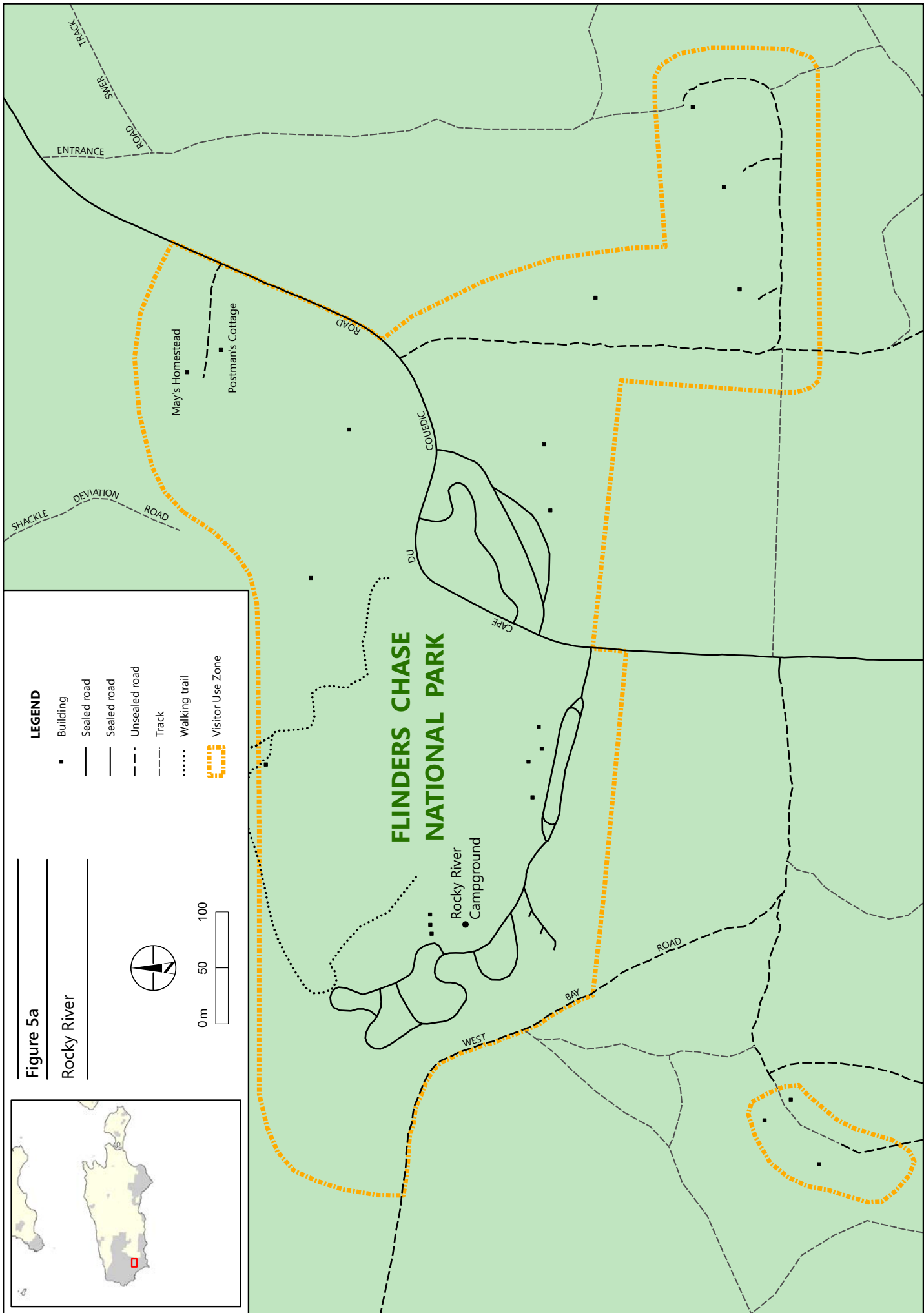
Walking trail realignment- Flinders Chase National Park

Since the adoption of the management plan in 2022, further planning and trail design work within Flinders Chase National Park has been completed in collaboration with stakeholders. As a result, the plan is being amended to update relevant maps with versions more accurately identifying the proposed alignment of trails.

Amendment 1	
Figure 5 - Rocky River, page 32	Figure 5 will be replaced by Figure 5a

Figure 5a removes the reference to the section of KIWT linked to the previous Rocky River Visitor Centre that was located off Cape De Couedic Road. The centre was destroyed in the 2019-2020 bushfires and has subsequently been rebuilt in a new location leading to the realignment of the KIWT. The KIWT will now begin at the new Visitor Hub and connect to the trail network just north of the Rocky River Campground. As a result, the trail leading from the Rocky River Campground is no longer recognised as part of the KIWT, but part of the trail network that connects to it.





Amendment 2

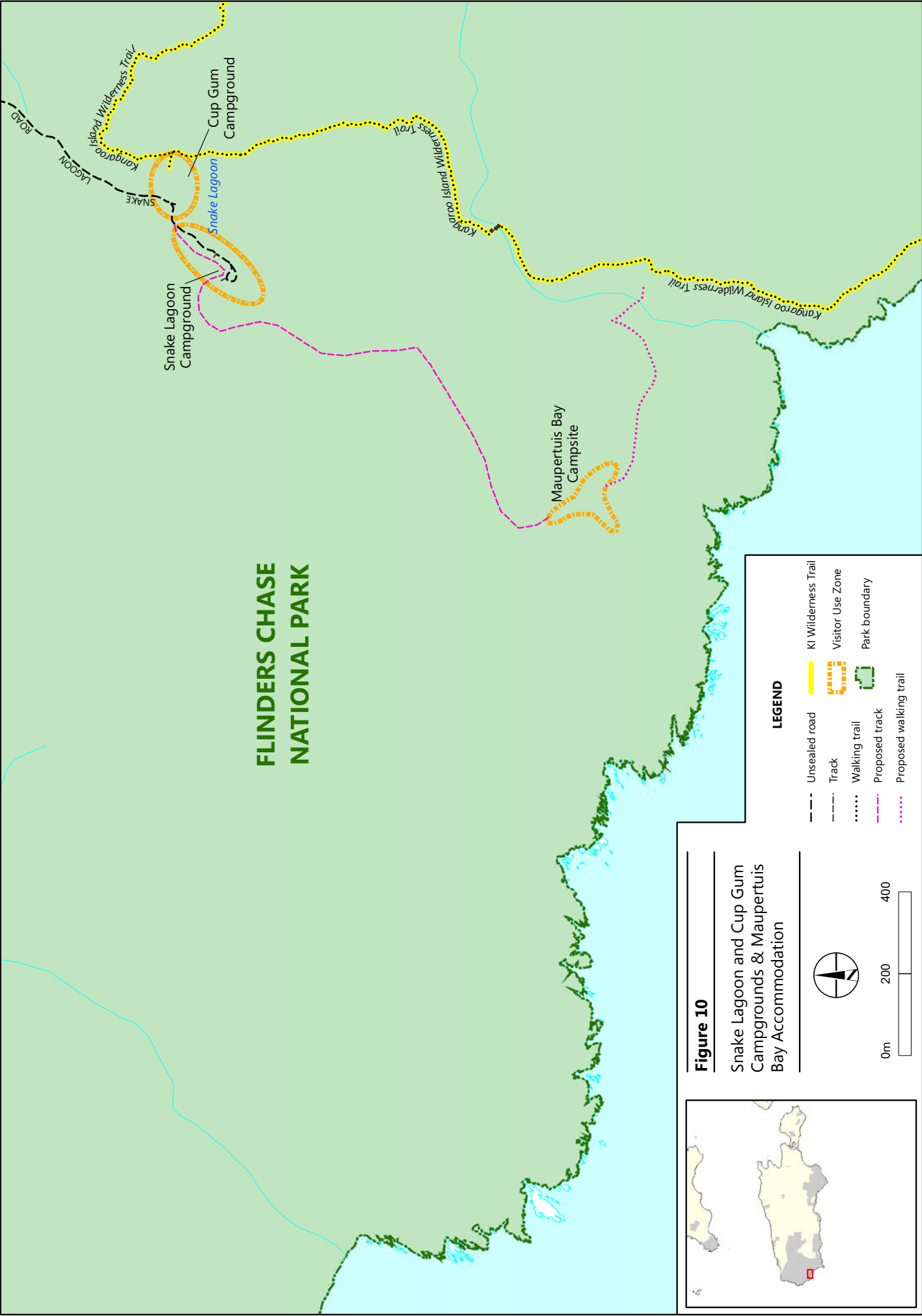
Figure 10 Snake Lagoon, Cup Gum & Maupertuis Bay Accommodation, page 37

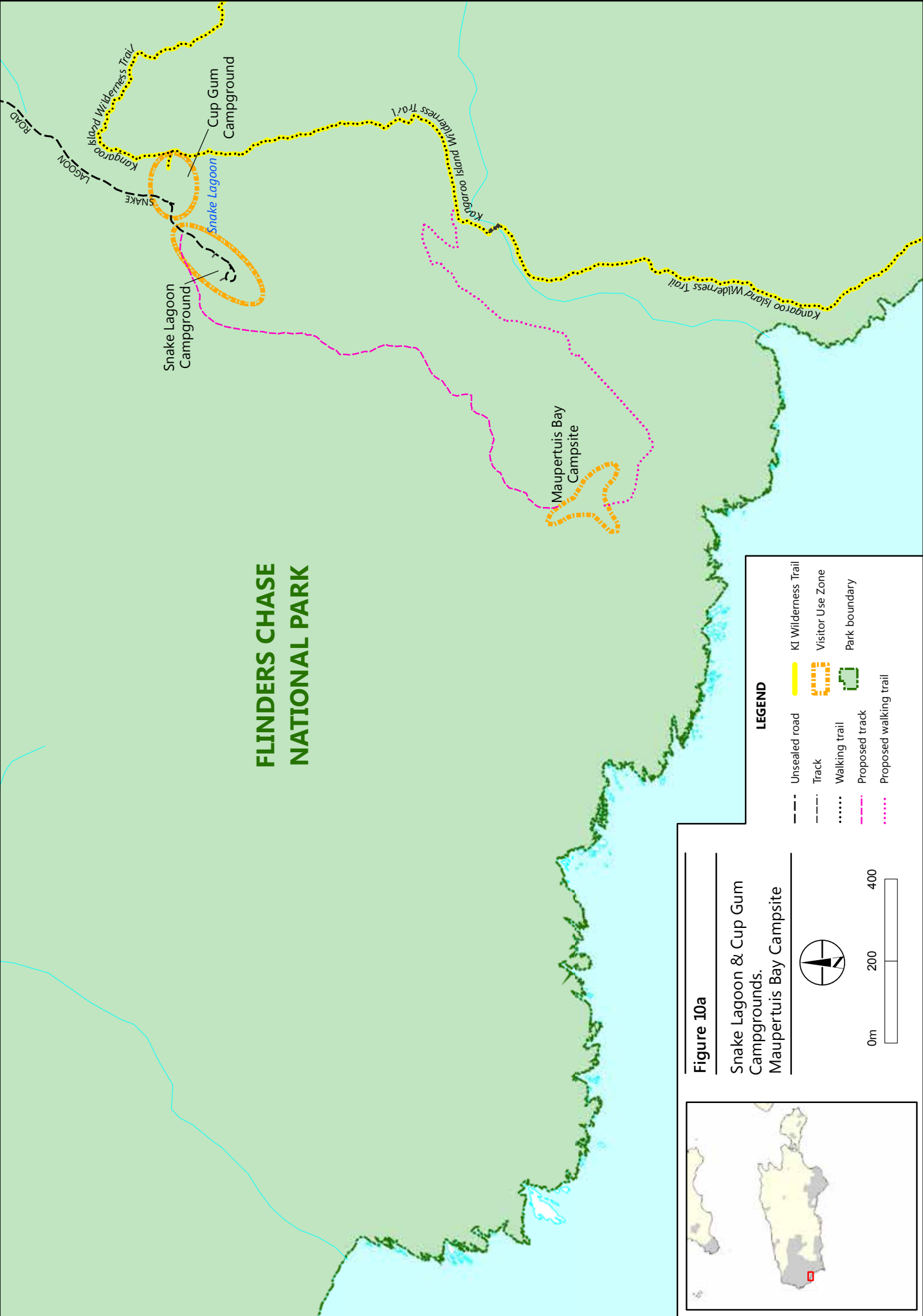
Figure 10 will be replaced with Figure 10a

Figure 10a is updated to show the realignment of the section of proposed walking trail from the Maupertuis Bay Campsite to the KIWT. This section has been realigned to take walkers along an existing line of cleared vegetation and then joins the KIWT just north of the Rocky River crossing.

This section has been designed to provide a more pleasant experience for walkers and avoid potential environmental impacts to unconsolidated sand dunes from the trail route outlined in Figure 10.

The track leading from Snake Lagoon Campground to Maupertuis Bay Campsite has also been updated in Figure 10a to reflect its actual alignment. Map name updated to reflect site names more accurately.



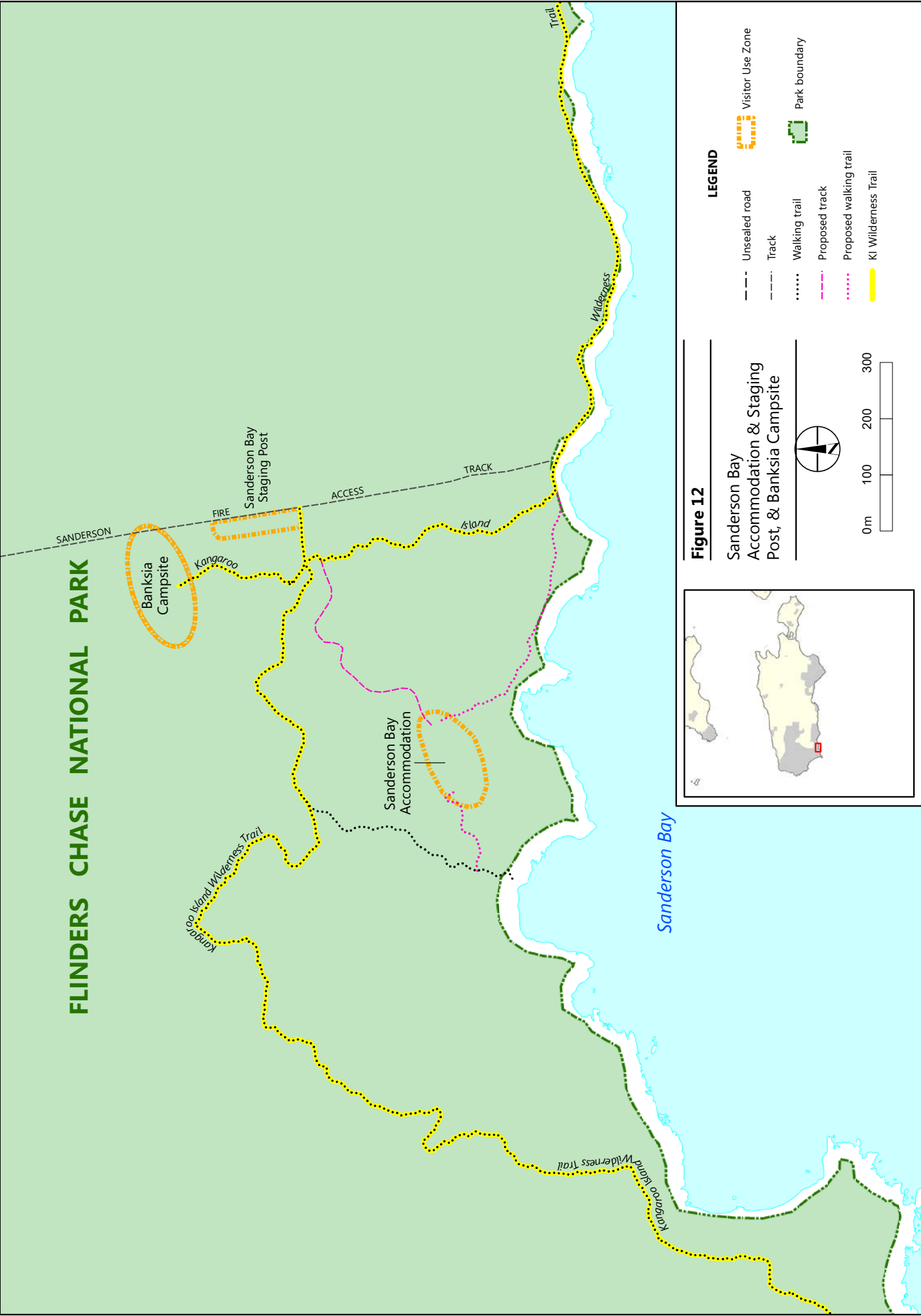


Amendment 3

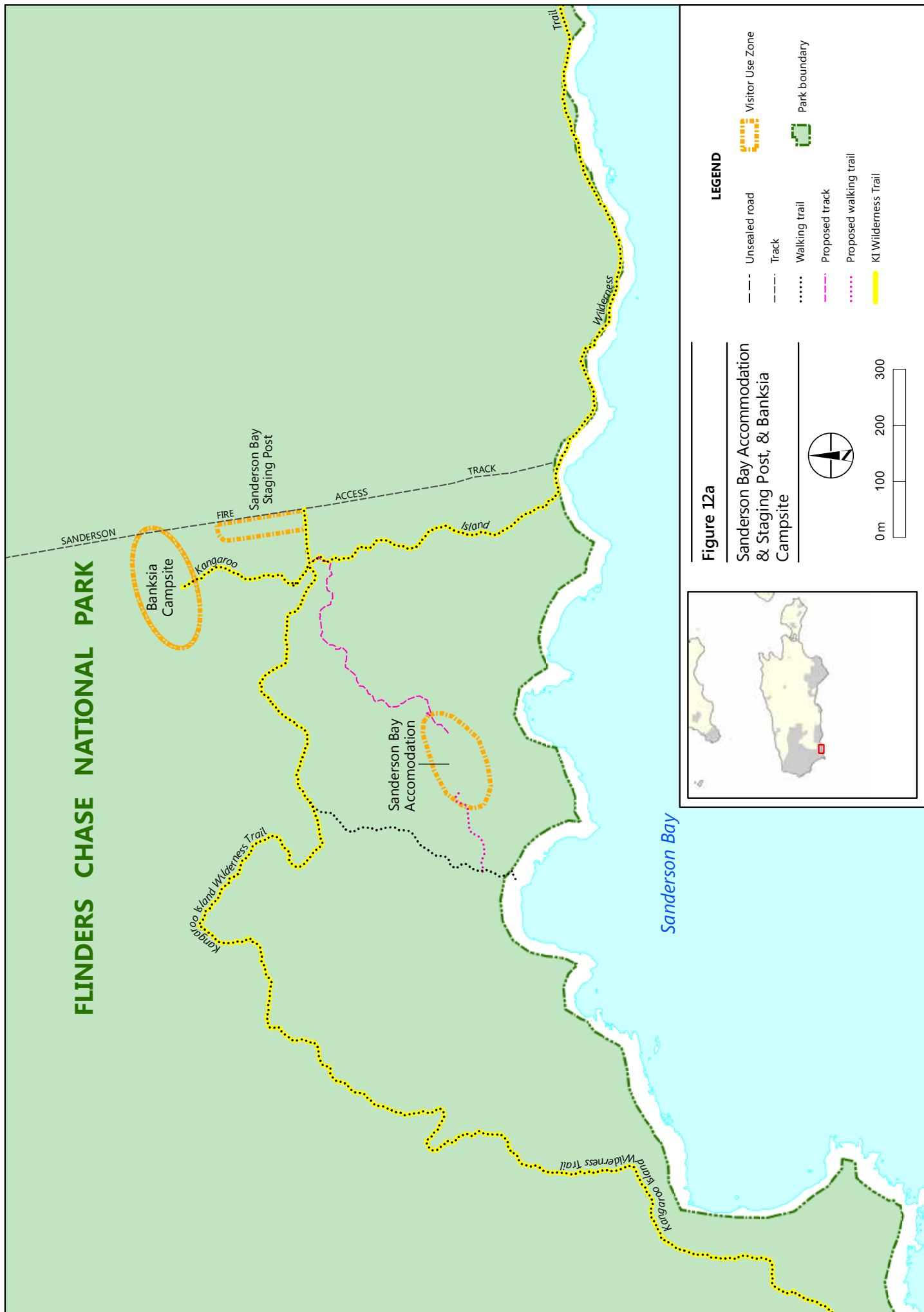
Figure 12 Sanderson Bay and Banksia Campsites, page 39 **Figure 12 will be replaced with Figure 12a**

Figure 12a is updated to show the removal of the section of proposed walking trail that was to traverse areas along the coastline that linked the Sanderson Bay Campsite to the KIWT near the junction with the Sanderson Fire Access Track. This section of trail has been removed from scope to avoid disturbance to the environment, reduce native vegetation clearance and minimise the visual impacts of new trails in the park.

The track leading from Sanderson Bay Accomodation to the KIWT has also been updated in Figure 12a to reflect its actual alignment.



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Amendment 4

Figure 15 East Melrose track Realignment, page 42

Figure 15 will be replaced with Figure 15a New Visitor Hub Trail and East Melrose Track Realignment

Figure 15a is updated to show the location of the new Visitor Hub and new section of the KIWT that will join it to the existing trail head just north of Rocky River Campground.

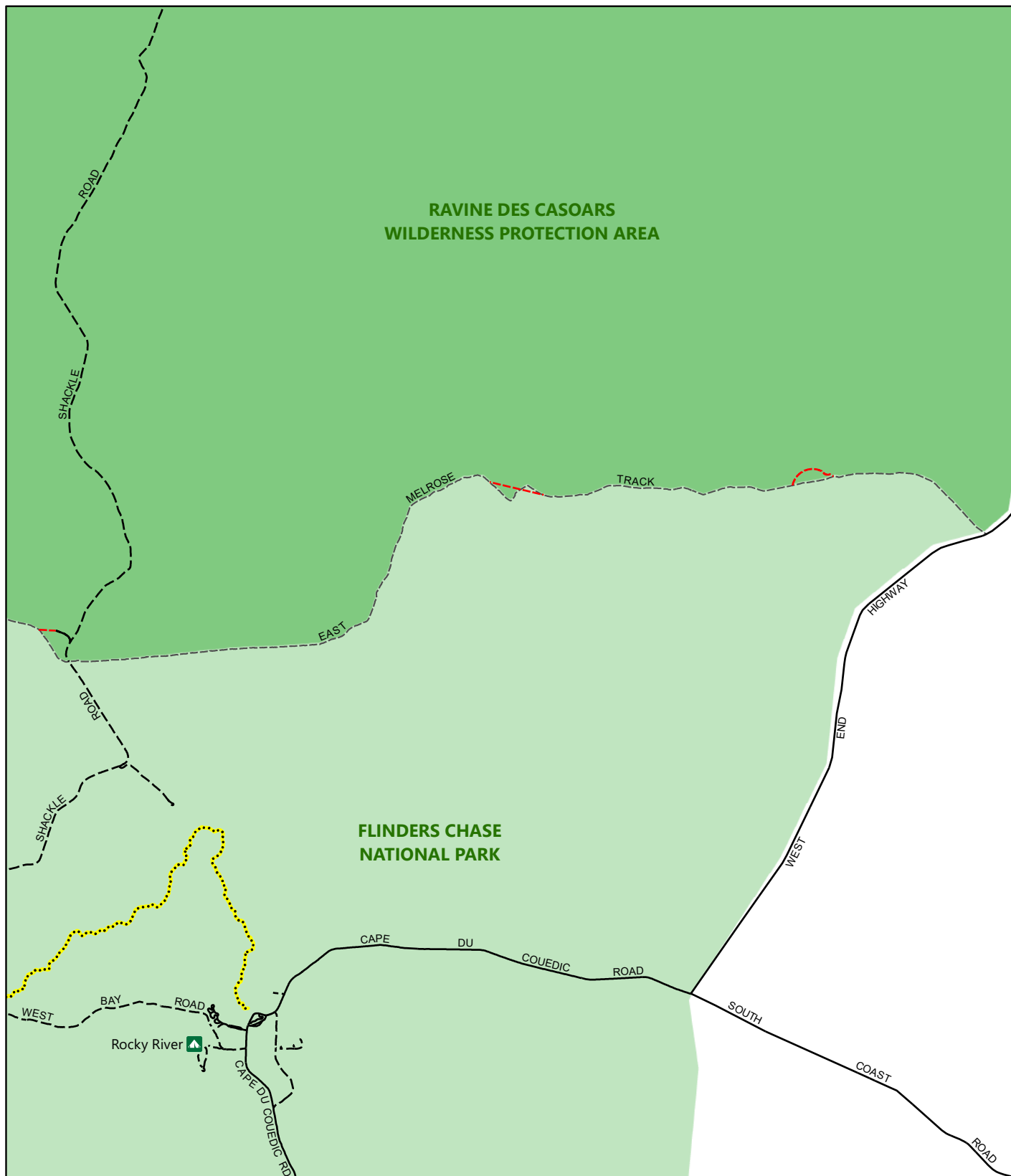
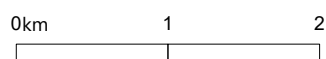


Figure 15

East Melrose Track Realigning



LEGEND

-  Campground
-  Sealed road
-  Unsealed road
-  Fire access track realignment
-  Kangaroo Island Wilderness Trail
-  National Park
-  Wilderness Protection Area

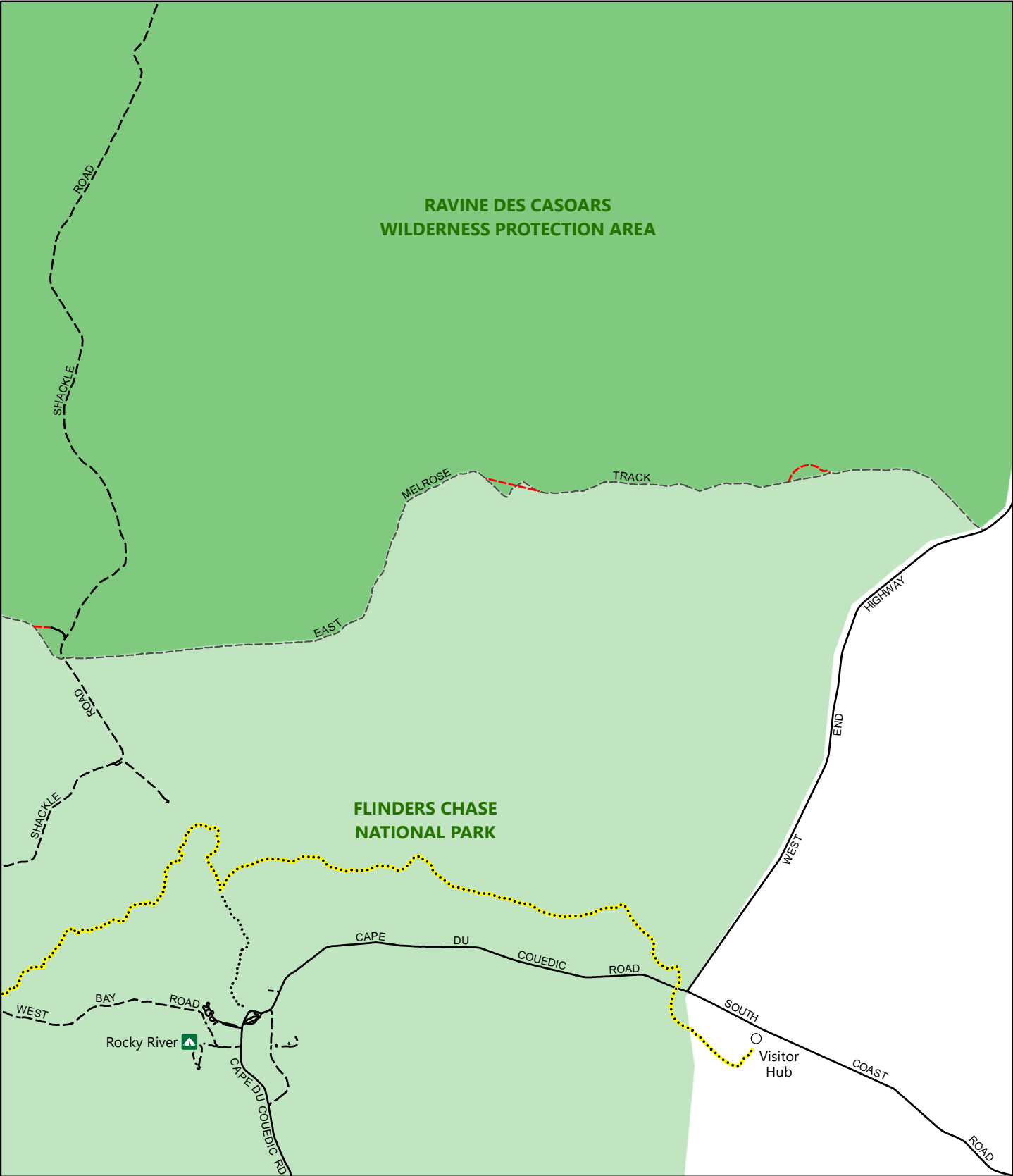
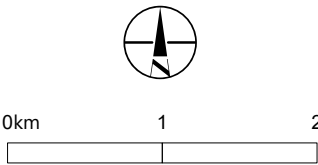


Figure 15a

New Visitor Hub Trail and East Melrose Track Realignment



- LEGEND**
- Campground
 - Sealed road
 - Unsealed road
 - Proposed fire access track realignment
 - Kangaroo Island Wilderness Trail
 - Walking trail
 - National Park
 - Wilderness Protection Area

Amendment 5

Theme 3: Creating exceptional visitor experiences, page 18

Existing text (to be removed)

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Amendment 6

Theme 3: Creating exceptional visitor experiences, Objective and Strategies, dot point 1, page 20

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Amendment 7

Theme 3: Creating exceptional visitor experiences, Objective and Strategies, dot point 13, page 20

Existing text (to be removed)

Facilitate opportunities for small scale tourist accommodation options at overnight camping nodes along the Kangaroo Island Wilderness Trail within identified Visitor Use Zones:

- Sanderson Bay – Eight accommodation pods (including guides accommodation), shared facilities, Staging Post, lookout, last resort refuge pod, and associated new roads/tracks or other infrastructure (Figure 12). Staging Post proposed to be located within Sanderson Bay Staging Post Visitor Use Zone (Figure 12).
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Amendment 8

Theme 4: Page 22 and 23

Existing text (old text)

Figure 15

New text (replacing)

Figure 15a



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