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## Abstract

A regolith-materials map, sample-location plan and 37 element-concentration maps have been prepared for the LEONORA 1:250 000 map sheet area. These are supported by a map showing the positions of previous mineral-exploration projects which have used surface exploration geochemistry.

Regolith samples (-2 mm to +0.45 mm), collected at a nominal density of 1 per 16 km<sup>2</sup>, were chemically analysed for 47 components. Results are presented in a digital data file with these notes and as element-distribution maps which display 45 components at the 1:1 000 000 scale, with 11 trace elements represented as plots of higher values only. Copies of all element-distribution maps are available on demand at the 1:250 000 scale.

The sampling program yielded 1042 samples including 453 stream-sediment, 546 soil, and 43 lake samples. The results suggest that, for soil and stream sediment, underlying rock type and the degree of weathering are the main differentiating features rather than the sample medium.

Regolith materials have been divided into 17 regolith units; three corresponding to a relict regime, five to an erosional regime, and nine to a depositional regime.

The chemical analyses differentiate the greenstone belts from granitic terrain. General positions of the mafic, ultramafic, and felsic rocks within the six major greenstone belts are suggested by differing element associations. There is a wide variation in sediment composition over granitoids west and east of the main greenstone belt. More-intense mechanical erosion to the west has exposed less-altered granitic bedrock, whereas dominant chemical weathering to the east has resulted in sediments composed of fewer primary minerals and revealing less evidence of the underlying bedrock. Principal-component analysis has identified three centres of potassic granitoids in the west of the map sheet. A fractionated, potassic granitoid enriched in Ce, Pb, La, and Th is also identified in the south.

Over both granitoids and greenstones, the variation in regolith sediments from erosional to depositional regimes is not systematic and may reflect poorly exposed subcrop. Most lake sediment samples are saline; many contain gypsum and calcrete. In general, lake samples are also characterized by an accumulation of MgO, Li, Sr, and U.

Gold mineralization on LEONORA is associated with granite-greenstone contacts and shear zones. Both granitoids and greenstones are known to host mineralization, and association with As and sulfides is common. The contouring of the gold values shows that the 2 ppb contour highlights the known gold deposits, except the Bannockburn deposit.

The Cu, Zn, and Ag deposit at Teutonic Bore is represented by relatively high Cu and Zn values south of the deposit. There are high Ni values in the vicinity of the Mount Clifford nickel deposits; however, there is little surface expression of Weebo Bore (Ni), Wilsons Patch (Pb), or Dodgers Hill (Mo) deposits. The highest uranium values are found in Lake Raeside.

**Keywords:** Leonora, Yilgarn Craton, regolith materials, regional sampling program, multi-element analysis, geochemical maps.



## Introduction

In 1994, the Geological Survey of Western Australia (GSWA) initiated a program of regional geochemical mapping to aid in mineral exploration and to assist monitoring of the environment. The first area studied was the MENZIES\* 1:250 000 map sheet (Kojan and Faulkner, 1994). The LEONORA Geochemical Mapping Project, reported here, is the second in the series. LEONORA is contiguous with MENZIES and the intention is to build a database covering a north-south portion of the northeast Yilgarn Craton between Menzies and Wiluna.

The general aims of the program are to

- provide regional baseline geochemical data to assist in the interpretation of other geochemical exploration results;
- assist in the identification of metallogenic provinces and specific areas with potential for undiscovered mineralization;
- assist in the identification of rock types and assemblages present, and provide comparison with prior geological mapping;
- provide baseline geochemical information for use in agricultural and pastoral activities, and in environmental monitoring and regulation.

Regional geochemical mapping involves the mapping of surficial materials (regolith), and the sampling and analysis of such materials, at regular intervals, over large areas (Kojan and Faulkner, 1994). Regolith is a general term used to cover the blanket of clastic or chemical material, either cemented or unconsolidated, which overlies and conceals unweathered bedrock. It includes both weathered rock in situ, and debris that has formed as a result of weathering and/or erosion. Chemical deposits such as 'hardpans' and calcrete, and eolian sediments, may be intermixed with these materials. Regolith thus includes both residual and transported sediments of various types (Trendall, 1990; Anand et al., 1993a).

Extensive and prolonged weathering of the landscape through Tertiary and Quaternary time has produced a variably thick regolith cover, which conceals fresh bedrock and hinders mineral exploration in the Yilgarn Craton. A consequence of the weathering history is a close relationship of regolith materials with both local and regional landforms. Therefore, an understanding of the regolith-landform relationships, and the nature, origins and weathering history of components of the regolith are extremely important for geochemical exploration/mapping (Anand and Smith, 1994).

Summaries of the state of progress in regional geochemical mapping around the world are given in Darnley (1990) and Davenport (1993). Multi-element geochemical programs have been implemented in the UK, Greenland, the former East Germany, Hungary, Finland, Canada, and China. The Geological Survey of Canada has

had a regular program of regional geochemical mapping for the past twenty years. Although the initial objective was to assist mineral exploration, the contribution of this program to understanding the geochemical environment of Canada has become increasingly apparent (Painter et al., 1994).

There are few recent published works in the field of geochemical mapping in Australia. Exceptions include a stream-sediment study on the 1:250 000 EBAGoola map sheet in north Queensland (Cruikshank, 1994) and the GSWA geochemical mapping of the MENZIES 1:250 000 map sheet in Western Australia (Kojan and Faulkner, 1994). There is a complementary regolith-landform study of EBAGoola (Pain et al., 1994).

Regolith sampling and mapping for the LEONORA map sheet commenced in June 1994 with assistance from sampling teams provided by Geochemex Australia Pty Ltd. The chemical analysis was contracted out to Amdel Laboratories. The contribution of these organizations to this study is acknowledged. Dr Richard Davy assisted in the planning of the project and editing of these notes.

## Setting

The LEONORA 1:250 000 map sheet (SH/51-1) is bounded by latitudes 28°00' and 29°00'S, and longitudes 120°00' and 121°30'E, and is located within the Eastern Goldfields Province. The sheet straddles the boundaries of three defined goldfields — the East Murchison, North Coolgardie, and the Mount Margaret Goldfields.

The map sheet takes its name from the town of Leonora in the southeastern corner of this map, 235 km north of Kalgoorlie. The regional population, which is strongly tied to the gold-mining industry, peaked early in the century during a major gold-mining boom and then steadily declined as mining operations shut down. Towns such as Lawlers and Kurrajong disappeared and, with the closure of the Sons of Gwalia mine in 1963, Gwalia also became deserted. Leonora has remained as a service centre for the region and, with the start of opencut operations at Sons of Gwalia in 1982 and development and operation of numerous other mines, the population of the shire in the 1991 census increased again to 2903. The only other permanent habitation is related to the pastoral stations, but there is an additional, largely transient population involved mainly in mining and exploration.

## Access

The sheet area is traversed from south to north by a sealed road which runs from Kalgoorlie to Leinster, and by a graded road between Leonora and Agnew. A second sealed road links Leonora with Laverton to the east. South of Leonora, a sealed road leads to the Gwalia townsite and the Sons of Gwalia mine. From Leonora, the Kalgoorlie-Leinster road runs in a northerly direction past a number of minesites, past and present, including Harbour Lights, Casino, Trump, Forrest, and Teutonic Bore. The Leonora-Agnew road has a more northwesterly direction and

\* Capitalized names in these notes refer to standard map sheets

provides access to the Bannockburn mine and the mining centres of Lawlers and Agnew, and to the west of the map sheet. Major locations are identified on Figure 1 and Plate 1.

Graded roads link these major roads to pastoral station homesteads. The Leonora–Nambi road provides access to the east of the LEONORA 1:100 000 sheet, to the Gambier Lass mine, and the Pig Well Mining Centre. The Leonora–Mount Ida road and the Ida Valley Road provide access to the WILBAH 1:100 000 sheet area and part of the MOUNT ALEXANDER 1:100 000 sheet. Roads to the Pinnacles and Munjeroo stations allow access to the MUNJEROO 1:100 000 sheet, and the Wildara–Weebo road runs through the north east of the WILDARA 1:100 000 sheet and the northwest corner of the WEEBO 1:100 000 sheet.

In off-road areas, access is highly variable. Tracks made for mineral exploration allow reasonable access to the greenstone belts. Access in other areas is subject to the availability of well-maintained fence lines and the density of the vegetation.

## Climate and vegetation

Climate in the LEONORA 1:250 000 map sheet area is semi-arid to arid, with a highly variable annual rainfall of 200 mm nominal average. Summers are hot and dry with occasional heavy rainfall from thunderstorms or cyclonic activity. Winters are cool to mild with most rain falling in the first half of the year. The rainfall may vary widely between different years, and droughts and floods are common features of the climate.

The vegetation of this area is part of the Eremaean botanical province (Beard, 1981). In his 1:3 000 000 vegetation study of Western Australia, Beard recognizes five major vegetation classes for the map sheet: mulga woodlands, acacia and teatree scrub, hummock grassland with scattered trees, samphire *Halosarcia* communities, and bare salt lakes. Variations in vegetation can usually be attributed to variations in regolith, bedrock, and rainfall.

Greenstone ridges are densely vegetated with acacia and teatree scrub with scattered mulga and sheoak. Granite upland areas and eolian sandplains are typically covered by hummock grassland with spinifex and scattered acacias, whereas on the plains the main vegetation types are mulga woodlands with scattered eucalypts. The best growth on the plains is associated with red loamy soils (Chan et al., 1992). The major drainage floors are palaeodrainages with no flowing rivers; salt lakes (salinas) are numerous. The major vegetation types present in these saline drainages are samphire *Halosarcia*, saltbush, and blue bush.

## Topography and drainage

Most topographic relief on LEONORA is related to fresh and weathered outcrops of both granite and greenstone. A large mass of greenstone forms a range of hills trending north-northwest from Leonora to Agnew. Some hills are composed of metamorphosed basalt (Mount Ross, Mount

Stirling), whereas others owe their prominence to a resistant chert band within the felsic–clastic sequence (Mount George, Mount Davis, Mount Leonora). Fresh granite may take the form of rounded hills (Mount Adamson) or tors, as at Munjeroo, but typically occurs as flat sheets or bouldery outcrops. Deep-weathered granite, commonly capped with silcrete, gives rise to the prominent, south-facing breakaways such as The Terraces (northeast of Leonora), and to mesas such as Table Hill, east of Lawlers (Thom and Barnes, 1977).

Agnew Bluff, formed of mafic/ultramafic rock is, at 557 m above sea level, the highest point in the area (Thom and Barnes, 1977). The lowest areas are part of a major saline drainage known as the Lake Raeside palaeodrainage (Fig. 1). The lowest point is near the southeastern corner of the map sheet and the flow direction of the southern drainage, which includes Lake Raeside itself, is from west to east. This dominant drainage is joined by a large tributary, flowing in an arcuate path from the northwest of the sheet to a confluence southwest of the Sturt Meadows homestead.

The best-defined, active drainages are in the areas of greatest relief — in the greenstone belts, granite interfluvies and on the margins of former plateaus. These active drainages commonly cut back into the resistant uplands. At the base of the hills, many of the channels broaden and become poorly defined sheetwash areas, where most sediment is transported by mass flow following heavy rain. However, this is not always the case and, in some parts of the sheet, large creeks have deep, well-defined channels (e.g. Sullivan Creek in the Tarmoola–King of the Hills area).

## Landforms and regolith development

The major landforms recognized on LEONORA are similar to those found over much of the Eastern Goldfields, namely

- breakaways with sand-covered backslopes and granitic bedrock;
- hills and ridges of greenstone;
- dissected plateau areas with duricrust remnants and abundant lag;
- low hills and rises of fresh to deeply weathered granitoid outcrop;
- sediment plains in upland areas interrupted by areas of outcrop;
- major alluvial plains and sheetwash fans; and
- major drainage floors containing salt lakes.

The major classification scheme of this project divides landforms into three major regimes; *relict*, *erosional*, and *depositional*. These regimes are similar to those of Anand et al. (1993b) except that their term '*residual*' is replaced by *relict*, a term which has fewer genetic connotations.

Relict regimes are characterized by widespread preservation of an apparently lateritic profile, including a hardened ferruginous duricrust (or ferricrete). Recent studies of the duricrusts of the Leonora area have found that seven of the eight duricrusts examined are of transported, rather than residual, origin (Davy and Gozzard, 1995); some duricrusts are ferruginous saprolite. The relict areas defined in this project include not only ferruginous duricrust but also siliceous duricrust (silcrete). The former is best preserved over weathered greenstone, the latter over granitoids. Both types of duricrust cap breakaways. Upland sandplains above granitoid breakaways are assumed to overlie a complete weathering profile and are also included in the relict regime.

Erosional regimes prevail in those areas where there is continuing downcutting by high energy channels and a net removal of materials. Greenstone hills, and dissected plateaus of either granitoid or greenstone, fall in this regime. Elsewhere, a ferruginous profile or breakaway capped by duricrust, has been eroded to expose mottled zone, saprolite, or fresh bedrock. Lower slopes of erosional regimes include pediments where rock is either exposed, or concealed as subcrop beneath shallow skeletal soils or beneath thin, locally derived transported sediments.

There are many examples on LEONORA of streams cutting through a hardpan of cemented colluvium and reworked sediments. These hardpans have been assigned to a depositional regime although their present status is erosional. The large mass of these materials formed in depositional conditions although 'recent' uplift has allowed further erosion to proceed.

Depositional regimes have a net gain of detritus and are characterized by widespread sediments, deposited in lower energy environments, which may be many metres thick. These regimes include sediments transported in alluvial channels, sediments transported and accumulating on slopes by creep under the influence of gravity, and areas of water-transported sheetwash with poorly defined channels. Eolian sediments deposited as sandplains or dunes are also part of the depositional regime.

## Data acquisition and previous geoscientific investigations

### Geological mapping

Numerous reports on the geology of the Leonora area are cited by Hallberg (1976) in his unpublished CSIRO report on the history of geological studies in the Leonora-Laverton area from 1904 to 1976. The first regional geology report, describing the eastern half of the sheet area, was written by Clarke (1925).

The first geological map and explanatory notes for the whole LEONORA map sheet was presented by Thom and Barnes (1977). Since then there have been numerous studies of the geology of parts of LEONORA. Hallberg (1985), Skwarnecki (1988), Williams et al.

(1989), Williams and Currie (1993), and Passchier (1990, 1994) have mostly studied the economically important southeastern corner of the map sheet. Williams et al. (1989), Van der Hor and Witt (1992), Williams and Whitaker (1993) and Passchier (1994) provide a history of the deformation events, mainly with regard to the greenstone belts between Leonora and Agnew. The geology and explanatory notes for LEONORA are being revised (Australian Geological Survey Organisation, in press). In addition, Hickman (in prep.) has produced a map for the Leonora-Wiluna region which covers most of the area. In the preparation of this map he has utilized aeromagnetic surveys, aerial photography, LANDSAT imagery, radiometric data, and past reports and geology maps.

### Regolith mapping

The Australian Geological Survey Organisation (AGSO) is producing a 1:250 000 scale LEONORA regolith-landform map (Churchward and Craig, in press) to complement the regolith-materials map, which forms part of these notes (Plate 1). A preliminary copy of this map has been made available to the GSWA.

Other regolith mapping, particularly in the Lawlers-Agnew area, is being carried out by CSIRO and associated organizations as part of various AMIRA and CRC projects. Much of this work is currently unpublished.

### Hydrogeological investigations

An early study by Sanders (1969) investigated calcrete aquifers and their potential use for irrigation and mine water supplies. Thom and Barnes (1977) also included a section on water availability and a contour map displaying regional variation in salinity.

A recent review by Allen (1995) of the hydrogeology of the northern Eastern Goldfields area provides information on groundwater resources and an extensive literature review. Allen has found that there is abundant, but brackish to ultrasaline, water in the area. Groundwater is found in fractured rocks and their weathering profiles, and in the surficial aquifers of the main drainages. Recharge is either by direct infiltration or via stream flow as a consequence of localized, or widespread, downpours (thunderstorms or cyclones). Recharge occurs mainly on or adjacent to catchment divides with the groundwater moving downhill under gravity and, in general, becoming progressively more saline. In salt lakes, evaporation of ponded groundwater results in the residual water becoming ultrasaline brine. Salinity ranges from about 1000 mg/L TDS (along the catchment divides and in some major fractures) to about 300 000 mg/L TDS in the playas.

With an emphasis on the need for groundwater extraction for townships and mines, Bestow (1992) assessed recharge and stored groundwater resources for each 1:250 000 sheet area (including LEONORA) in the Eastern Goldfields. The Leonora town water supply is obtained from a small wellfield on Station Creek, north



of the town, and from some scattered bores (Allen, 1995). Groundwater is taken from alluvium, calcrete, weathered basement, and shear zones in greenstones. The extracted water has a high nitrate concentration and a salinity ranging from 600 to 1800 mg/L TDS.

## Mineral resource and occurrence datasets

Data on historic gold production are derived from two sources: a 1954 Department of Mines publication of cancelled gold mining leases for mines that have produced gold, and more up-to-date production records kept by the Royalties Division of the Department of Minerals and Energy (DME).

The DME MINEDEX database supplied records of published company-reported in-ground resources. The locations of the major gold producers were provided by the Bureau of Resource Services MINLOC database. Data presented in this report include those to November 1994.

## Topographic and remote sensing datasets

The topographic information used in the maps for this report was supplied by the Australian Land Information Group (AUSLIG).

Landsat Thematic Mapper scenes were widely used in the interpretation of the regolith boundaries for the resultant regolith-materials map (Plate 1). Six 1:100 000-scale scenes displaying bands 2, 4, and 7 and smaller scale stereo-pair sets were obtained from the Department of Land Administration (DOLA). The stereo pairs, which were computer-derived using a vertically exaggerated elevation model obtained from contouring of known spot heights, allowed three-dimensional viewing.

Other remote-sensing datasets, used in planning the position of sample sites and in the interpretation of results, included all available total-magnetic-intensity and gamma-ray spectrometry data.

## Geology

The LEONORA map sheet lies within the Eastern Goldfields Province, in the Archaean Yilgarn Block. In this province, large areas of granitoids and granitic gneiss are separated by elongate greenstone belts. The greenstone belts generally trend either north-northwest or north, and the rocks consist mainly of mafic and felsic metavolcanics, with minor amphibolite, metagabbro, quartzite, BIF, ultramafic rocks, and intrusions of porphyry and dolerite. Rocks of the greenstone belts have been metamorphosed within the prehnite-pumpellyite, greenschist or amphibolite facies (Binns et al., 1976; Hallberg, 1985; Ahmat, 1986). In the Leonora district, shear zones are common in all lithological units, and are well developed along the contact of the granitoid plutons

and the greenstone belts (Passchier, 1990). Basement in the region gained its present, general configuration about 2700 Ma, with the greenstone belts ranging from 2900 Ma to approximately 2660 Ma (Barley and Groves, 1988).

A simplified geology map (Fig. 2) has been compiled from Thom and Barnes (1977), Hickman (in prep.), AGSO (1993), and W. Witt and T. Griffin (pers. comm., 1994). Bedrock present is represented either as granitoid, gneiss, or greenstone. The map shows the major faults, shear zones and the Keith-Kilkenny tectonic zone. The naming of certain features are taken from Thom and Barnes (1977), Griffin (1990b), AGSO (1993), and Passchier (1994). The position of the Mount Ida Fault is not well defined, even by aeromagnetics, and its position is an approximation suggested by W. Witt and T. Griffin (pers. comm., 1994). The post-granitic, mafic dykes have not been included on the simplified map, but an interpretation is included in Thom and Barnes (1977). These authors used a combination of outcrop information and aeromagnetic interpretation to identify a number of easterly trending dykes. Most of the dykes are only a few metres wide at outcrop but, although they are not consistently exposed along strike, aeromagnetic information suggests that some of the dykes are regionally continuous. Much of the LEONORA area has poor outcrop, and bedrock relationships are difficult to interpret, especially within areas of deeply weathered granitoid and in those of alluvial, colluvial, and eolian deposition.

The granitoids have been broadly divided in terms of the Eastern Goldfields and Southern Cross Provinces. The Mount Ida Fault is the accepted boundary between the two provinces, with the Southern Cross Province continuing to the west into the adjacent YOUANMI map sheet. Rocks of the western province consist predominantly of undeformed, porphyritic monzogranite (Thom and Barnes, 1977; Griffin, 1990a).

Similarly, the granitoids of the Eastern Goldfields Province are mainly monzogranite or granodiorite, with lesser amounts of syenogranite. These granitoids are of various Archaean ages. Small, discrete, younger plutons intrude gneiss, older granitoid and greenstone, and can usually be separated from large batholithic areas of unfoliated and foliated granitoid (Griffin, 1990b). Gneiss is a minor component of the foliated granitoid-gneiss areas delineated on Figure 2. The largest area of granitoid-gneiss is situated at the western boundary of the Eastern Goldfields Province on the eastern side of the Mount Ida and Zuleika Faults.

A brief description of the six major greenstone belts named in Figure 2, and their relationships, are provided in Table 1 which is modified from Griffin (1990b, table 2-8). Five of these belts form an almost continuous belt of volcano-sedimentary rocks between Leonora and Agnew. Some belts are mapped as compositionally similar, the Malcolm and Murrin belts for example, and their correlation is noted in the table. References to more detailed information are also provided in the table.

The Keith-Kilkenny Tectonic Zone is a major feature separating the Mount Clifford and Malcolm Belts in the west, from the Yandal and Murrin Belts in the east. Most

Table 1. Description and relationships of the greenstone belts on LEONORA (Griffin, 1990)

<i>Belt name</i>	<i>1:250 000 sheet</i>	<i>Rock types</i>	<i>Metamorphic grade</i>	<i>Structure</i>	<i>Correlation</i>	<i>References</i>
<b>Agnew</b>	SIR SAMUEL LEONORA	Komatiite, high-Mg basalt, tholeiite, dolerite, gabbro, pelitic schist, arkose, conglomerate	Greenschist, plus some lower amphibolite	Two phases of isoclinal folding recognized	Correlates with lower part of Mt Keith–Perserverance Belt	Thom and Barnes (1977)
<b>Mount Clifford</b>	LEONORA	Komatiite, basalt, dolerite, gabbro, ultramafic intrusives, sedimentary rocks, and chert	Greenschist	North-northwest trending anticlines and synclines	Extends to the north into the Mount Keith–Perserverance Belt	Thom and Barnes (1977)
<b>Yandal (South)</b>	SIR SAMUEL LEONORA	Felsic volcanic rocks, chert, shale, arkose and pelite; basalt and basic sills; komatiite in places	Greenschist.	Tight fold closures indicate intense deformation; strike faults common	S extension of Lake Violet Belt; extends into the Malcolm Belt to the south	Bunting and Williams (1979)
<b>Murrin</b>	LAVERTON LEONORA EDJUDINA	Basalt, dolerite, gabbro, pyroxenite, chert, sedimentary rocks, andesite, and BIF	Prehnite–pumpellyite, greenschist	Tight folding; outcrop patterns indicative of interference folding	Some similarity with adjacent greenstone belts	Thom and Barnes (1977) Hallberg (1985)
<b>Malcolm</b>	LAVERTON LEONORA MENZIES EDJUDINA	Basalt, felsic volcanic rocks, dolerite, gabbro, sedimentary rocks (including conglomerate), chert; includes large masses of deformed intrusive porphyry	Ranges from prehnite–pumpellyite to amphibolite; mostly greenschist	Intense deformation; outcrop indicates refolded folds	Possible southern extension of the Yandal Belt; lithologies and structure similar to Murrin	Thom and Barnes (1977) Hallberg (1985)
<b>Mount Ida</b>	MENZIES LEONORA KALGOORLIE	Basalt, shale, dolerite, gabbro, pyroxenite, komatiite, and BIF	Greenschist	Some evidence of tight folding in mafic rocks	Possibly extends north to Agnew Belt through isolated outcrops in granitoid	Thom and Barnes (1977)

of the Mount Ida greenstone belt, which is spatially separated from the main line of the greenstones, lies on MENZIES; only the northern part of the belt extends onto the southwestern portion of the sheet. The boundary between the Yandal (South) and Murrin greenstone belts lies in the vicinity of Mount Davis; both belts terminate against the Keith–Kilkenny Tectonic Zone. The boundary between the Mount Clifford and the Malcolm belts is less well defined, but is taken here as the northerly trending Sullivan Creek, 2 km west of the King of the Hills gold mine and about 30 km northwest of Leonora. The Agnew greenstone belt is separated from the Mount Clifford belt by a granitoid intrusion west of the Wildara outstation.

The major structural features marked on Figure 2 are important for exploration. As previously mentioned, the Keith–Kilkenny tectonic zone and the Mount Ida fault are significant lithological boundaries. The southern part of the Keith–Kilkenny tectonic zone contains abundant rhyolitic volcanic rocks characterized by Zr, Nb, and Y enrichment (Hallberg, 1985).

The Sons of Gwalia shear zone is an important belt hosting rich gold mineralization. The zone consists of a belt of deformed (mainly schistose) rocks that can be traced from the southern part of the map northward through the Sons of Gwalia mine and the Harbour Lights area to the Jasper Hills mine. Rocks within the shear zone are mainly chlorite schist and talc–chlorite schist, with several lenses of undeformed high-Mg tholeiitic basalt, gabbro, and amphibolite (Williams et al., 1989).

The Butchers Flat shear zone, east of Mount Leonora, is composed of porphyroblastic quartz–sericite schist, and hosts (minor) gold mineralization.

The north-northwesterly trending Mount George shear zone, northwest of Leonora, is truncated by the Butchers Flat shear zone near the Leonora township. The assemblage of lithologies present includes chlorite schist, graphite phyllite, quartz–sericite phyllite, minor quartzite, and quartz mylonite (Williams et al., 1989).

## Mineralization

Mineralization in LEONORA includes numerous major gold deposits (>30 kg total production), and a major copper–zinc deposit at Teutonic Bore. Most of the gold mineralization on LEONORA has been classified as epigenetic in origin and was probably derived from mafic and ultramafic rocks as a result of regional or contact metamorphism (Hickman and Keats, 1990). The deposits are located either in greenstones, or in granitoids near their contact with greenstone. Copper mineralization at Teutonic Bore occurred within highly deformed greenstone (Marston 1979; Greig 1984).

## Gold

The map sheet straddles those parts of the Mount Margaret, East Murchison and North Coolgardie Goldfields which are further subdivided into the mining districts

of Mount Malcolm, Lawlers, and Menzies respectively. To date, there has been no known production within the sheet area for the Menzies district — that is, from the northern part of the Mount Ida greenstone belt. The Leonora Mining Centre in the Mount Malcolm District is the largest producer, the major sources being the Sons of Gwalia and three other significant mines. A summary table of historical production figures, including ground resources, has been extracted from the mineral resource and occurrence datasets MINEDEX and MINLOC (Table 2; Appendix 1). The Lawlers district continues northwards into the SIR SAMUEL sheet and only the mines on LEONORA are included in the total. However, 'sundry claims' for the Lawlers district could not be similarly divided and are all included.

The largest deposits, in decreasing order (with their officially named mining centres) are, or have been: Sons of Gwalia (Leonora), Emu (Lawlers), Tarmoola – King of the Hills (Diorite), Bannockburn (Mount Clifford), Harbour Lights, Forrest and Tower Hill (all Leonora), McCafferys (Lawlers) and Wilsons Patch (Wilsons Patch). Each of these mines has produced at least one tonne of gold. Thom and Barnes (1977), Hallberg (1985), Groves and Barley (1988), Skwarnecki (1988), Makar (1988), Kalnejais (1988, 1990), Williams et al. (1989), Aoukar and Whelan (1990), Dudley et al. (1990), Hickman and Keats (1990), Schiller and Hanna (1990), and Stokes et al. (1990) provide descriptions of the geology related to most of these deposits.

Skwarnecki (1988) has identified three main styles of gold mineralization near granite–greenstone contacts for the Leonora District.

1. Shear zones with wide alteration haloes (Harbour Lights, Sons of Gwalia, Trump),
2. Laminated quartz veins in shear zones with irregular, poorly developed alteration haloes (Tower Hill, and Forrest),
3. Deposits along late east–west faults with very narrow alteration haloes (Leonora Gold Blocks).

The host rocks include granitoids, komatiites, and high-Mg tholeiitic basalts. Minor mineralization is also hosted by sediments (Savannah) and altered porphyry (Grey Lode). Numerous mines east of Leonora, and at Mount Malcolm, are hosted by felsic volcanic and pyroclastic rocks (Harriston, Pig Well).

The Sons of Gwalia mine, with an historic production of 99 939 kg and an in-ground resource of over 50 tonnes (t) of gold (1994), is the richest mine in the Eastern Goldfields outside the Golden Mile at Kalgoorlie. It is situated in the Sons of Gwalia shear zone. The dominant rocks are chlorite schist and talc–chlorite schist with several lenses of undeformed high-Mg tholeiitic basalt, gabbro and amphibolite. Carbonate alteration is common and numerous concordant lenses of granitoid and porphyry are present (Williams et al., 1989). Mineralization at Sons of Gwalia occurs in highly foliated chlorite–sericite–quartz schists in a zone up to 150 m wide and extending 400–500 m along strike (Williams et al., 1989).

Table 2. Historical gold production for the LEONORA map sheet

Goldfield	District	Centre	Ore treated (tonnes)	Contained gold (gm)	Alluvial/dollied (gm)	Total gold recovered (gm)
MOUNT MARGARET	MOUNT MALCOLM	Diorite	3 267 035	9 868 638	52 437	9 921 075
		Dodgers Well	2 852	82 348	2 532	84 880
		Goanna Patch	531 770	932 150	14 410	946 560
		Leonora	19 412 595	118 952 611	171 836	119 124 447
		Malcolm	34 797	766 759	1 885	768 644
		Mount Clifford	1 657 236	4 375 869	116 420	4 492 289
		Pig Well	16 799	449 443	2 061	451 504
		Wilsons Creek	658	12 834	154	12 988
		Wilsons Patch	30 915	419 418	5 518	424 936
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>24 954 657</b>	<b>135 860 070</b>	<b>367 253</b>	<b>136 227 323</b>
EAST MURCHISON	LAWLERS	Part of Lawlers	12 306 016	48 629 182	71 706	48 700 889
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12 306 016</b>	<b>48 629 182</b>	<b>71 706</b>	<b>48 700 889</b>

The Harbour Lights deposit (6700 kg historical production, and 4.3 tonnes in ground in 1994) is contained in a sequence of highly deformed komatiitic basalts, high Mg-tholeiitic basalts and minor sedimentary rocks. The sequence is intruded by dolerite and porphyry dykes (Dudley et al., 1990). Gold mineralization is associated with sulfides (mainly arsenopyrite) and iron oxide, and is mined from numerous lenses within the alteration zone (Dudley et al., 1990; Williams et al., 1989; Skwarnecki, 1988; Hickman and Keats, 1990).

The Tower Hill mine is positioned between Harbour Lights and Sons of Gwalia mines in the Sons of Gwalia shear zone. Gold inhabits quartz veins and no mineralization is known in the host ultramafic schist. The quartz lodes lie at the base of the ultramafic sequence within 100 m of the granitoid contact (Schiller and Hanna, 1990; Skwarnecki, 1988; Hickman and Keats, 1990).

The Forrest deposit, also found in the Sons of Gwalia shear zone at the granite-greenstone contact, lies within altered and sheared ultramafic rocks, amphibolites and granitoid. Gold is found in laminated quartz veins (Skwarnecki, 1988).

As mentioned earlier, granitoids also host mineralization. The Trump mine is situated in the Sons of Gwalia shear zone, in altered and sheared granitoids. The gold is found in quartz veins, or associated with sulfides (Skwarnecki, 1988).

In the Diorite Mining Area, near Tarmoola northwest of Leonora, a ferruginous caprock overlies a series of totally metamorphosed mafic and ultramafic rocks. The latter, now partly silicified schists, are cut by quartz veins and intruded by granitoid. Most of the gold is

associated with quartz veins (Wilkinson, 1993). At the King of the Hills mine, a large part of the mineralization is associated with a chert horizon, and also with several northerly trending siliceous cherty bands (Wilkinson, 1994, p. 130).

The Bannockburn deposit, 65 km northwest of Leonora, has not been described in detail. Mineralization is reported to be present in three subparallel zones of sheared and altered mafic schists and is closely associated with quartz-feldspar porphyry intrusions (Wilkinson, 1994, p. 61).

Gold mineralization in the Lawlers District in the north-northwest of the map sheet is similarly associated with granite-greenstone contacts and shear zones. The Agnew greenstone belt is the only greenstone belt present in this district. The principal deposits are Emu-Waroonga, Great Eastern, and McCafferys.

The Emu-Waroonga deposit is controlled by quartz veins and located in an actinolitic zone at the contact between granitoid and mafic/ultramafic rocks. The Great Eastern mineralization is also controlled by quartz veins along shears, with the host rocks mafic enclaves within a granitoid. The McCafferys deposit is hosted in chlorite and talc-chlorite schist, in association with minor dolerite, pyroxenite, and carbonaceous shale. A shear zone controls the location of mineralization (Hickman and Keats, 1990).

The richest mineralization of LEONORA corresponds to the granite-greenstone contact and shear zones within the Agnew, Malcolm, and Mount Clifford greenstone belts. There are minor deposits associated with the Yandal and Murrin belts; as yet no mineralization has been found in the Mount Ida greenstone belt.

## Other minerals

The historical production of metals other than gold is provided in Appendix 2. The major producer of copper, silver and zinc has been Teutonic Bore. Silver is produced as a by-product of gold mining; prior to 1994, the Mount Margaret Goldfield had produced approximately 15.45 t. There are deposits of nickel, uranium, and molybdenum present in this area, although not in production.

Teutonic Bore is located on the eastern margin of the Keith–Kilkenny tectonic zone. The deposit consists of massive sulfide within a succession of felsic metavolcanic rocks interleaved with, and overlain by, basalt. The primary sulfides are pyrite, sphalerite, chalcopyrite, and galena. Prior to 1987, the mine had produced 195 324 t of copper, 149 307 kg of silver and 132 251 t of zinc. In 1984, the resource was estimated to consist of a single, steeply dipping lens containing 1.4 million tonnes of massive sulfides, averaging 4.2% copper, 16.4% zinc, and 1.2% lead, plus 203 g/t silver (Greig, 1984). In addition, cross-cutting 'stringer' mineralization in the footwall was estimated to contain a further 0.75 million tonnes averaging 2.4 % copper, 1.9% zinc, and 52 g/t of silver (Greig, 1984). Hallberg (1985) reported sulfide mineralization within basalt 100 m above its contact with underlying rhyolite.

Three small copper deposits have also been discovered in the Agnew–Lawlers area (Marston, 1979). Intermittent copper production from the Agnew–Lawlers group between 1915 and 1958 has yielded 198.75 t of copper. The Bungarra deposit, some 6 km north of the Lawlers townsite, contains copper carbonates, oxides, and quartz in a short, east-trending vein. The Lawlers West mine, 500 m west-northwest of the Bounty gold mine, has produced 118 t of copper and concentrates. The country rocks are lineated, fine- to medium-grained amphibolites, chloritized adjacent to mineralized quartz–limonite veins. Approximately 2.4 km southwest of the Lawlers townsite 35.5 t of cupreous ore were mined in 1952 from a quartz vein in foliated to schistose, northeast-striking, amphibolites.

Significant nickel mineralization at Weebo Bore (Legge, 1975) and Mount Clifford (Travis, 1975) is found in dunite and peridotite respectively. Weebo Bore is the larger of the two deposits with 84 kt of contained metal (Marston, 1984). The deposits are still to be exploited. Marston (1984) also reported on several minor nickel deposits: Schmidt Well (north and south), Marriott, 107 prospect, and Allstate.

Accumulation of uranium is associated with calcrete and the largest deposits are found in Lake Raeside. The largest three deposits total 1.852 kt of uranium metal in the form of  $U_3O_8$  (Sharp, 1978, Semple 1979 a,b). Six other prospects are reported elsewhere within the Raeside drainage (Butt et al., 1977).

An uneconomic molybdenum prospect has been identified in quartz veins and pegmatite within granitoids southeast of Dodgers Hill. A small lead prospect has been reported south of Wilsons Patch (Fig. 2).

## Regolith-materials mapping

A regolith-materials map of LEONORA has been prepared using interpretation of 2D and 3D Landsat Thematic Mapper imagery, with field observations noted at each sample site. Additional outcrop information was supplied by the 1:250 000 geology map (Thom and Barnes, 1977). The regolith-materials map (Plate 1) is found in the back pocket of these notes and is intended to aid in the interpretation of the geochemical data. The map is intended to complement a LEONORA regolith–landform map in preparation at AGSO; the preliminary edition of this map (Churchward and Craig, in press) was supplied by AGSO to assist in the choice of regolith units and sample points, but was not used in the construction of Plate 1. The restricted number of units on Plate 1 conforms generally to the Kalgoorlie–Kurnalpi regolith–landform map of Craig and Anand (1993). A simplified version of Plate 1 appears as Figure 3.

## Regolith-materials map units

Anand et al. (1993a, section 2.1) define a regolith–landform map unit as 'an area delineated on a map, within which occurs a particular association of regolith materials, bedrock geology and landforms'. Boundaries are drawn to indicate an area in which similar characteristics could be expected to be identified. The scale of the imagery used determines the choice and definition of the mapping units because of the practicalities of representing heterogeneous assemblages at different scales (Anand et al., 1993a). This project recognizes the close relationships of landform and materials, but Plate 1 concentrates on materials (the chemically analysed components) since the same landform can be composed of different materials. For example, a breakaway may be made of one or more of lateritic duricrust, silcrete or rock. Similarly, the same material can constitute different landforms, for example eolian sand as a sheet or a dune.

The map units of this project follow the same general format as Kojan and Faulkner (1994), with the exception that unit E3 of Kojan and Faulkner has been incorporated into E2g or E2vs. They are shown in Plate 1 and in Table 3. The units are grouped into *relict*, *erosional* and *depositional* regimes.

## Relict regime

Three major relict units are described in the landscape: R2, R3, and R4. The R1 unit consisting of lateritic pisolites and nodules, though it exists, was not identified in sufficient abundance on the map sheet for portrayal at the 1:250 000 scale. The R2 and R3 units relate to cemented ferruginous or siliceous materials respectively, capping a weathered profile and preserving it from further erosion. The R2 unit forms isolated mesas and plateau remnants within the greenstone belts; it includes the duricrusts derived from transported materials as well as hardened ferruginous saprolite. Little R2 has been identified on the map sheet. Unit R3 corresponds to Czb and some Czj in Thom and Barnes' (1977) classification. The unit occurs

Table 3. Regolith codes and descriptions

<i>Regolith code</i>	<i>Description</i>
<b>RELICT REGIME</b>	
R2	Iron-rich duricrust/hardpan forming remnant landsurfaces
R3	Silcrete and silicified rock
R4	Sand overlying presumed or known lateritic material
<b>EROSIONAL REGIME</b>	
E1	Exposed mottled zone and saprolite
E2g	Granitoid and granitoid-gneiss saprock, bedrock and ferruginous bedrock
E2vs	Volcano-sedimentary greenstone saprock, bedrock and ferruginous bedrock
E4g	Lag of lithic detritus and/or feldspar in a sand-rich matrix associated with actively eroding outcrop/subcrop; mainly confined to granitoid terrains
E4vs	Lag of locally derived ferruginous and lithic detritus in a sand-rich matrix associated with actively eroding outcrop/subcrop; mainly confined to greenstone terrains
<b>DEPOSITIONAL REGIME</b>	
<b>Dominantly colluvial</b>	
DC1	Medium to coarse detritus mainly of lithic or ferruginized lithic clasts (most >25mm), in colluvium with a sand or sandy clay matrix
DC2	Fine to medium detritus (clasts 4–25 mm) of two types; mainly of lithic or ferruginized lithic origin, in a red sandy clay colluvial matrix (mainly greenstone terrains) or mainly quartz sand deposits(± feldspar) in plains and upland areas (mainly granitic terrains)
DC3	Sand/clay dominated colluvium or sheetwash (± feldspar); merges into alluvial plains (DA5)
DC3f	Predominantly non-lithic ferruginous detritus (most clasts <10mm) some magnetic, in a red sandy clay matrix in sheetwash areas. Includes, but is not exclusive to, buckshot gravels
<b>Dominantly alluvial</b>	
DA4	Gravelly sands and sandy clays of active alluvial channels with mixtures of lateritic, non-lateritic, and variably altered lithic clasts
DA5	Sand or clay-rich alluvium on or adjacent to broad drainage floors with negligible detritus; calcrete nodules common
DA6	Gypsiferous alluvial and eolian sediments adjacent to playa lakes; usually vegetated
DA7	Saline clays and sandy clays of playa lakes; usually lacking vegetation
DA8	Extensive and continuous calcrete outcrop in broad drainage floors (valley calcrete)

only on breakaways and former plateau areas; though mainly overlying granite, silcrete also caps some greenstone. The R4 unit is found most often on backslopes from granitic or greenstone breakaways and describes an upland sandplain with few or no lateritic pisolites. The major assumption for this unit is that it is the surface expression of a complete, buried lateritic weathering profile. The unit mainly corresponds to the eolian *Qps* unit as mapped by Thom and Barnes (1977) and the Old Landsurface unit of Churchward and Craig (in press).

## Erosional regime

The regime is divided into 5 units, mainly organized to highlight the parent material being eroded (E1, E2g, E4g, E2vs, and E4vs). The E3 unit used on MENZIES has been incorporated into E2g and E2vs.

Unit E1 (mottled zone, saprolite) occurs below breakaways and in dissected uplands in both the granitic and the greenstone landscape and, owing to map scale, is commonly underestimated on Plate 1. Lag-covered pediment below E1, downslope from these breakaways, is included in Unit E4g.

Unit E2g (granitoid and gneiss bedrock) exists predominantly as flat sheets or bouldery outcrops, more rarely as rounded hills and tors. The sediment overlying these outcrops is usually sandy and contains relict K-feldspar. Coarse detritus is rare.

The E2vs unit represents greenstone outcrop with surficial rather coarse ferruginized or partially ferruginized rock lag. It is most prominent on the more-resistant greenstone belts, which provide the highest topographic surfaces on LEONORA.

The E4vs unit (dominated by a lag of ferruginized lithic fragments) is present in erosional areas of moderate relief downslope from greenstone outcrop. It typically overlies greenstones but can be found on granitic bedrock adjacent to greenstones. Compared with unit E2vs, the lag is generally more completely ferruginized and the rock fragments are smaller. Outcrop is scarcer and is more generally altered, and the unit is most commonly identified on the more-distal, shallower slopes (including pediments) relative to the main source rocks. Lag derived from felsic volcanic rock is included in the E4vs unit and was, as expected, geochemically distinct from the Fe-rich materials derived from mafic parents.

Unit E4g describes lag of immature granitic sediments that lies close to outcrop, and also overlies subcrop and granitic pediments. It typically occurs in areas of low to moderate relief, and is the dominant erosional unit away from the main areas of granitic outcrop.

## Depositional regime

The regime is divided into eight units — DC1–3 and DA4–8. The units DC1, DC2, and DC3 are composed predominantly of colluvial materials. Units DA4 and DA5 have a predominantly alluvial origin, whereas units DA6,

DA7, and DA8 include chemically precipitated deposits. The DA6 (playa margin) unit includes a significant eolian sand component. Other depositional units may also include a variable proportion of eolian material, mainly sand.

Units DC1–3 are not classified by source material on Plate 1. However, for subsequent discussion, they have been grouped on the basis of greenstone ('vs') or granitoid ('g') sources, using their chemical composition coupled with mapped geology in related uplands.

Unit DC1 consists of coarser colluvium that has been deposited close to its source. It is commonly sited adjacent to upland areas and is the first area with net material accumulation when the overall landform processes change from erosion to deposition. Most of the sediment present is still relatively immature and closely reflects the source material. The unit is therefore associated with the E4 'vs' and 'g' units. Greenstone-derived DC1 material is highly ferruginous and granitoid-derived DC1 is feldspathic. The DC1 unit varies slightly between lithological groups; because of their typically more resistant nature, many of the coarser clasts of greenstone are transported farther from their source than is the case with granites. In fact, clast breakdown in the vicinity of granitoids is so rapid that granitic source areas give rise to little DC1.

The DC2 unit (fine to medium colluvium) occurs as sheetwash-derived sediment plains in upland granitic terrains, and as marginal colluvial plains with lower relief in both greenstone and granitic areas. The DC2 unit is typically slightly lower in the topographic profile than DC1 where that unit occurs; however, it has slightly greater topographic relief than adjoining areas of DC3.

The DC3 unit is widespread on LEONORA, lying mainly in the lower parts of sheetwash fans that commonly have wide, but poorly defined, normally inactive drainage channels. The old channels are sometimes defined by a line of increased vegetation. The sheetwash fans are usually broad features that terminate, with interfingering, at the edge of main alluvial floodplains (DA5) and drainage floors (DA6, DA7). A subunit of DC3, DC3f, contains abundant ferruginous, but not obviously lithic, detritus. This subunit includes buckshot gravels and detritus derived from chemically precipitated iron oxides.

Although there is some channel flow in the three colluvial units after cyclonic rain or thunderstorms, most sediment has been transported under the influence of gravity in conjunction with overland water flow and is therefore sheetwash. Most of the boundaries between the units, although represented by distinct lines on the regolith-materials map, are, in practice, gradational.

Active alluvial channels (DA4) are usually limited to areas of significant relief. Flowing from the hills, most stream courses ultimately devolve into sheetwash areas with poorly defined channels.

Hardpan, including the 'Wiluna Hardpan' of Bettenay and Churchward (1974), is often exposed on the margins of alluvial channels and occurs extensively at shallow depths within many depositional units. Hardpan has the fabric of cemented colluvium and, strictly, belongs to a

previous depositional regime. Though the exposed margins of these hardpans are now being eroded and reworked into the active alluvium, for the purposes of this project the overall environment is treated as depositional.

Most deposits of unit DA5 are relatively free of clasts; they are situated on, or adjacent to, broad drainage floors (alluvial plains). Sediments present are a mixture of fine-grained overbank materials (flood deposits), materials transported downslope — especially material derived from DC3 — and eolian sediments. Calcrete nodules may also be present.

Unit DA6 (playa lake margin) includes gypsiferous sediments and eolian sand sheets and dunes. Sediments of DA6 are variably saline, but not to the exclusion of halophyllic vegetation.

Sediments of unit DA7 (playa lake) consist of saline silts and clays which, when dry, are covered with a white salt crust. Sediments of this unit contain abundant halite or gypsum (both minerals are usually present), to the extent that there is little or no vegetation cover.

Unit DA8 (calcrete) commonly consists of a thin layer of alluvial and eolian sediment overlying a karst-capped calcrete platform. Calcrete nodules may be abundant at the surface. Areas mapped as calcrete typically correspond to those mapped by Churchward and Craig (in press), with additional areas added from field observation and interpretation of satellite imagery.

## Geochemical mapping

Field mapping and sampling commenced in June 1994 and was conducted by J. Storey (GSWA) with assistance from J. Bradley (GSWA), D. Ellis, G. Mehri, and G. Kjellgren (Geochemex Australia). Four ground crews were involved, each crew comprising a geologist and a field assistant.

## Sampling density

A nominal sampling density of 1 sample per 16 km<sup>2</sup> was used. This density translated to just over 1000 samples for the sheet. The rationale for this density is given in Kojan and Faulkner (1994).

## Site selection

Sample sites were selected using a basic 4 x 4 km grid overlay on 1:100 000 scale topographic maps. Sites were chosen in each square after taking into account the known geology, Landsat imagery, topographic and access information, and aeromagnetic and radiometric data where available. The whole map sheet was sampled, with a slight bias towards greenstone belts and some areas with reported anomalies. Areas near minesites may be subject to contamination and deliberately were not sampled.

The selected points were digitized and assigned a reference number, and identified with AMG coordinates for field location. The field crews were equipped with dashboard-mounted GARMIN 75 GPS (Global Positioning System) units set to the Ausgeo84 datum. The GPS is accurate to within 40 m. The sampling geologist was allowed some scope to move the sample sites to an improved position.

Active stream sediments were the preferred medium for sampling. However, most well-defined streams are confined to upland areas in both greenstone and granitoid terrain. Many streams are poorly defined, forming broad, vegetated or partially vegetated depressions on sheetwash fans. In such cases, where possible, samples were taken from stream courses within the fans.

In the many areas with no well-defined drainage, sheetwash or soil samples were taken. Sheetwash samples were commonly collected from lower pediment slopes and from some colluvial fans; soils from areas with no clear slope and/or no clear drainage.

Some samples of 'soil' were taken along lake margins, with samples of 'lake sediment' taken from the surface of playa and other lakes. The lake sediments were classed as a discrete group.

Samples, and the sample type, are identified on Plate 2.

## Sample-site form

A site form was completed at each sample location in order to assist subsequent interpretation. An example of the form used for LEONORA is provided in Appendix 3. This form, slightly modified from that used by Kojan and Faulkner (1994) for MENZIES, includes a number of options that are selected by marking the appropriate box, with provision for extra information to be entered in a remarks section. Though in many cases the samples collected were of active stream sediment (alluvium), the form has provision for description and regolith classification of the environs of the site.

Data collected about the sample included type, colour, size-fraction distribution, clasts contained (including nature and relative abundance), the nature of the matrix and the depth of collection.

Data collected about the site included actual position measured using the GPS at the collecting point, the local area characteristics of the regolith, the position in the landform regime, the nature and location of visible outcrop, the nature and distribution of secondary materials such as hardpan or calcrete and other relevant information.

A separate GSWA number was allocated to each sample, including quality-control replicates. A site-location number (coded according to the 1:100 000 map sheet on which the site was located) served as a reference number for subsequent database storage of the site information.



## Sampling

Two samples were collected at each site: one for geochemical analysis and the other as an archive sample, available for later research. The geochemistry samples comprised approximately 1.5 kg of -2 mm to +0.45 mm material. This size fraction was chosen to avoid the heterogeneity of larger sized material, and to remove the majority of eolian sediment present in large quantities in the 0.1–0.2 mm fraction (Kojan and Faulkner, 1994). The archive sample comprised approximately 3 to 4 kg of the complete -2 mm fraction. An estimate of the amounts of under- and oversize materials was recorded on the sample-site form as an indication of the proportion of the fraction collected and the degree of sorting of the sediment.

At each sampling point the vegetation debris and loose wind-blown sand were removed from the surface, and material was collected from a pit or trench excavated between 10 cm and 40 cm deep. Well-defined streams were sampled by trenching across the channel, including both active sediment and some bank material. All main channels of a braided drainage were sampled and composited. Soil and lake sediment samples were collected by compositing from three points 30–50 m apart set in a triangle. In those sheetwash areas with some discernable slope, the three subsamples were collected in a line normal to the slope direction.

The three subsamples were combined and dry samples were sieved on site. Wet samples were dried and sieved in Perth. Some lake samples had high clay contents and could not be sieved without light crushing. Both geochemistry and archive samples were labelled externally with the GSWA number. Numbered paper tags were placed in geochemistry samples and numbered aluminium tags were included with archive samples. The general area of the sample site can be easily revisited using the GPS. For follow-up purposes, including quality control, numbered aluminium tags were riveted to steel stakes and driven into the ground at the site. Flagging tape was also used on the stakes and nearby trees to facilitate relocation.

A second complete geochemistry sample (a replicate) was collected for quality-control analysis with every fiftieth sample; the method of sampling being identical to that for the first.

A total of 1042 samples were collected and analysed, comprising 453 stream-sediment, 546 soil, and 43 lake samples, together with 20 replicate samples.

## Analytical methods

Samples were analysed by Amdel Laboratories Ltd, Wangara, Perth. The sample preparation involved crushing to an average size of 75 microns using a Labtechnics 'chromium-free' diskmill pulverizer. The manufacturer, in information supplied with the equipment, states that such pulverizers contain, on average, 0.14% C, 0.20% Si, 1.10% Mn, 0.02% P, and 0.025% Al and that minor contamination of approximately 50 ppm Mn and 5000 ppm Fe could be expected.

Forty-seven constituents were determined.

- Ten major elements, presented as oxides:  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$ ,  $\text{CaO}$ ,  $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$ ,  $\text{K}_2\text{O}$ ,  $\text{MnO}$ ,  $\text{MgO}$ ,  $\text{Na}_2\text{O}$ ,  $\text{P}_2\text{O}_5$ ,  $\text{SiO}_2$ , and  $\text{TiO}_2$ ;
- Two anions: F and S;
- Thirty-four trace elements: Ag, As, Au, Ba, Be, Bi, Cd, Ce, Co, Cr, Cu, Ga, In, La, Li, Mo, Nb, Ni, Pb, Pd, Pt, Rb, Sb, Sc, Se, Sn, Sr, Th, U, V, W, Y, Zn, and Zr;
- Loss on Ignition (LOI), which was included with the analysis of the major oxides.

Seven different methods were used for the element determinations as follows.

- *Inductively coupled plasma mass spectroscopy (ICP-MS) using a combined hydrofluoric/multi-acid digestion (AMDEL code IC3M).* The pulverized sample was digested in a hydrofluoric/perchloric/nitric/hydrochloric acid mixture for a period of over 24 hours, evaporated to fume dryness and dissolved in dilute hydrochloric acid. The solution was then read using an ICP-mass spectrometer. Elements analysed by this method were Ag, As, Bi, Cd, Ce, Ga, In, La, Li, Mo, Nb, Pb, Rb, Sb, Sc, Se, Sn, Sr, Th, U, and W.
- *Inductively coupled plasma mass spectroscopy (ICP-MS) using an alkaline (lithium metaborate) fusion and dilute hydrochloric acid digestion (AMDEL code IC4M).* Elements analysed by this method were Ba and Be.
- *Inductively coupled plasma optical emission spectroscopy (ICP-OES) using a combined hydrofluoric/multi-acid digestion (AMDEL code IC3E).* The pulverized sample was digested in a hydrofluoric/perchloric/nitric/hydrochloric acid mixture for a period of over 24 hours, evaporated to fume dryness and dissolved in dilute hydrochloric acid. The solution was then read using an ICP-optical emission spectrometer. Elements analysed by this method were Co, Cr, Cu, Ni, V, Y, Zn, and Zr.
- *Inductively coupled plasma optical emission spectroscopy (ICP-OES) using an alkaline (lithium metaborate) fusion and dilute hydrochloric acid digestion (AMDEL code IC4).* Elements analysed by this method were Al, Ca, Fe, Mg, Mn, P, K, Si, Na, Ti, and LOI.
- *Fire assay extraction and atomic absorption spectroscopy-measurement using graphite furnace atomization (AMDEL code FA3).* Elements analysed by this method were Au, Pt, and Pd.
- *Sulfur (AMDEL code VOL2)* was determined by roasting the sample in a Leco furnace, absorbing the resultant gases in acidified potassium iodide solution followed by back titration using potassium iodate solution.
- *Fluorine (AMDEL code SIE2)* was determined using a sodium peroxide fusion, dissolution in water and a selective ion electrode.

Table 4. Detection limits and number of samples below detection

Element	Detection limit	Number of values below detection limit
<b>Percentage</b>		
SiO <sub>2</sub>	0.01	0
TiO <sub>2</sub>	0.01	0
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.01	0
Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.01	0
MnO	0.01	345
MgO	0.01	83
CaO	0.01	211
Na <sub>2</sub> O	0.01	118
K <sub>2</sub> O	0.01	3
P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	0.01	53
LOI	0.01	0
S	0.05	997
F	0.01	965
<b>Parts per million</b>		
Ag	0.05	629
As	0.5	82
Au	0.001	902
Ba	10	0
Be	0.5	730
Bi	0.1	400
Cd	0.1	427
Ce	0.05	0
Co	2	443
Cr	2	45
Cu	2	67
Ga	0.05	0
In	0.05	625
La	0.1	0
Li	0.5	23
Mo	0.2	35
Nb	0.5	5
Ni	2	161
Pb	0.2	0
Pd	0.001	946
Pt	0.001	976
Rb	0.02	0
Sb	0.5	804
Sc	0.5	9
Se	0.5	365
Sn	0.5	131
Sr	0.1	0
Th	0.02	0
U	0.02	12
V	2	2
W	0.1	47
Y	2	282
Zn	2	12
Zr	5	3

Detection limits (and the number of samples with values below detection) are given in Table 4.

## Quality control

Quality-control procedures are designed to monitor the variability associated with sampling and analytical methods, to ensure that sample results reflect true geochemical variation and are not artefacts of the

processes involved. Replicate samples taken from the same field location should yield consistent analytical results; similarly laboratory duplicate and standard analytical determinations should be reproducible within set boundaries, except that precision will inevitably decrease towards the detection limit.

Six main quality-control procedures were employed for the geochemical mapping program:

- sample-site checks;
- submission of GSWA geochemical standards for analysis;
- submission of replicate samples from the same site;
- inclusion of in-house standards and duplicates on a regular basis;
- repeat analyses for gold and anomalous values;
- check samples analysed by the Chemistry Centre.

## Sample-site checks

On completion of the field program, approximately 50 field sites were revisited by an independent geologist and a second sample form filled in for comparison with the data recorded by the sampling geologist, including sampling methodology, location and regolith details. The site suitability was also assessed, both for sampling and for potential contamination which could affect the geochemical analysis.

## Submission of GSWA geochemical standards

The GSWA submitted a number of external standards to monitor sample accuracy within and between analytical laboratories. Standard duplicates were sent to Amdel, randomly distributed throughout the sample batches with further check analyses being undertaken by the Chemistry Centre (W.A.). The results within and between the two laboratories were consistent, with the only major discrepancy being a low uranium value reported by Amdel for one of the duplicates.

## Submission of replicate samples

Replicate geochemical samples were collected at 20 sites throughout the study area to gain a measure of the overall reproducibility of the sampling and analytical process. Each replicate was assigned a unique GSWA number and submitted independently for analysis. Data were compared using the 'paired t-test' (Koch and Link, 1970), which computes a confidence interval for the population mean of the differences between the replicate sample results. Critical values for the 5% and 10% confidence levels with 19 degrees of freedom were compared with the t-statistic generated by EXCEL for each of the replicate pairs.

Owing to the high number of values close to the detection limit, the t-values were not significant for Au, Be, Bi, Cd, Cl, F, Li, Pd, Pt, Sb, and Y. Minor variation in the accuracy of the analytical process is evident for  $P_2O_5$ , Cu, Zn, and Zr. In each case the second analyses yielded marginally higher values. Determinations of Cr also showed some inconsistencies, probably due to incomplete sample dissolution.

Results for the other elements were within the critical values, indicating that the pairs were geochemically consistent, supporting reproducibility of the sampling and analytical process at the confidence levels tested.

## Inclusion of in-house standards and duplicates

Amdel included several in-house standards in each batch of samples analysed. Several different standards were used, containing both low and high levels of concentration of most of the elements analysed. For each standard the element concentration, means, standard deviations and relative standard deviations (RSDs) were reported. Each standard was submitted at least three times and up to six times in each batch sent to the laboratory.

Consistent results were achieved for most of the major elements with low RSDs at all levels of concentration. Results for  $K_2O$  and  $P_2O_5$  yielded higher though satisfactory variability at low levels of concentration.

Results for the trace elements were mixed. Consistency across all standards was good for Co, Cr, Cu, Li, Ni, and V with RSDs less than 8.0, and generally satisfactory for As, Au, Cd, Sc, Zn and Zr with RSDs less than 25. Consistency for the remaining elements varied, depending on the range of concentration and improving with higher concentrations.

Amdel repeated analyses for 35 and 68 samples for the major and trace elements respectively, taking a separate split of the same powder used for initial analysis. The duplicate values were compared using the previously described 'paired t-test'. No significant differences were shown between pairs in the major elements supporting the reproducibility of the analytical technique.

The trace-element duplicates compared well with the originals with the exception of one pair which suggested a sample mismatch. Output from the 'paired t-test' showed that most elements had no significant variation, with minor exceptions being As, Ni, W, and Zr, each affected by a small number of inconsistent pairs. Since many values of Ag, Au, Cd, Co, Pd, Pt, and Sb were below detection, results for these elements were not meaningful.

## Repeat analyses

Amdel carried out repeat analyses for gold on 62 samples. Repeats were undertaken at regular intervals throughout the batch and for most samples containing >5 ppb Au.

Although there were minor variations, there were no major discrepancies.

Samples that showed anomalous values for other elements in the initial analyses were also repeated; most showed little change, although a few initial high values for Ag, Cr, Cu, V, W, and Zn could not be repeated.

## Check analyses at Chemistry Centre (W.A.)

Duplicates of twenty-eight samples were submitted to the Chemistry Centre of Western Australia (CCWA) for analysis of the same forty-eight components. Results from this laboratory and those from AMDEL were compared using the 'paired t-test'. Owing to the high number of values close to the detection limit, results are not meaningful for In, MnO, Pd, Pt, and Se. The CCWA consistently yielded marginally higher values for  $Na_2O$ , Cr, Cu, La, Mo, Ni, Sc, W, V, Zr and lower values for  $Fe_2O_3$  and  $P_2O_5$ . The consistent nature of these paired values suggests that although there are some small absolute differences the precision of each laboratory is acceptable.

## Mineralogical examination

The mineralogy of fifteen samples from various regolith types was determined by powder X-ray diffraction methods (XRD) at CSIRO, Floreat Park, WA. A further number of samples was examined using a binocular microscope.

## Data presentation

The main products from the regional geochemical mapping program for LEONORA include the maps, tables and digital datafile that accompany these notes, and the maps which can be inspected and purchased at Mineral House. Quality-control data are available for inspection in the Geochemistry Section of the GSWA.

All recent and current GSWA geology, regolith and geochemistry map products are produced from digital data. All data collected for the project are stored electronically including data for Plate 1 and the sample sites. The availability and pricing of such products are indicated in the 'Digital data information index' which is produced and maintained by the Department of Minerals and Energy.

## Geochemical mapping — maps and plans

Products include a regolith-materials map (Plate 1) and sample-locations plan (Plate 2) at 1:250 000 scale, and element-distribution maps (Figs 4–40) and contoured gold geochemistry plan (Fig. 41) at 1:1 000 000 scale. The regolith-materials map has been described earlier. The sample-location plan shows the location and GSWA sample number of each sample site and also the sample

type (soil, stream sediment, etc). Details of sampling, regolith materials, landforms, and geology for each site are stored separately. The element-distribution maps show the distribution in element concentration for LEONORA for a total of thirty-four different elements or oxides:  $\text{TiO}_2$ ,  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$ ,  $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$ ,  $\text{MgO}$ ,  $\text{CaO}$ ,  $\text{Na}_2\text{O}$ ,  $\text{K}_2\text{O}$ ,  $\text{P}_2\text{O}_5$ ,  $\text{MnO}$ , As, Au, Ba, Ce, Co, Cr, Cu, F, Ga, La, Ni, Pb, Pd, Pt, Rb, S, Sb, Sc, Sr, Th, U, V, Y, Zn, and Zr, from a total of 1042 samples. Figures 8 and 9 show high and low values for CaO. Figures 39 and 40 show high values only for Be, Li, Mo, Nb and Sn, and Ag, Bi, Cd, In, Se and W respectively. The relationship of element distribution to sample type and geology can be examined by using the sample location plan and geological interpretation overlays (Plates 6 and 7).

The element-distribution maps generally show the complete range of concentrations, from the detection limit to the highest value. These values are represented by circles, with their diameter proportional to the concentration. However, on some maps where an element has a strong positive skew, the highest values are represented by 'stars'. This is to allow easier comparison of lower values, which might otherwise appear as very small circles or dots. Precise values for a specific element at a particular location can be obtained from the GSWA number on the sample-location plan and then referring to the digital-data file (LEONCHEM.CSV) included with these notes. This file contains all the key data obtained from the LEONORA geochemical mapping project for all 1042 samples. Apart from the analytical data, the file contains sample type, geology (granitoid, greenstone, mixed or lake) regolith code (as per regolith map) and AMG coordinates for each sample.

Reference sets of element-distribution maps for LEONORA at 1:250 000 scale, for most components analysed, are available for inspection and purchase at the first floor public counter of the Department of Minerals and Energy, Mineral House. These maps have the 'stars' annotated with the approximate value. Complete sets or individual copies of the distribution maps can also be purchased at this address.

## Mines and prospects — map and table

A plan at 1:1 000 000 scale (Fig. 41) shows the location of gold mines and prospects for LEONORA superimposed on a contoured plot of the gold distribution. The size of the circle symbol reflects the total contained gold. Appendix 1 shows location, past production, resources and total contained gold for fifty-two major mines and prospects.

## Company surface geochemistry projects — map and table

Three maps at 1:250 000 scale (Plates 3, 4, and 5), showing the location of all company surface-geochemistry

projects for LEONORA, accompany these notes. A table (Appendix 4) provides some details for individual projects.

## Geochemical surveys on open-file company reports

In accordance with the provisions of Regulation 96 of the Regulations under the Mining Act 1978 (as amended), tenement holders (exploration companies) are required to lodge annual reports with the GSWA. These reports detail any mineral exploration activities undertaken within the tenement(s) in the previous year. Once a tenement or tenements are surrendered, or parts thereof relinquished, information relating to these areas is then made available to the public, on 'open-file', and listed on the GSWA database WAMEX.

Information concerning geochemical exploration was extracted from the open-file company reports covering the whole of the LEONORA sheet, and summarized in a table (Appendix 4). The table includes information about exploration undertaken between the surface and four metres depth. Only those projects were included where at least thirty samples were analysed over the project area.

Plates 3, 4, and 5 provides an overview of surface exploration coverage for LEONORA. Each project has been assigned an identification number for cross-referencing to Appendix 4. Individual project boundaries are shown on Plates 3, 4, and 5 together with the corresponding identification numbers. The boundaries shown in the plate represent the perimeter of a tenement or group of tenements. Spatial accuracy after the compilation of boundaries from DME public plans is within 500 m. Most projects are applicable to a single area, although in a few cases two or more blocks of ground may be involved. On the other hand, the same tenement(s) may be the subject of successive phases of geochemical exploration by different companies, so that the same block of ground may be assigned more than one identification number.

Appendix 4 contains the identification number, the sheet number of the relevant 1:50 000 Public Plan, the GSWA Item Number, and the Accession Number. The Item Number refers to a catalogue in the Geological Survey library. The Accession Number is sequentially allocated to the report at the time it is received in the Department. These numbers are included to facilitate rapid retrieval of individual reports from the library through the medium of microfiche film or hardcopy. The Appendix also includes year of reporting, sample medium, number of samples taken, elements analysed, method of analysis and the analyst (when given).

Appendix 4 displays summary data principally on surface geochemical exploration, but includes costean and shallow-drilling information when analyses were produced from material sampled at depths between zero and four metres. Surface samples that were reported to have been taken from mullock dumps or old workings were excluded.

In total, 152 projects are tabulated in chronological order covering the period 1966 to the end of 1994. Exceptions to this order are due to the late arrival of some reports at the GSWA.

An area of the map with no shading does not necessarily indicate that there has been no geochemical exploration. Reports for the region may still be confidential and on closed file, available geochemical information may be related to *deep* drilling only, or the results of analysis may not have been reported to the GSWA.

To digitize this map, slight adjustments have been made to the positions of tenement polygons in order to simplify polygon–polygon boundaries. For more detail and accurate representation of tenement boundaries, the reader is referred to the appropriate report(s).

## Results and discussion

The general philosophy for this project is that which was used for MENZIES (Kojan and Faulkner, 1994). However, there are three main differences: (a) samples of 'laterite' were not collected, (b) samples from lake margins were not counted as lake sediments, and (c) analyses for chlorine were unreliable and unable to be used. No stream sediments were collected near lateritic outcrop, and no sample contained abundant lateritic material, though ferruginous nodules and granules in some samples may indeed have had a lateritic origin. Marginal lake sediments (of unit DA6) were counted as soils; only four of twelve samples contained significant gypsum, and of these, one contained only 1.5% S. However, strictly, they are intermediate between conventional soils and lake sediments. As in the MENZIES project, there appear to be no significant compositional differences between sheetwash and soil samples in any given area, and samples of these materials have been collectively grouped under 'soil'. Soils are in general skeletal, with no well-defined humic or other layer; most appear to be weakly consolidated sheetwash.

Many streams, identified by blue lines on Plate 1, are inactive and, as on MENZIES, active stream drainages only cover about 40% of the sheet. As saline lakes and the main palaeodrainages between them occupy almost 10% of the sheet, about half the sheet has no active drainage. Comparison between stream sediments and soils remains a problem. However, as for MENZIES, the element plots suggest that underlying rock or the degree of weathering are the main differentiating factors rather than the sample medium. An overlay (Plate 6) is provided to aid interpretation of the analytical data of Figures 4–40 in terms of the differences between sample types. Soils and stream sediments from greenstone areas seem to show 'greenstone' values; from granitic areas they show 'granitic' values. The simplified geological map overlay, Plate 7, is provided to assist visual interpretation of differences between the compositions of sediments from the two main types of source rock. Table 5 reports the X-ray diffraction mineralogy of a selected number of samples.

Data for SiO<sub>2</sub> and loss on ignition (LOI) are not included in Figures 4–40 although results are included in the accompanying digital dataset (LEONORA.CSV). Figures 39 and 40 show the highest reported values for 11 elements; some of these elements have poor reproducibility at low concentrations, others (such as Li) are generally featureless and the highest values are not considered unusual. A map of Mo distribution at the 1:250 000 scale is included in the reference set of maps on display at Mineral House. Plots for elements are available, on request, for purchase from the Department.

Tables 6–8 show geometric means for most components for samples derived from granitoids, greenstones, and the main alluvial and lake areas. Elements with a large number of values close to, or below, detection are omitted. Samples of mixed or unknown origin in erosional or colluvial areas are omitted from these tables but the raw data are included in the LEONORA.CSV dataset and are shown on the element distribution maps. As in the MENZIES Explanatory Notes (Kojan and Faulkner, 1994), geometric means are used for overall comparisons to minimize the effect of outlying very high or low values.

## Mineralogy of sediments

Table 5 lists minerals found in fifteen samples from the various regolith types, examined by X-ray diffraction (XRD). The minerals reported were compared with the chemical composition to confirm estimates of proportion.

The main minerals identified were, as expected, quartz, kaolinite, and iron oxides. The latter were only abundant (>10%) in sediments derived from greenstone belts. Most iron oxide is goethite with hematite substantially less common, the latter being recorded in only two of the samples examined by XRD. A magnetic phase, maghemite, was noted by physical testing in many samples, but did not show in the diffraction traces.

A surprisingly large amount of fresh minerals was present. Nine of the fifteen samples contain K-feldspar, and eight contain plagioclase. Chlorite and muscovite each featured in three samples, amphibole (hornblende) in one. The lake sediments contained halite and gypsum, but the latter tended, on drying, to alter to bassanite — calcium sulfate hemi-hydrate. The proportion of altered minerals typically increases with distance from source material, but feldspar can still be present in major floodplain and in lake sediments.

A general, but non-quantitative, agreement with the chemical analyses was found. As a result many samples were inferred to contain amorphous material, mainly in the form of hydrated iron oxides and hydrated aluminium silicates. The mineral containing magnesium in lake sediments, surprisingly, was not identified, but magnesium may have been co-precipitated either with iron oxides or with aluminosilicate.

Examination of grain mounts under the binocular microscope confirmed the presence of feldspars and small amounts of mica in many samples of all types, and also the presence of amphibole and chlorite in samples derived

Table 5. XRD analysis of selected samples (CSIRO)

GSWA no. and reg. unit	Sample	Qtz	Kao	K-Fsp	Plag	Goe	Hem	Hbd	Chlr	Musc	Hlt	Bass	Total
125876 - DA7(?)	Lake	20	27	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	7	29	86
126585 - DA7(?)	Lake	37	35	9	—	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	89
126666 - DA7(?)	Lake	30	32	—	—	6	—	—	—	—	12	—	80
126126 - E2G	Stream	45	6	30	17	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	99
126307 - E4G	Stream	52	—	29	12	1	—	—	2	4	—	—	100
126154 - DC1(G)	Stream	68	14	10	2	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	97
126548 - DC2(G)	Soil	82	12	1	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	98
126247 - DC3(G)	Soil	53	22	14	6	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	99
125946 - DA5(G)	Soil	61	23	9	—	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	98
126369 - DA6(?)	Soil	35	34	4	2	24	—	—	—	—	—	—	99
126756 - E1(VS)	Stream	47	—	—	10	12	—	—	23	6	—	—	98
126193 - E2VS	Stream	7	15	1	7	36	—	23	10	—	—	—	99
126280 - E4VS	Stream	7	30	—	—	30	30	—	—	—	—	—	(a) 97
126768 - DC1(VS)	Stream	55	18	—	4	10	—	—	—	10	—	—	97
126534 - DC2(VS)	Soil	58	24	—	—	16	—	—	—	—	—	—	98

Notes: (a) Denotes sample with abundant amorphous materials resulting in a low diffraction pattern. The iron content was arbitrarily split into equal hematite and goethite.

Letters in brackets indicate source material: (G) = granite; (VS) = greenstone; (?) = unknown.

Qtz = quartz; Kao = kaolinite; K-fsp = K-feldspar; Plag = plagioclase; Goe = goethite; Hem = hematite; Hbd = hornblende; Chlr = chlorite; Musc = muscovite; Hlt = halite; Bass = bassanite.

from greenstones. Minor amounts of rutile and zircon were also noted.

The presence of so many remnant primary minerals shows that mechanical erosion of relatively unweathered rock has been the dominant process in the area. Consequently, for most samples, some indication of the contributory source rock (or rocks) can be determined.

## Comparison of regolith units

Stream sediments and soils have been grouped according to their surrounding regolith unit. In erosional areas division into sub-groups indicating source rock is relatively easy. Such subdivision becomes more difficult as sediment is transported farther from its source, and the colluvial units shown on Plate 1 do not show a possible derivation. However, an attempt has been made to classify the DC units in terms of their source (with a 'vs' and 'g' identifier as appropriate) based on the chemical composition and rocks known in the source area. There are also samples, apparently of mixed source, which are not included in the following tables or discussion.

## Regolith units sourced from greenstones

The characteristic of these units, compared with those derived from granitoids, is a generally higher level of Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, TiO<sub>2</sub>, Cr, Cu, Ni, and V. Gold, Pd, and Pt, where detected, and most higher values of As, Mo, Sc, and Y are also largely restricted to sediments shed from greenstone. The greenstone signature appears to

remain in drainages for at least 10 km from larger outcrop areas.

There is a slight variation between soil and stream sediment samples derived from greenstone. In general, soil samples have higher average SiO<sub>2</sub>, whereas stream sediments have higher average Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, As, Cr, Cu, Ni, and V.

Geometric mean values, and the number of samples, for units E2vs, E4vs, and DC1–3(vs) are given in Table 6.

## Relict regime

The main relict units found over greenstones are R2 (ferricrete) and very minor R3 (silcrete). Neither unit was specifically sampled, as samples were collected from channels or other sites much lower in the topographic system.

## Erosional regime

Sample numbers are relatively small, and the geometric means may be biased by isolated high values. Samples from the erosional regime show, on average, very little variation with the exception of dramatic leaching of Ca, Mg, Na, and Mn away from the source (E2vs to E4vs), coupled with some loss of Ce, Co, Cu, Ni, Sc, Sr, Y, and Zn. The only element which shows significant downslope enrichment is Cr, though there are slight rises for As, Ga, Th, U, and Zr. There is little evidence of silicification. Comparison of geometric mean values shows overall Fe enrichment in E4vs to be minor, though the maximum value is almost 56%. Approximately nine E4vs samples (from a total of thirty-one) appear to be derived from felsic rocks. High values of MgO

**Table 6. Geometric means of analytical results for regolith units derived from greenstone belts**

Component	E2VS	E4VS	DC1(vs)	DC2(vs)	DC3(vs)
Sample nos	N=16	N=31	N=82	N=25	N=16
Percentage					
SiO <sub>2</sub>	52.3	47.1	53.7	56.0	73.9
TiO <sub>2</sub>	0.90	0.70	0.79	0.72	0.46
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	10.2	9.34	10.3	10.0	8.92
Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	20.7	21.4	20.1	21.0	8.65
MnO	0.15	0.07	0.07	0.05	0.04
MgO	1.71	0.30	0.10	0.05	0.06
CaO	2.10	0.31	0.12	0.05	0.02
Na <sub>2</sub> O	0.65	0.17	0.11	0.06	0.05
K <sub>2</sub> O	0.30	0.28	0.44	0.38	0.66
P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	0.06	0.07	0.08	0.08	0.06
S	—	—	—	—	—
F	—	—	—	—	—
Parts per million					
As	15.7	19.5	22.9	22.4	7.13
Ba	146	139	168	130	149
Be	—	0.87	0.76	0.63	0.90
Bi	0.25	0.24	0.34	0.39	0.55
Cd	0.31	0.21	0.23	0.21	0.17
Ce	26.2	17.7	21.6	20.2	19.8
Co	26.7	15.7	8.78	5.89	6.40
Cr	491	704	601	697	336
Cu	95.8	56.4	58.3	45.2	26.4
Ga	14.1	18.7	20.9	22.1	13.5
In	0.13	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.09
La	10.6	9.76	12.4	12.3	12.4
Li	7.12	5.07	7.11	6.32	7.53
Mo	1.20	1.95	2.29	2.33	1.43
Nb	5.54	6.37	7.58	7.40	6.81
Ni	140	119	71.9	52.8	36.4
Pb	11.3	13.9	15.8	19.0	15.5
Rb	15.1	14.8	26.1	25.0	32.3
Sb	1.42	2.24	1.62	1.60	0.75
Sc	25.8	14.9	16.9	16.4	9.29
Se	2.01	2.36	2.42	2.02	1.20
Sn	1.26	1.33	1.68	1.72	1.49
Sr	51.0	31.7	31.6	22.9	16.8
Th	4.31	6.67	6.99	8.67	9.34
U	0.84	1.23	2.13	2.09	2.00
V	317	302	329	353	152
W	3.19	1.91	2.57	2.79	1.50
Y	17.1	8.83	8.89	8.61	5.69
Zn	87.6	56.1	55.5	42.4	30.7
Zr	69.0	80.6	93.3	91.1	80.0

Note: A dash denotes too many values below the detection limit for meaningful results

(≤12%) and CaO (≤7%) indicate the general locations of ultramafic and mafic rocks; some of the higher MgO values occur southeast of Lawlers and may indicate the presence of ultramafic rocks additional to those shown by Thom and Barnes (1977). Samples of sediments derived from ultramafic rocks also contain high Cr (≤8910 ppm), Ni (≤1350 ppm) and Co (≤100 ppm). The higher Th, U, and Zr values may be related to felsic volcanics or even to sediments. Gold, Pd, and Pt are reported from about half the samples from this regime, including an Au value of 72 ppb near Mount Stirling gold mine.

## Colluvial regime

Sheetwash lies on the lower slopes of upland areas, and passes into colluvial fans and sheets farther from the source rocks. On LEONORA, no DC3f was collected. Progressive changes due to increased secondary alteration, together with dilution by eolian sand and some contribution from granitoids, are expected with distance from source. Such progressive changes are shown by SiO<sub>2</sub> and Th, which steadily increase, and by MnO, CaO, Na<sub>2</sub>O, Ni, Sr, and Zn, which steadily decrease from E4vs to DC3(vs). For many components the highest values appear in the DC1(vs) or the DC2(vs) units, with a dramatic drop in DC3(vs) (e.g. TiO<sub>2</sub>, Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, As, Cu, Sc, and Zr). However, many elements show no consistent changes.

Similarities between the composition of many samples of DC1 and DC2 indicate that transport on the upper slopes may remain largely mechanical with little chemical modification. Compared with MENZIES, the DC3 unit appears better defined; the compositional difference between this and other colluvial units implies further chemical changes as well as eolian dilution.

## Regolith units sourced from granitoids

Samples from units sourced by granitoids have been grouped in a manner similar to those sourced by greenstones. The geometric means for the various units (R4, E2g, E4g, DC1-3(g)) are given in Table 7.

## Relict regime

Relict surfaces over granitic terrain are principally caprock silcrete (R3) or upland sand plains above breakaways (R4). The R3 unit shown on Plate 1 has been delineated from satellite imagery and has not been sampled for this project. Samples have been taken from soils and sheetwash on the lower slopes of R4. This unit is rich in SiO<sub>2</sub>, with a range of 75% to 92%, as quartz sands. The chemical composition implies the presence of a small proportion of minerals other than quartz, and iron oxides and kaolinite are present in most samples. Iron-rich nodules are not abundant, and the iron content is low (Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> ≤5%). Values of TiO<sub>2</sub> (≤0.5%) and Zr (≤110 ppm) imply the presence of resituate minerals, although Cr (≤208 ppm) and V (≤78 ppm), together with some of the Ti, are probably trapped in iron oxides. One sample with a K<sub>2</sub>O value of 1% suggests a contribution from an eroding granitoid.

## Erosional regime

The regolith units E2g and E4g are in close proximity to each other; the unit E2g is not found far from the source materials. Compared with that characterized by E2vs, much of the topography is rather subdued.

The SiO<sub>2</sub> content is higher than that expected in the source granitoids. The units are compositionally very similar, but chemical weathering in general increases away from the main outcrops. E4g is, however, marginally depleted in SiO<sub>2</sub> relative to E2g and slightly enriched in Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, TiO<sub>2</sub>, Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, Ba, Ce, Cr, Rb, Sr, Th, U, V, and Zn

**Table 7. Geometric means of analytical results for regolith units derived from granitoids**

Component	R4	E2G	E4G	DC1(g)	DC2(g)	DC3(g)
Sample nos	N=25	N=20	N=71	N=203	N=70	N=186
<b>Percentage</b>						
SiO <sub>2</sub>	86.2	85.1	82.4	82.1	87.3	84.1
TiO <sub>2</sub>	0.22	0.13	0.18	0.20	0.19	0.24
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	5.70	6.56	7.77	8.05	5.22	7.15
Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	3.09	1.93	2.27	2.34	2.51	2.59
MnO	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.01	0.02
MgO	0.11	0.09	0.06	0.06	0.09	0.06
CaO	0.04	0.10	0.14	0.07	0.03	0.02
Na <sub>2</sub> O	0.03	0.59	0.55	0.35	0.04	0.08
K <sub>2</sub> O	0.18	1.14	1.30	1.54	0.63	1.23
P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.04	0.04	0.04
S	—	—	—	—	—	—
F	—	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Parts per million</b>						
As	3.00	1.54	1.75	1.99	2.42	2.45
Ba	59.5	338	398	396	141	316
Be	—	—	—	—	—	—
Bi	—	—	0.21	0.21	0.17	0.18
Cd	—	0.19	—	0.19	—	0.17
Ce	8.46	12.0	16.4	19.7	8.98	15.1
Co	—	3.32	3.20	3.19	—	—
Cr	103	21.3	24.9	37.1	63.4	51.7
Cu	9.22	6.27	7.32	9.17	7.69	10.4
Ga	7.56	8.04	11.2	10.8	7.24	10.3
In	—	—	—	—	—	—
La	4.88	8.44	10.8	11.9	6.95	10.00
Li	3.63	3.26	3.70	5.19	3.79	4.79
Mo	0.82	0.65	0.72	0.78	0.77	0.84
Nb	4.01	3.81	4.14	5.58	3.78	5.08
Ni	9.32	4.57	5.78	6.64	7.78	7.96
Pb	6.83	8.84	14.1	15.4	9.02	14.2
Rb	14.4	33.0	46.3	59.0	31.0	53.6
Sb	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sc	3.20	1.73	2.20	2.77	3.01	3.38
Se	0.84	—	0.77	0.84	0.76	0.78
Sn	1.25	0.97	1.17	1.09	1.17	1.21
Sr	7.17	48.2	64.0	47.3	14.7	31.8
Th	4.76	4.27	5.76	6.62	4.69	6.10
U	0.74	0.87	1.14	1.46	0.97	1.35
V	48.0	22.2	27.6	32.0	35.6	38.7
W	0.69	0.83	0.74	0.70	0.70	0.89
Y	—	3.44	3.45	4.06	2.57	3.44
Zn	12.7	12.8	16.1	18.8	13.8	19.3
Zr	50.5	53.6	58.6	67.4	50.6	61.8

Note: A dash denotes too many values below the detection limit for meaningful results

compared with E2g. The maximum K<sub>2</sub>O value (5.5%) and the geometric mean (1.3%) for E4g indicate that in many samples unaltered minerals remain mixed with weathered products. The slightly higher values for Cr, V, and Zn in E4g may reflect a minor 'mafic' component in the sediment or the adsorption of these elements on either iron oxides or clay.

### Colluvial regime

A large number of samples collected are sourced from granites, including over 400 samples of colluvium. The different units are generally distinguished by their physical

characteristics and position in the topographic profile. The mean compositions of all units derived from granitoids (including the erosional units) are remarkably similar (Table 7). The variation in composition downslope (E2g to DC1 to DC3) is not systematic. The geometric means for Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, As, Ni, Sc, and V increase slightly from E2g to DC3(g), though many samples have no detectable As or Ni. There is also an overall increase in TiO<sub>2</sub>, Cr, Cu, and Zn. As expected there is a slight, but unsystematic, decrease in some more 'mobile' elements including CaO, Na<sub>2</sub>O, and Sr. There is little systematic variation for components such as SiO<sub>2</sub> and K<sub>2</sub>O.

Except for a small decrease in CaO, Na<sub>2</sub>O, and Sr, and an equally small increase in K<sub>2</sub>O and Rb and possibly in Ce, Cr, and V, the composition of DC1(g) strongly resembles that of E4g. Surprisingly, DC1 has the highest K<sub>2</sub>O (geometric mean value) of the granitoid-derived regolith units.

DC2(g) appears to have the highest eolian component of the colluvial units. It has the highest SiO<sub>2</sub> content (geometric mean 87.3%) and the lowest Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (5.22%) and K<sub>2</sub>O (0.63%) content, implying an increase in quartz sand at the expense of feldspar or mica (or clay). Mean values of Ce, La, and Zr are also low suggesting fewer contained resistate minerals.

Unit DC3(g) contains a higher K<sub>2</sub>O concentration (geometric mean 1.23%) than would be expected were feldspar breaking down into clay. The unit composition is chemically similar to E4g and DC1. The K<sub>2</sub>O content ranges from as low as 0.15% up to 6.15%; the high values may indicate a contribution to the sediment from subcropping rock.

### Regolith units in drainages: alluvium, salt lakes, and precipitates

The regolith units included in this section are DA4, DA5, DA6, DA7, and DA8. The geometric-mean data are presented in Table 8.

Unit DA4 (active alluvial channel) mainly relates to coarse polymictic detritus draining elevated areas, and occurs in close association with erosional units and DC1. Materials may be derived from variably sized catchments and/or from varied lithologies. As a result, there are wide ranges for most elements determined; for example, chromium varies from undetectable to 2550 ppm, with a geometric mean of 121 ppm, and Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> ranges from 0.8% to 49%, with a geometric mean of 5.7%.

The DA5 unit represents areas close to playa lakes and palaeodrainages. Materials are usually a mixture of overbank/overflow sediments from floods with materials transported downslope from sheetwash fans/colluvial plains. Coarse clasts are rare. At this position in the landform profile, no attempt has been made to divide the units simply by parent materials. For some samples, however, a single lithological source appears dominant. For example, at site 126712 there is a strong greenstone influence (9.15% Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, 505 ppm Cr, 98 ppm Ni, and 150 ppm V) and at site 126526, a granite influence (2.64%



**Table 8** Geometric means of analytical results for regolith units from alluvial and lake areas

Component	DA4	DA5	DA6	DA7	DA8
Sample nos	N=117	N=46	N=12	N=42	N=11
Percentage					
SiO <sub>2</sub>	74.0	84.3	62.0	37.9	72.5
TiO <sub>2</sub>	0.25	0.22	0.25	0.38	0.42
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	6.85	5.51	5.61	8.34	9.71
Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	5.70	3.02	2.93	3.39	4.05
MnO	0.03	0.02	0.03	0.04	0.05
MgO	0.17	0.10	0.51	4.40	0.35
CaO	0.20	0.04	0.55	2.19	0.51
Na <sub>2</sub> O	0.37	0.07	0.28	2.25	0.11
K <sub>2</sub> O	0.82	0.85	0.77	0.90	1.43
P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.06	0.05
S	—	—	—	—	—
F	—	—	—	—	—
Parts per million					
As	4.32	2.64	3.09	5.57	3.97
Ba	270	248	208	185	287
Be	0.72	—	0.65	—	—
Bi	0.22	0.18	—	0.20	0.19
Cd	0.17	0.17	—	0.18	0.20
Ce	13.2	13.0	15.1	18.1	23.8
Co	6.09	3.68	4.10	4.39	4.69
Cr	121	70.5	36.4	60.4	61.9
Cu	16.4	11.5	11.4	17.6	18.6
Ga	11.5	9.59	8.44	11.5	12.5
In	—	—	—	—	—
La	8.15	8.57	9.07	13.2	16.0
Li	3.62	5.06	4.92	9.44	9.89
Mo	0.98	0.96	0.94	1.78	1.36
Nb	3.42	3.82	3.63	5.47	5.86
Ni	19.8	11.0	10.4	18.4	18.8
Pb	11.9	10.9	7.49	10.9	13.6
Rb	29.5	37.1	28.3	35.3	56.1
Sb	—	—	—	—	—
Sc	5.16	3.70	4.29	6.17	6.47
Se	0.99	0.80	0.99	1.73	0.82
Sn	1.02	1.24	1.38	1.44	2.13
Sr	49.1	28.6	60.4	531	42.7
Th	4.19	5.21	3.47	5.99	7.20
U	0.96	1.77	2.56	21.3	3.25
V	74.2	42.9	41.9	71.9	49.6
W	0.86	0.69	0.86	1.20	1.05
Y	4.54	3.57	4.82	5.90	6.26
Zn	25.0	18.5	25.4	34.3	37.3
Zr	55.5	55.6	48.5	57.6	78.9

Note: A dash denotes too many values below the detection limit for meaningful results

K<sub>2</sub>O and 750 ppm Ba). The potassium at the latter site inhabits K-feldspar, suggesting either an origin in grus transported several kilometres, or the nearby presence of an unmapped granitic source.

Playa lake margin sediments (DA6) were expected to be very variable in composition, with some indications of the presence of gypsum. However, sediments of this unit have geometric means of only 0.55% CaO and 0.24% S. These mean values conceal several gypsum-rich samples, the highest having 30% CaO and 18% S. One sample has

no gypsum but contains some calcrete — indicated by a relatively high CaO value (2.52%) and no sulfur. An elevated Na<sub>2</sub>O average for the DA6 unit (0.28%) suggests a marginal saline environment and a correct classification of materials.

Most of the 12 sites in the DA6 unit have unknown or mixed source materials, although two appear to be derived largely from greenstone. Sediments at both of these sites have mafic signatures for Cr, Cu, V, MgO, and Au. Site 126761 has the highest gold value of the map sheet (251 ppb), and is 'downstream' from the Sons of Gwalia gold mine.

Most lake sediments (DA7) are saline and many contain gypsum and calcrete. A few non-saline samples are included in this unit (rather than DA5) where the sampled sites are claypans within DA5. In general, the saline lakes are sites of accumulation of elements such as Na<sub>2</sub>O, MgO, Li, U, and Sr, and have relatively high values of P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> (≤0.14%) and F (≤0.06%). There are at least 13 gypsum-rich sites, with the highest in the northwest of the map sheet (31.3% CaO, 21.56% S). There is also a strong mafic influence in some samples, reflecting materials transported from the greenstones (maximum values: 8.31% Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>; V 135 ppm; Zn 83 ppm; Zr 135 ppm).

Extensive valley calcrete deposits (DA8) have been mapped in the palaeodrainages (Thom and Barnes, 1977; Churchward and Craig, in press). Samples from these areas do not always have high CaO concentrations. One sample was purposely collected away from visible calcrete and probably represented recent alluvial and/or eolian sediments (SiO<sub>2</sub> 84%, CaO 0.26%). At the same site the exposed calcrete contained 41.6% CaO. Possible explanations for the low CaO values at most sites are that most remnant calcrete particles are larger than the size fraction analysed (-2 mm to +0.45 mm), and in some cases, the unit mapped as calcrete appears to have been secondarily silicified. DA8 has the unlikely characteristic of having the highest geometric mean for any alluvial unit for Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, K<sub>2</sub>O, Ba, Ce, Cu, Ga, La, Nb, Pb, Rb, Sc, Sn, Th, Y, Zn, and Zr.

## Regional considerations

The most significant consideration on the regional scale is the difference in degree of weathering between the eastern and western portions of the sheet. In general, west of the line from Leonora to Agnew (and over the greenstones themselves), mechanical erosion of fresh rock has been the dominant process and the sediments are dominated by breakdown rock (grus) and primary minerals. East of this line, the dominant process has been erosion of chemically weathered and/or silicified bedrock, and the sediments are much more extensively altered and leached. They are more relict in character, containing fewer primary minerals and showing much less evidence of the underlying granitoids. In general, the land east of the greenstones is topographically higher than that to the west. Both grus and weathered products are diluted by eolian sand.

Principal Component Analysis (Rock, 1988) has been used on the analyses to separate the main geological groupings and establish which elements are the principal contributors to each group.

Principal components have been extracted from a subset of 21 elements whose value factor loadings ( $>0.60$ ) have been determined as significant. Other elements were omitted either because of non-significant loadings or because too many values were below the detection limit. A principal component value has been established for each sample by multiplying the factor loadings for each element by its normalized concentration and then adding the modified element values together. Normalized concentration values have been achieved by expressing the specific site value for a given element as a percentage of its overall maximum concentration. This puts all principal components on the same ordinal scale and promotes the influence of those trace elements with lower values.

Figure 42 is a map of the first and second principal components for LEONORA, effectively representing greenstone and granitic terrains respectively. Principal Component 1 uses  $\text{TiO}_2$ ,  $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$ , As, Co, Cr, Cu, Ga, Ni, Sc, V, and Zn and represents 35% of the data. Principal Component 2 uses  $\text{K}_2\text{O}$ , Ba, Ce, Pb, Rb, and Th and represents 21% of the data. (Equations for the data are given in the caption to the figure.) Since all factor loadings for the first principal component are positive and are negative for the second principal component, on addition of the components high positive numbers reflect greenstone terrain and high negative numbers reflect granitoids. The figure indicates the position of greenstone belts, and demonstrates that there are chemical differences between some of them; for example, between the Mount Clifford and Malcolm/Murrin belts. The figure also identifies four centres of potassic granitoids.

## Differences between greenstone belts

Greenstones include a variety of igneous and sedimentary rock types. The chemical analyses have identified systematic compositional variation between soils associated with most of the previously identified greenstone belts (Agnew, Mount Clifford, Yandal South, Murrin, Malcolm, Mount Ida — see Figure 42). The results tend to support the suggested similarities between the Murrin and Malcolm Belts (Griffin, 1990b). It should be noted that the terms 'high' and 'low' are only map sheet comparisons.

The Agnew belt is high in most elements associated with the six greenstone belts (e.g.  $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$ ,  $\text{TiO}_2$ , MgO, MnO, As, Au, Co, Cr, Ni, Pd, Pt, V, Y, Zn, and Zr), with distinctive enrichment in Cd, In, Sb, and Sn, but little Ga and Se. The chemistry of the Mount Clifford belt is similar, including Sb enrichment but with some high values in Ce (max. 125 ppm). Ce enrichment is unusual for a greenstone belt and highlights the possible influence of small bodies of fractionated granite.

Ultramafic rocks east to northeast of the Wildara outcrop contribute a chemically distinct signature to part of the Mount Clifford greenstone belt. Although they have high MgO, MnO, Co, Cr, and Ni values (similar to those

of the Agnew and Mount Clifford belts), sediments derived from these rocks are distinguished by low concentrations of  $\text{TiO}_2$ , As, Au, Ga, Sb, Se, V, and Y.

Distinctive high elemental concentrations for the Yandal South belt are detected near known mineralization. For example, high Cu, F, and Zn are centred around the Teutonic Bore mine, and high As and Se are associated with the Goanna Patch gold mine. Low values of MgO, MnO, and Co relate to the dominant felsic volcanic lithology.

The Murrin belt is characterized by low values for CaO, MgO, Cr, Cu, Pd, Pt, Ni, and V. Isolated high values of Ce, Se, and S appear to be related to felsic volcanic rocks, but possibly show a granitic influence. It is not possible to identify areas of felsic volcanics using the  $\text{K}_2\text{O}$  concentrations alone.

The Malcolm belt is similar to the Murrin belt, with comparatively low values for MgO, Cu, Cr, and Ni. This again reflects the influence of the felsic volcanic lithology. As previously mentioned, the highest Au value for the sheet (251 ppb) is related to the Sons of Gwalia shear zone, downstream from the Sons of Gwalia mine.

The larger part of the Mount Ida belt outcrops on MENZIES (Kojan and Faulkner, 1994). The part outcropping on LEONORA has the lowest As, Ga, Pd, and Pt values of the six greenstone belts on the sheet, as well as low values of MgO, Cr, Cu, Ni, Sb, Se, V, and Y. The MgO and Ni values are higher than those of the felsic volcanics of Murrin, Malcolm, and Yandal belts. There are relatively high values of F and Nb, slightly higher values of Mo, and lower values of S compared with most other greenstone belts. A linear band of high Mo ( $\leq 10$  ppm) extends southeast onto MENZIES and appears to be related to the BIF-granite contact. Higher values of Nb ( $\leq 30$  ppm) in the area may be related to the mafic-granite contact. Within the Mount Ida belt, the influence of the BIF on the western side is distinguishable from that of the basalt to the east, by slightly higher  $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$  and Mo, and lower CaO, MgO, MnO, Co, Ni, and Zn.

There is a small outcrop of the Ilara greenstone belt (in the southwestern corner of the sheet), which has no direct influence on LEONORA, except through sediments which drain from this belt.

## Identification of specific granitoid bodies

The granitoids of the Eastern Goldfields and Southern Cross Provinces are separated by the Mount Ida Fault. However, there is no distinguishable chemical change either side of the fault line. The greatest variations in regolith sediments over granitoids occur east and west of the main greenstones. More mobile elements, such as  $\text{K}_2\text{O}$ , Ba, and Rb, are considerably lower east of the greenstones, whereas more resistant elements (e.g. Cr, Ni, and Zr) do not vary much over the map sheet. The low  $\text{K}_2\text{O}$ , Ba, and Rb values for eastern granitic terrains of LEONORA, are similar to those shown by these elements over most of the MENZIES sheet (Kojan and Faulkner, 1994). These low

values of the sediments reflect weathered or silicified rock and give little indication of the true nature of the granitoid except in the Dodgers Hill region. The high values to the west, however, are significantly higher than those on MENZIES, and reflect less weathered/altered, potassic granitoids.

Relatively high values of Na<sub>2</sub>O and Sr were detected at Mount Adamson (south-southeast of Lawlers) and at Pepperill Hill, suggesting the presence of more-sodic granitoids, such as granodiorite. The granitoid south of Lawlers has been classified into two phases; an older coarse-grained tonalite and granodiorite, and a younger leucogranite (Platt et al., 1978). The present results suggest a reasonably high K<sub>2</sub>O content, which indicates a dominance of the leucogranite at the surface. Samples near Pepperill Hill have slightly lower K<sub>2</sub>O values; the rock at Pepperill Hill is reported to be a deeply weathered gneiss/migmatite (Thom and Barnes, 1977).

A fractionated granite south of Lake Raeside is identified by elevated Ce, La, Pb, and Th values. This granitoid continues south onto MENZIES (Davy et al., in press; Kojan and Faulkner, 1994). A similar granitoid may be present to the south and west of Mount Ross: above-average values of Ce, La, and Th are associated with the granite-greenstone boundaries and north at the Mount Stirling mine.

No further subdivision of the granitoids is possible as analyses of trace elements near their detection limits are not considered accurate.

## Economic geology

### Gold contours and known mineralization

Figure 41 presents contoured gold values from the current study, with the known historical production from major mines (>30 kg) superimposed. The diameter of the circle is proportional to the production (in kilograms). The name, location, past production, in-ground resources, and total gold values for these mines and prospects are given in Appendix 1. Most known gold mineralization closely follows the major north-northwest trending greenstone belts running from Leonora to Agnew. Most major deposits lie within the areas of higher gold values (≥2 ppb) identified during the project. However, the position of the Bannockburn mine was not picked out by the regional patterns. The sample downstream from the mine represents a large catchment area and the input from the mine may have been diluted. The highest gold value reported in this project (251 ppb) is found in Lake Raeside approximately three kilometres downstream from the Sons of Gwalia mine. The second highest Au value (72 ppb) occurs downstream from the Mount Stirling mine, in the Mount Clifford greenstone belt, adjacent to a granite-greenstone contact.

There are a few areas, with no known mines or prospects, in which the regolith contains >3 ppb Au. A value of 9 ppb in Lake Raeside west-northwest of the

Leonora townsite may be due to sediment sourced from the Mount Clifford greenstone belt (Mount Davis and Mount Clifford). Higher values (5, 6, and 7 ppb) near the southwest corner of the map sheet highlight the Mount Ida greenstone belt (Mount Alexander). A single value of 20 ppb near the southwestern corner of the sheet may represent materials transported from the Ilaara greenstone belt (most of which outcrops on the adjacent YOUANMI sheet), or may reflect a greenstone enclave within granitoids.

Anomalous arsenic (>50 ppm) has been used to suggest the presence of sulfide-bearing, possibly mineralized rocks (Boyle and Jonasson, 1973). The positions of As-bearing samples on LEONORA show strong correlation with the contour plot of the gold values. The results suggest that mineralization associated with sulfides is common within the Agnew, Malcolm, and Mount Clifford greenstone belts. Two examples of this are the Harbour Lights and Trump mines, both situated in the Leonora area.

There are two lake samples with particularly high Au values (9 and 12 ppb) in the southeast of the map sheet. These highlight contamination from mines and/or possible accumulation from the Malcolm greenstone belt.

### Other mineralization and potential for mineralization

Copper, Zn, and Ag have been mined at the Teutonic Bore mine, and a small amount of copper has been extracted in the Agnew area. Chrysoprase has also been mined at Marshall Creek. Hitherto unexploited deposits include nickel (Mount Clifford and Weebo Bore), uranium (Lake Raeside), lead (Wilsons Patch) and molybdenum (Dodgers Hill). Their positions are marked by element symbols on Figure 2.

Relatively high values of copper and zinc are predominantly confined to the greenstone belts. The highest Cu values (Fig. 20) are found southwest of Agnew townsite (280 ppm) and south of Teutonic Bore minesite (255 ppm). There are noticeable variations between greenstone belts. Agnew, Mount Clifford, and Yandal South belts are relatively enriched in Cu with respect to the Malcolm, Mount Ida and Murrin belts.

The plot of zinc concentration (Fig. 38) is similar to that of copper (Fig. 20). The highest values (342 and 242 ppm) are found south of the Teutonic Bore mine, and there are also relatively high values (>100 ppm) in the Agnew greenstone belt, and near Mount Clifford and Wildara outcamp. The high values of Cu and Zn south of Teutonic Bore may reflect an extension to the known mineralized zone, although contamination from recent mining operations is possible.

Silver values are predominantly low and do not indicate known mineralization. The highest value (3.4 ppm) occurs in the northwest of the sheet (Fig. 41). It may reflect a feature on the adjacent YOUANMI map sheet, or be an analytical artefact. Samples to the south of Teutonic Bore with higher values of Cu and Zn do not contain any Ag above 1 ppm — a

contrast with the main Teutonic Bore mineralization (Greig, 1984).

All high Ni values (maximum 1340 ppm) correspond to known occurrences of ultramafic rock. Near the largest deposit, Weebo Bore, which has little surface expression (Marston, 1979), Ni does not display anomalous concentrations. However, there are high values for Ni in the vicinity of the Mount Clifford groups of deposits.

The higher Pb concentrations are predominantly associated with the granites, although the highest value is in a lake sample (120 ppm). Elevated Pb values (~50 ppm) in the south of LEONORA continue onto the MENZIES map sheet (Kojan and Faulkner, 1994). The value of 84 ppm Pb in the southeast corner of the sheet may be an expression of the felsic volcanics in the Malcolm greenstone belt. There are no unusually high values in the vicinity of Teutonic Bore or near the reported Pb occurrence near Wilsons Patch (Thom and Barnes, 1977).

The concentrations of Mo are generally low (Fig. 40). The highest value (32 ppm) was found in a sample from Lake Raeside that has an unusual composition and has possibly been influenced by both granitic and mafic sources (7.65% MgO, 6.49% Na<sub>2</sub>O, 1.28% K<sub>2</sub>O, 27 ppm As, 111 ppm Cr, and 38 ppm La). A weakly defined low-level anomaly ( $\leq 10$  ppm Mo) along the western side of the Mount Ida greenstone belt continues onto the MENZIES sheet (Kojan and Faulkner, 1994) and may derive from the contact zone of the BIF with volcanic rocks. A value of 14 ppm was determined in a sample to the north east of Wildara outcrop, close to the granitic gneiss-ultramafic rock boundary. The Mo occurrence southeast of Dodgers Hill is not reflected in the sediments sampled.

The higher U values are concentrated in the lakes and adjacent main palaeodrainages, with Lake Raeside displaying the highest concentrations ( $\leq 165$  ppm).

One area of interest is in the southwest corner of the map sheet, where higher values of P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>, coupled with higher Ba and a nearby aeromagnetic dipole, may indicate the presence of a carbonatite vein.

## Chalcophile indices

Smith et al. (1989) proposed that chalcophile and associated elements in lateritic materials could be used to define potentially mineralized geochemical provinces in bedrock of the Yilgarn Block. These authors proposed a number of indices, most calculated empirically and based on the analysis of lateritic materials, to define areas potentially containing chalcophile mineralization. The intent was to highlight known mineralized areas and point to areas for further exploration. Although this study did not directly sample laterite, these published indices have been tested on the stream sediment and soil samples. Many indices showed generally similar patterns: two of the plots generated are illustrated (Figs 43 and 44).

The CHI-6\*X index uses a combination of the elements As, Sb, Bi, Mo, Ag, Sn, W, and Se (Fig. 43). The higher

values exist in the greenstone belts, with anomalies corresponding to the Agnew/Emu, Goanna Patch, and Mount Clifford mining districts. The Sons of Gwalia deposit was not highlighted by this technique.

A pegmatite index (using As, Sb, Sn, and Nb), based on the PEG-4 index of Smith et al. (1989) but omitting Ta (which was not determined), also shows high values in greenstones at Agnew, Mount Clifford and ultramafics to the north, and Goanna Patch (Fig. 44). A small area with a high index value occurs near Maroon Range in granitic terrain.

Both indices indicate that much of the CzI (laterite) unit of Thom and Barnes (1977), particularly east of Mount Clifford, is associated with greenstone parent materials. An area east of Goanna Patch also appears anomalous, based on either index. Both indices show a trail of greenstone source material into Lake Raeside east of Sturt Meadows station.

## Summary and conclusions

The major products of this study are geochemical and regolith-materials maps of LEONORA. These are supported by a 1:250 000 map showing the positions of 'open file' projects which have used surface-exploration geochemistry.

The sampling program at an approximate sampling density of 1 per 16 km<sup>2</sup> yielded 1042 samples including 453 stream-sediment, 546 soil, and 43 lake samples. Chemical analysis of the samples used 'total' acid-dissolution methods to determine 47 components. Results are presented in a digital data file and as element distribution maps (Figs 4–40), which display 45 components at the 1:1 000 000 scale, with 11 of these represented as plots of only the higher values.

The regolith-materials map displays 17 classes of regolith units; three corresponding to a relict regime, five to an erosional regime, and nine to a depositional regime. Sediments of the depositional regime have not been divided by source materials on the map, unlike the erosional regime which is closer to source material and can be broadly divided into granitoid- and greenstone-derived sediments. The colluvial regime has been divided by rock source in discussion of the analytical data. The results show a surprising amount of grus, particularly in the western two-thirds of the sheet. Weathering has been more extensive in the northeastern part of the sheet, with sediments consisting mainly of quartz and secondary minerals.

As with MENZIES (Kojan and Faulkner, 1994), the results of the analyses found that there was little difference between stream-sediment and soil samples, as both were generally representative of their underlying lithologies. The underlying source material and its weathering history are the most important factors in determining the regolith composition. Active stream channels, however, may carry influence from the more resistant greenstones into granitic terrain.

As expected there is a distinct chemical difference between the granite and greenstone groups. Sediments derived from greenstones are generally characterized by a higher concentration of  $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$ ,  $\text{TiO}_2$ , Cr, Cu, Ni, and V; those from granitoids by a higher concentration of  $\text{K}_2\text{O}$ , Ba, Ce, Pb, and Rb.

With increasing distance from source materials, chemical variation involves non-systematic leaching of easily weathered minerals, some ferruginization, and dilution from eolian sands. K-feldspar is present surprisingly far from source granitoids, indicating mechanical erosion, rather than chemical alteration, is the dominant process — especially in the west of the map sheet.

Differences between the six greenstone belts are shown by different element associations, which outline the general position of the mafic, ultramafic, and felsic volcanic rocks within these belts. Variation within the granitoids can only be determined on the western side of the main greenstone belt where less-altered materials closely resemble source rock. In this part of the map sheet there have been three centres of potassic granitoids suggested by principal component analysis. A fractionated, potassic granitoid enriched in Ce, La, Pb, and Th has also been identified in the south of the map sheet extending onto MENZIES. It has been suggested that leucogranite outcrops south-southeast of Lawlers, in an area previously identified as tonalite.

Gold mineralization on LEONORA is associated with granite–greenstone contacts and shear zones. Most gold mineralization lies within greenstones; however, granitoids are also known to host mineralization. An association of Au with As is common. The contouring of the gold values shows that the 2 ppb contour highlights the majority of the known gold deposits, although the Bannockburn deposit is not identified.

The Cu, Zn, and Ag deposit at Teutonic Bore is represented by relatively high Cu and Zn values, south of the deposit. There are high Ni values in the vicinity of the Mount Clifford nickel deposits; however, there is little surface expression of the Weebo Bore (Ni), Wilsons Patch (Pb), or Dodgers Hill (Mo) deposits. The highest uranium values are found in Lake Raeside.

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## Appendix 1

### Details of gold mines and deposits

<i>Mining centre</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Total produced Au (kg)</i>	<i>Resources Au (kg)</i>	<i>Total (kg)</i>	<i>Easting</i>	<i>Northing</i>
<b>MOUNT MARGARET GOLDFIELD</b>						
<b>MOUNT MALCOLM DISTRICT</b>						
<b>Diorite</b>						
	Diorite King	61.4	—	61.4	310061	6825454
	Harlech	—	312.0	312.0	325308	6819712
	Mount Davis	—	360.0	360.0	327750	6823420
	Mount Stirling	157.1	—	157.1	310994	6834237
	Puzzle	118.4	—	118.4	320745	6823529
	Severn	—	391.0	391.0	323993	6824188
	Severn West	—	87.0	87.0	323613	6824151
	Tarmoola–King of the Hills	7 430.8	51 800.0	59 270.8	320368	6826873
<b>Goanna Patch</b>						
	Double A–Goanna Patch	783.6	—	783.6	304912	6884728
<b>Leonora</b>						
	Forrest	2 675.6	—	2 675.6	334870	6806114
	Gold Blocks	518.8	—	518.8	332482	6809295
	Gwalia North	2.6	1 324.0	1 326.6	333460	6813305
	Harbour Lights	6 700.0	4 295.0	10 995.0	336213	6804693
	Jasper–Aucklands	1.6	1 950.0	1 951.6	328411	6817296
	Pride of Leonora	34.1	—	34.1	339334	6807840
	Ping Pong	91.5	—	91.5	332920	6805976
	Poker	—	362.0	362.0	334623	6807841
	Pumping Station	—	360.0	360.0	333453	6813637
	Sons of Gwalia	99 939.0	53 410.0	153 349.0	337337	6799906
	Trump	605.2	—	605.2	334168	6807435
	Tower Hill	2 050.0	582.0	2 632.0	336361	6801893
<b>Malcolm</b>						
	Blackies	—	70.0	70.0	344749	6798561
	Forgotten Four	—	347.0	347.0	345179	6798905
	Krang	—	2 922.0	2 922.0	344340	6799180
	Leonardo	—	220.0	220.0	345510	6798170
	Michaelangelo	—	4 545.0	4 545.0	345813	6898052
	Raeside Group	—	133.0	133.0	345179	6898905
<b>Mount Clifford</b>						
	Bannockburn	3 838.6	12 524.0	16 362.6	394651	6850129
	Famous	30.0	—	30.0	312699	6856213
	Jungle Well	—	423.0	423.0	303863	6855798
	Mount Clifford	2.2	403.0	405.2	309981	6849494
	Royal Arthur Bore	6.2	479.0	485.2	315150	6852950
	Victory	332.8	—	332.8	308391	6843285
<b>Pig Well</b>						
	Gambier Lass	226.9	—	226.9	349142	6819055
	Harriston	95.4	—	95.4	351951	6813217
<b>Wilsons Patch</b>						
	Great Western	338.0	—	338.0	321320	6866175
	Wilsons Patch	—	1 054.0	1 054.0	319824	6862395
<b>EAST MURCHISON GOLDFIELD</b>						
<b>LAWLERS DISTRICT</b>						
<b>Lawlers</b>						
	Birthday–Sunrise	123.1	—	123.1	258674	6896849
	Bounty Leases	50.1	—	50.1	252578	6890589
	Coxs–Asarco	367.4	—	367.4	251790	6890086
	Daisy Queen	191.2	677.0	868.2	256932	6891115
	Donegal	161.4	—	161.4	253355	6888176

Appendix 1 (*continued*)

<i>Mining centre</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Total produced Au (kg)</i>	<i>Resources Au (kg)</i>	<i>Total (kg)</i>	<i>Easting</i>	<i>Northing</i>
<b>Lawlers (<i>cont</i>)</b>						
	Emu Open Cut Group	–	2 248.0	2 248.0	252656	6893122
	Emu Underground Group	16 023.3	49 100.0	65 123.3	254599	6899630
	Great Eastern Extended	54.6	672.0	726.6	258018	6891415
	Hidden Secret	51.9	–	51.9	253640	6899765
	Lawlers Group	7 611.9	–	7 611.9	257982	6891845
	North Pit	–	609.0	609.0	259572	6897021
	McCafferys–Forsayth	1 111.5	–	1 111.5	259635	6896591
	McAuley Group	–	1 385.0	1 385.0	251790	6890086
	Waroonga	820.1	–	820.1	254149	6900268
	Wildcat	92.0	–	92.0	258399	6894478

## Appendix 2

## Mineral production (other than gold) for LEONORA

<i>Name</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Copper (tonnes)</i>	<i>Silver (kg)</i>	<i>Zinc (tonnes)</i>
<b>Teutonic Bore</b>				
(Seltrust Mining Corp PL)	1981	783	8 494	3 613
	1982	14 149	46 927	48 018
	1983	7 993	21 408	13 158
	1984	8 397	30 956	35 640
	1985	6 590	26 421	21 936
	1986	4 182	15 101	9 886
	<b>Prior to 1987</b>	<b>42 159</b>	<b>149 307</b>	<b>132 251</b>
<b>Silver (from gold production)</b>				
Mount Margaret Goldfield	Prior to 1982		8 182	
	1982		3	
	1983		1	
	1984		3	
	1985		721	
	1986		571	
	1987		673	
	1988		651	
	1989		1 197	
	1990		806	
	1991		865	
	1992		1 130	
	1993		647	
	<b>Prior to 1994</b>		<b>15 450</b>	



## Appendix 3

## Form used to record sample-site details

Sheet _____	Loc/n No _____	GSWA No _____	Date _____
1:100K _____	East _____ E	North _____ N	Sampler _____

TYPE	Single point <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple Point <input type="checkbox"/> Channel <input type="checkbox"/> Shtwsh <input type="checkbox"/> Laterite <input type="checkbox"/> Lag <input type="checkbox"/> Soil <input type="checkbox"/>
Situation	Regolith code _____

CLASTS	Sizes	Gravel <input type="checkbox"/>	Stones <input type="checkbox"/>	Cobbles <input type="checkbox"/>	Boulders <input type="checkbox"/>
Lateritic	Abnt/Rare/Comm <input type="checkbox"/>	Non-Lat	Abnt/Rare/Comm <input type="checkbox"/>	Lithic	Abnt/Rare/Comm <input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Lateritic Pisoliths		<input type="checkbox"/> Gossan fragments		<input type="checkbox"/> Saprolite fragments	
<input type="checkbox"/> Lateritic Nodules		<input type="checkbox"/> Iron segregations		<input type="checkbox"/> Ferruginous Saprolite frag's	
<input type="checkbox"/> Brown Ferrug. duricrust		<input type="checkbox"/> Ferrug lithic fragments		<input type="checkbox"/> Saprock Fragments	
<input type="checkbox"/> Black ferrug. duricrust		<input type="checkbox"/> Brown ferrug granules		<input type="checkbox"/> Fresh B'rock frag's (below)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Black pisolitic ferrug duricrust		<input type="checkbox"/> Black ferrug granules		<input type="checkbox"/> Quartz	
Mafic <input type="checkbox"/>	Ultramafic <input type="checkbox"/>	Felsic <input type="checkbox"/>	Pelite/Sed's <input type="checkbox"/>	Qtzite <input type="checkbox"/>	BIF <input type="checkbox"/> Quartz <input type="checkbox"/> Granite <input type="checkbox"/>

Material	Red	Orange	Yellow	L Brown	D Brown	L Grey	D Grey
<input type="checkbox"/> Clay	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Silt	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Sand	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Saline	<input type="checkbox"/> Calcareous		<input type="checkbox"/> Siliceous		<input type="checkbox"/> Ferruginous		

Sample Site Geology	Hardpan <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated Collvm <input type="checkbox"/>	Stream order: _____
M <input type="checkbox"/> Qtzite <input type="checkbox"/>	Gypsum Dune <input type="checkbox"/> Sand Dune <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Incised
U <input type="checkbox"/> BIF <input type="checkbox"/>	Duricrust <input type="checkbox"/> Mottled Zone <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Braided <input type="checkbox"/> Broad
F <input type="checkbox"/> Q <input type="checkbox"/>	Saprolite <input type="checkbox"/> Saprock <input type="checkbox"/>	Osize - ____ % Usize - ____ %
P/S <input type="checkbox"/> G <input type="checkbox"/>	Bedrock <input type="checkbox"/>	Size fr/n-____ Depth-____

REMARKS


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## Appendix 4

## Open-file geochemistry surveys

KEY	
<b>ID No.</b> notes	Project reference number allocated specifically for these
<b>Map Sheet</b> location	1:100 000 Sheet number (See Plate 3 key) to aid in project
<b>Company</b>	The company that carried out the geochemical exploration Expl: Exploration
<b>I No.</b>	GSWA catalogue reference number (Item number)
<b>A No.</b>	GSWA report reference number (Accession number)
<b>Yr.</b>	The year of reporting
<b>Medium</b>	How the sample was obtained RAB: Rotary air blast drilling RC: Reverse circulation drilling Percussion: Generally refers to rotary percussion but includes RC drilling in early reports Stream Sed: Stream sediment R Chip: Rock chip (only where column space was limited) Fe St.: Ironstone
<b>No. / Ag to Zn</b>	The number of samples taken between 0 and 4 metres below the surface from the medium indicated, and each element determined marked 'X'. An 'X*' is used to show where less than the total number of samples tallied were analysed for that element. Multiple 0–4 m samples taken from a single drill hole are tallied as single samples.
<b>Method/Analyst</b>	Blanks occur in these columns if the information is not indicated in the company report. AAS: Atomic absorption spectrophotometry BLEG: Bulk leach extractable gold ETA: Electrothermal absorption FA: Fire assay ICP (MS): Inductively coupled plasma (mass spectrometry) XRF: X-ray fluorescence AAL: Australian Assay Laboratories ALS: Australian Laboratory Services Anal: Analytical Ass: Assay Aus: Australia Dev: Development Inter: International Lab(s): Laboratories Metall: Metallurgical RDG: Resource Development Group Res: Resource SGS: Societe Generale de Surveillance WMC: Western Mining Corp Ltd
<b>Deep Drill</b>	'Y' marked in this column indicates that the report includes drilling to a depth greater than four metres.
<b>Comments on Samples</b>	Further sample details with regards to collection, analysis and data presentation. Dish estimates: Refers to visible gold after panning.

ID No.	Map Sheet	Company	I No.	A No.	Yr.	Medium	No.	Ag	As	Au	Bi	Co	Cr	Cu	Fe	Mn
1	3141	Western Mining Corp. Ltd	61	1592	66	Vacuum	50			X						
2	3140	Western Mining Corp. Ltd	1357	829	67	Vacuum	125		X	X						
3	3140	Western Mining Corp. Ltd	1714	82, 830,	69	Percussion	137					X*	X*	X	X	
	3141			1767,	-71	Percussion	115			X*		X	X	X	X*	
	3040			1775,		Soil	11100							X		
	3041			1942-7,		Soil	46800	X	X			X	X	X	X	X
				2248-9,		Ironstone	64000	X	X			X	X	X	X	X
				2340-2,		Ironstone	4350	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X
				2841-3,		Vacuum	125		X	X						
				4256-60,		Vacuum	142					X*	X*	X	X*	
				& 4262-6		Vacuum	195					X	X	X	X*	
						Auger	40					X	X	X	X*	
4	2940	CRA Expl. P/L	473	1069-70	67	Soil	350			X		X	X	X		
				2165	71	Soil	5040							X		
5	3041	Seltrust Mining Corp. P/L /	3837	10146-52	69	Soil	12100							X		
	2941	Western Selcast P/L		10158-59	-72	Auger	5700							X		
				10161-67		Percussion	410							X		
				10169-76												
				10186												
6	3041	Seltrust Mining Corp. P/L	3839	5634	74	Auger	1040							X		
						Percussion	23							X		
7	3041	BP Minerals Aust. P/L	5737	16009	84	Stream Sed	12	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
				5738	14583	84	Rock Chip	41	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
				5739	14233	84	Rock Chip	55	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
				15803	84	RAB	39	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
8	3041	Australian Selection P/L /	6181	1321	67	Soil	810					X*		X		
	2941	Seltrust Mining Corp. P/L		1327	-71	Soil	6350							X		
				2298												
				2686												
9	3140	Western Mining Corp. Ltd	917	137	66	Percussion	30									
					-67											
10	3041	Western Mining Corp. Ltd	1715	125	68	Rock Chip	51					X	X	X		
	3141			6869-70	-75	Percussion	21					X	X	X	X*	X*
				6873		Vacuum	136					X	X	X	X*	X*
				14476		Soil	4500					X	X	X	X*	X*
				15396												
			4464	16248	84	Rock Chip	27	X	X					X		
						Percussion	12	X	X					X		
11	3041	CRA Expl. P/L	1716	135	69	Percussion	12	X		X*			X	X		
		Western Mining Corp. Ltd		6807	-77	Percussion	3					X	X	X	X	
				7603		Gossan	6	X				X	X	X		X



Mo	Ni	Pb	Pd	Pt	Sb	Se	Sn	U	V	W	Zn	Method	Analyst	Deep Drill	Comment on Samples
															0-3m; Traverse
														Y	Dish estimates' and analyses
														Y	0-3m
	X	X*									X	AAS	WMC		0-3m
	X										X	AAS	WMC		0-4m; Also Mg*; Au few
	X											AAS	WMC		
	X										X	AAS	WMC		Also Ca & Mg
	X										X	AAS	WMC		Also Ca & Mg
	X										X	AAS	WMC		Also Ca, Mg & Te
												AAS	WMC		0-3m
	X										X	AAS	WMC		0-3m; Also Mg*
	X										X	AAS	WMC		0-4m; Also Mg*
	X										X	AAS	WMC	Y	0-3m; Also Mg*
	X	X									X				0-3m; Traverse
	X												Amdel	Y	Dish estimates' and analyses
	X										X				Ni & Cu mapped
	X										X				0-4m; Ni & Cu mapped
	X										X				0-4m; Ni & Cu mapped
														Y	
	X														0-4m
	X										X			Y	0-4m
X	X	X					X		X		X	ICP; BLEG	Analabs		Also Al, Mg, Ca, Na, K, TiO2, P2O5, Sr, La, Y, Be, Ce, & Zr
X	X	X				X	X		X		X	ICP; BLEG	Analabs		Also Al, Mg, Ca, Na, K, TiO2, P2O5, Sr, La, Y, Be, Ce, & Zr
X	X	X				X	X		X		X	ICP; BLEG	Analabs		Also Al, Mg, Ca, Na, K, TiO2, P2O5, Sr, La, Y, Be, Ce, & Zr
X	X	X				X	X		X		X	ICP; BLEG	Analabs		0-4m; Also Al, Mg, Ca, Na, K, TiO2, P2O5, Sr, La, Y, Be, Ce & Zr
														Y	
	X*										X*				6"depth
	X														
														Y	
X												AAS	WMC	Y	0-4m
	X	X									X		WMC		
	X										X				0-4m
	X										X				0-4m
	X										X				
	X	X									X		WMC		
	X	X									X		WMC	Y	0-4m
	X	X*									X*				0-4m
	X										X				0-4m
	X	X									X				
	X													Y	0-4m



Mo	Ni	Pb	Pd	Pt	Sb	Se	Sn	U	V	W	Zn	Method	Analyst	Deep Drill	Comment on Samples
	X										X				0-4m
	X										X				0-4m
	X										X				
	X										X				0-4m
														Y	
	X										X				0-4m
	X	X									X			Y	6"-9"
	X														2"-6"
	X										X*				To max. depth 3m
	X										X				Traverse contours only, no locations
	X										X			Y	21 @ 0-1.7m & 17@0-3m
	X	X									X	AAS			6" depth
	X											AAS	Sheen Labs		
	X											AAS	Sheen Labs		
	X											AAS	Sheen Labs		0-4m
	X											AAS	Sheen Labs	Y	0-4m
	X										X	AAS	Sheen Labs		
	X											AAS	Sheen Labs		
	X										X	AAS	Sheen Labs		
	X											AAS	Sheen Labs		0-4m
	X											AAS	Sheen Labs	Y	0-3m
	X											AAS			6"; Contour only
	X											AAS			0-4m
	X										X	AAS			
	X										X	AAS			
	X											AAS			9"; Contour & log-prob only, Sample data/locations not given
	X										X	AAS			0-4m
	X										X	AAS		Y	
	X										X				12"
	X										X	AAS		Y	0-1.5m
	X										X	AAS	Trace Element Labs		12"
	X										X				
	X														Depths not clear
	X										X			Y	1.3-4m
	X														Depths not clear
	X					X*					X			Y	1.3-4m
								X							0.1-2m; Also Ca*, Mg*, K*, P2O5*, SiO2*, SO2* & Th*
								X							0.2-0.3m; Also Ca, Mg, K, P2O5, SiO2, SO2 & Th
								X							0.3m; Also Ca, Mg & Si
								X							2-4m; Also Ca*, Mg*, K*, P2O5*, SiO2*, SO2* & Th*
								X							1-2m
								X							1-2m

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25	3041	Jododex Australia P/L	1476	3548-9 4241-4	72	Soil Percussion	2115 30							X X		
26	3041	Minefield Expl. NL	2729	3832	71	Soil Gossan Costean Percussion	 187 30 25							X X X X		
27	3041	Newmex Expl. Ltd	1497	4016	70	Surface Rock Soil Percussion	93 1200 15		X*					X X X		
28	3140	Newmex Expl. Ltd	3132	4017	70	Soil Percussion	760 2						X X	X X		
29	3041	BP Minerals Aust. P/L Newmont P/L Samson Expl. NL Seltrust Mining Corp. P/L	5481   	4128 11667 14562	72 -81	Soil Auger Ironstone Percussion Costean	315 121 28 33 7						X X X X*	X X X X		
30	3140	Asarco Australia P/L	144	4657	74	Grab Samples	67					X	X	X		
31	3041	Allstate Expl. NL Occidental Minerals Corp.	2812	5227 5717-8	71 -76	Ironstone Percussion	34 27							X X		
32	3041	Australian Selection P/L	636	5550	73	Rock Chip Percussion	27 3							X X		
33	3040	Australian Selection P/L	637	5552	74	Percussion	30							X		
34	3140	Australian Selection P/L Seltrust Mining Corp. P/L	2432	5630-1 10298	73 -80	Percussion	35		X*				X*	X		
35	3141	CRA Expl. P/L	1862	5725 6285	75 -76	Rock Chip	61	X				X	X*	X	X*	X
36	3140	Australian Selection P/L	638	5791	73	Rock Chip Auger	19 40							X X		
37	3041	International Nickel Australia Ltd	540	6014 6427	73 -76	Rock Chip Soil Auger RAB	148 925 24 60							X X X X		

Mo	Ni	Pb	Pd	Pt	Sb	Se	Sn	U	V	W	Zn	Method	Analyst	Deep Drill	Comment on Samples
	X										X	AAS	Sheen Labs		
	X										X	AAS	Sheen Labs	Y	1.5-4m
	X											AAS	Geochemical and		Contours only; Locations not given
	X										X		Mineralogical		
	X										X		Labs P/L		
	X										X			Y	0-4m
	X										X	AAS			
	X														6"
	X										X			Y	0-3m
	X														6"
	X													Y	0-4m
	X											AAS	Sheen Labs		Fine and coarse fraction analyses
	X														0-4m
	X										X				
	X	X									X				0-4m
	X										X			Y	0-4m
	X										X		Anal. Services		
	X										X	AAS			
	X													Y	0-4m
	X										X				
	X										X			Y	0-4m
	X										X	AAS		Y	0-4m
	X										X				0-4m
														Y	
	X	X									X	AAS	Analabs		Incl. gossan samples
	X										X				
	X													Y	0-4m
	X										X	AAS	Zinc Corp.		Also MgO%
	X										X				Coarse fraction contours only
															Sample data/locations not given
	X														0-4m
	X	X*									X			Y	0-4m

ID No.	Map Sheet	Company	I No.	A No.	Yr.	Medium	No.	Ag	As	Au	Bi	Co	Cr	Cu	Fe	Mn
38	3140	Australian Selection P/L	4029	6164	74	Rock Chip	1040	X*	X*	X*	X*	X*		X*	X*	X*
	3141	BP Minerals Aust. P/L	5892	7295-6	-89											
		Carpentaria Expl. Co. P/L	3404	8321		Soil	35			X						
		Chevron Expl. Corp.	5984	10299-00												
		Seltrust Mining Corp. P/L		13496		Pisolites	230		X	X			X*		X	
				15005-6												
				17489		Stream Sed	40			X						
				20221												
				20560		Auger	70	X*	X			X*		X	X*	X*
				20565												
				21876-7		Percussion	770	X*	X*	X*	X*		X*	X	X*	
				23569												
				24630												
39	3141	Aquitane Aust. Minerals P/L	3273	6784	76	Gossan	60	X				X*		X		
		BP Minerals Aust. P/L		7191	-78	Soil	230									
		Chevron Expl. Corp.		8230		Percussion	2	X		X*				X		
		Esso Expl. Aust. Inc.														
		Walgardy P/L														
40	3141	BP Minerals Aust. P/L	5832	6269	76	Gossan	9	X				X		X		
		Carpentaria Expl. Co. P/L		11128-9	-85	Percussion	47	X*	X*	X*				X		
		Chevron Expl. Corp.		12152		Percussion	20	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X
		Esso Expl. Aust. Inc.		15725												
		MIM Expl. P/L														
		Seltrust Mining Corp. P/L														
41	3140	Carpentaria Expl. Co. P/L	1089	6276	75	Rock Chip	30						X*	X		
				8787	-79	Percussion	10						X	X		
42	3140	Carpentaria Expl. Co. P/L	1090	9421	77	Rock Chip	109		X	X*				X		X
						Ironstone	22		X					X		
43	3140	CRA Expl. P/L	130	6293	75	Percussion	3						X	X		
						Gossan	160							X		
						Gossan	40						X	X		X
44	3040	Esso Expl. Aust. Inc.	793	6846	76	Percussion	105									
				6910	-78											
				7512												
				8239												
45	2941	International Nickel Aust. Ltd	504	6544	75	Percussion	50						X*	X		
				7379												
46	3140	Pennzoil Australia Ltd	2203	6816	77	Percussion	2	X				X		X		
				7785	-78	Rock Chip	34	X		X		X		X		X
47	2941	Western Mining Corp. Ltd	436	6895	77	Auger	160									
						Percussion	4									
48	3141	Asarco Australia P/L	3282	7432	77	Gossan	1200	X*	X*				X*	X	X*	X*
	3140		1156	9611												
			498	7435												
49	3140	Esso Expl. Aust. Inc.	1578	9042	80	Rock Chip	37	X	X	X	X*	X*	X*	X		
			2394	9690	-86	Costean	178	X	X	X	X	X		X		
			3847	14288		Percussion	520	X*	X	X*	X*	X*	X*	X*		
				18729												

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Mo	Ni	Pb	Pd	Pt	Sb	Se	Sn	U	V	W	Zn	Method	Analyst	Deep Drill	Comment on Samples
								X							
								X	X						Also Th
								X	X					Y	0-4m; Also Sr & Th
		X									X				
X*	X*	X			X*		X*				X	AAS			Also Hg*, P*, S*, SiO2* & TiO2*
														Y	0-4m
X*	X*	X			X*		X*				X	AAS			Also Hg*, P*, S*, SiO2* & TiO2*
								X	X			U - Fluorimetry V - AAS	Mining & Agricult. Labs of Perth		0-4m
														Y	
X*	X*	X					X*		X*		X	ICP			Also (Al2O3, Be, CaO, Ce, K2O, La, MgO, Na2O, P2O5, Sr, TiO2, Y, Zr)*
X*	X*	X*					X*		X*		X*	ICP			0-4m; Also (Al2O3, Be, CaO, Ce, K2O, La, MgO, Na2O, P2O5, Sr, TiO2, Y, Zr)*
												BLEG	Analabs		
														Y	
X	X	X				X*	X		X		X	ICP			Also (Al2O3, Be, CaO, Ce, K2O, La, MgO, Na2O, P2O5, Sr, TiO2, Y, Zr)*
X*	X	X				X*	X*		X*		X	ICP			Also (Al2O3, Be, CaO, Ce, K2O, La, MgO, Na2O, P2O5, Sr, TiO2, Y, Zr)*
	X	X									X	AAS			0-4m
	X	X									X	AAS		Y	0-4m
X	X	X				X*	X		X		X	ICP			Also (Al2O3, Be, CaO, Ce, K2O, La, MgO, Na2O, P2O5, Sr, TiO2, Y, Zr)*
X	X	X				X*	X		X		X	ICP		Y	0-4m; (Al2O3, Be, CaO, Ce, K2O, La, MgO, Na2O, P2O5, Sr, TiO2, Y, Zr)*
X*	X*	X				X*	X*				X				Also CO3* & K2O*
	X*	X*									X				0-4m; Also K2O*
														Y	
X*	X*	X					X*				X				0-4m; Also K2O
	X	X									X			Y	0-4m
X	X	X									X	AAS	Amdel		
X	X	X					X			X	X	AAS	Pilbara Labs		
	X	X					X*				X				0-2m
								X				XRF			
								X	X			XRF			0-1m; Also Th

ID No.	Map Sheet	Company	I No.	A No.	Yr.	Medium	No.	Ag	As	Au	Bi	Co	Cr	Cu	Fe	Mn
63	3041	Amax Expl. Aust. Inc.	3047	9248	80	Surface	380	X		X*	X*	X*	X*	X		X*
	3141	Amax Iron Ore Corp.		10322-4		RAB	18	X	X*			X*	X*	X		X*
		Samantha Expl. NL				Percussion	6	X					X	X		
		Seltrust Mining Corp. P/L														
64	3140	Austwhim Resources NL	7420	11157	82	Surface	61	X	X	X		X*	X	X		X*
		CRA Expl. P/L		12211	-88											
		Forrest Gold P/L		13478												
				14739		Surface	100			X						
				17002		Costean	225			X						
				19392			17	X	X			X		X		
				20060		RAB	468			X						
				26440-1												
						Percussion	60			X*						
65	3041	Texasgulf Australia Ltd	1910	11318	81	Soil	3300	X*	X	X		X*	X	X		
				11733	-82	Percussion	70	X*	X*	X	X*		X*			
				11735												
66	2941	Texasgulf Australia Ltd	1911	11319	81	Trench	270			X						
	3041			11736-8	-82	RAB	45	X	X	X				X		
						Percussion	100			X			X*			
67	3140	Texasgulf Australia Ltd	1913	11320-1	80	Trench	3500	X	X	X				X	X	
				11730	-82											
68	3141	Southern Goldfields Ltd	3638	15813	84	RAB	172			X						
					-86											
69	3041	Cliffminex NL	2264	12697	71	Soil	1100							X		
		Clifford Minerals Ltd														
		Kia Ora Gold Corp. NL														
70	3140	Samson Expl. NL	1908	12789	83	Rock Chip	40	X		X				X		X
		Samantha Expl. NL														
71	3140	Southern Goldfields Ltd	5441	12897	83	RAB	24			X						
				14889	-86	Percussion	10			X						
72	3140	Anaconda Australia Inc.	2401	12965	83	Rock Chip	60	X				X	X	X	X	X
									X							
										X						
73	3140	Golden Plateau NL	5669	13820	83	Rock Chip	90			X						
74	3140	Aztec Expl. Ltd	3502	14228	84	Soil	102		X	X						
		Aztec Mining Co. Ltd		24805	-88	RAB	33		X	X			X			
75	2941	Asarco Australia P/L	4774	31140	90	Lag	880			X						

Mo	Ni	Pb	Pd	Pt	Sb	Se	Sn	U	V	W	Zn	Method	Analyst	Deep Drill	Comment on Samples
									-						
X*	X	X					X*				X				Also Cd* & Hg*
	X	X									X				0-4m
	X	X									X				0-4m
														Y	
	X	X					X*				X	50 AAS	Analabs		
												11 AAS	Amdel		
													Au-FA-Classic Labs		
												FA	Classic Labs		
												FA	Classic Labs		0-2m
	X	X									X	AAS	Analabs		
												52 AAS	Pilbara Labs		0-4m
												16 AAS	Genalysis		
												400 FA	AAL		
	X*											6 AAS	Classic Labs		0-4m
												12 AAS	Genalysis		
												42 FA	AAL	Y	
	X	X*									X*	AAS	Genalysis		0-10cm
	X*				X*							AAS	Genalysis		0-4m
														Y	
												FA	Pilbara Labs		0-1m
	X										X	AAS, FA(Au)	Pilbara Labs		0-4m
	X*											AAS	Pilbara Labs		0-4m
												FA(Au)	Classic Labs	Y	
		X			X						X	AAS	Pilbara Labs		0-4m; Also Hg, K, & Te
														Y	0-4m
	X														Contours about sample points only; individual values not given
		X									X	AAS	Analabs		
													AAL		0-4m
													AAL	Y	0-4m
	X	X						X			X	ICP-MS			Also Al, Ba, Ca, Mg, Sr & Ti
												Atomic Fluor.			
												AAS			
												AAS	Analabs		
												AAS	Analabs	Y	0-4m
												AAS	Analabs		

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76	3141 3140	Asarco Australia P/L	5991	32894-5 35471 35473	89 -92	Rock Chip Lag Soil RAB	3 980 266 22			X X X X*						
77	3041 2941	Asarco Australia P/L	5994	30167-71 35474 41385	89 -94	Lag Soil Stream Sed	3450 90 39			X X X						
78	2941 3041	Asarco Australia P/L	6119	35466	90	Lag	75			X						
79	3041 2941	Asarco Australia P/L	6289 6709	36884 36958 37384	88 -90	Lag Soil	600 40			X X						
80	3140	Southern Ventures NL	3261	14449	83 -85	RAB	55			X		X*	X*	X*		
81	3141	Aztec Expl. Ltd Golden Plateau NL	4685	15541	85 -87	Rock Chip Costean Percussion	32 17 27	X	X	X X X					X	
82	3140	Freeport of Australia Inc.	2594	15507	85	Rock Chip	44			X						
83	3041	Forsayth NL	5968 3585	18498 22434	86 -88	Rock Chip Soil Laterite	200 310 85			X X X		X*	X*	X*		
84	3041 3141	Dechow & Co. P/L Mizenhead P/L	7394	15619 19575	85 -86	Soil Percussion	135 6			X X						
85	3140	Mount Edon Mines P/L	4163	15737	84 -85	Rock Chip Costean	38 60			X X						
86	3140	Balmoral Resources NL	5614	15866	84	Rock Chip Stream Sed Pisolites	60 19 73		X	X X X			X	X	X	X
87	2940	Electrolytic Zinc Co Geopeko Norgold Ltd	4689	31067	90	Rock Chip Stream Sed	27 134	X*	X	X X	X	X*			X	
88	3041	Chevron Expl. Corp.	2795	16277	85	Pisolites	37		X	X						
89	3140	Aztec Expl. Ltd	4781	17866-7 18131	84 -87	Soil Percussion	435 16			X X						
90	2940	Aust. Consolidated Minerals Ltd Austamax Resources Ltd Electrolytic Zinc Co Norgold Ltd	4410	17437	85 -88	Soil Stream Sed Laterite Rock Chip	200 45 10 19		X	X X X X			X	X	X X X	X

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				24019	-88	Soil	109			X						
						Rock Chip	21	X*	X	X				X*		
						Stream Sed	12		X*	X					X*	
						RAB	1									
92	3041	Chevron Expl. Corp.	4499	20615	87	Rock Chip	69	X*	X*	X				X*		
	3141			23783	-89	Stream Sed	45		X*	X					X*	
				27133		Pisolites	130		X	X					X*	
				27135		RAB	144		X	X					X	
93	3141	Minsaco Resources P/L	4321	19153-4	86	Soil	2060		X*	X				X*		
	3140		3513	26192-3	-90	Rock Chip	63		X*	X						
				29017-8		Costean	98		X	X						
				31649-50		RAB	40			X				X*		
				20345		Percussion	13			X						
94	3140	Kalgoorlie Southern	4072	19259	86	Rock Chip	17	X	X	X				X		
		Goldmines NL				Rock Chip	18	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X
						RAB	50			X						
95	3140	Billiton Australia	2800	19747	87	Soil	140			X						
						Rock Chip	7	X	X	X				X		
96	3141	Nippon Mining of Australia P/L	4200	28669-72	89	Soil	585			X						
						RAB	170			X						
						RC	24			X						
97	3140	Mt. Burgess Gold Mining Co. NL	5064	25175	87	Rock Chip	56			X						
				25180	-88	RC	15			X						
						Percussion	95			X						
98	3040	Noble Resources NL	3550	20708	87	Rock Chip	14			X				X		
	3041			25356		Gossan	21			X						
						RC	16			X				X		
99	3140	Charter Mining NL	3767	20824	87	RC	43			X						
100	3141	Conquest Mines NL	4566	24524	88	Rock Chip	146			X						
		Broadarrow Gold Mines P/L		25077	-89											
				29376		RC	16			X						
						Percussion	8			X						
101	3041	BHP Gold Mines Ltd	4800	25896	88	Lag	332		X	X				X		
						Stream Sed	8			X						
						Soil	95			X						
102	3140	AFMECO P/L	3975	21815	87	Soil / R Chip	13		X	X						
				24711	-88	Percussion	51			X						
103	3140	Balmoral Resources NL	3936	22148	87	Rock Chip	51		X	X						
		Equity Minerals Ltd		23857-8	-88	RAB	240			X						
104	3140	Chevron Expl. Corp.	3855	23141	88	Stream Sed	16									
				27130	-89	RAB	225		X	X					X	

Mo	Ni	Pb	Pd	Pt	Sb	Se	Sn	U	V	W	Zn	Method	Analyst	Deep	Comment on Samples
														Drill	
		X			X		X			X	X				
		X*			X*		X*			X*	X*	AAS	ALS		0-20cm
												AAS	Analabs		Also Ti* & Zr*
												AAS	ALS		
														Y	0-4m
		X*									X*	FA; AAS	ALS		
											X*	FA; AAS	ALS		
					X*					X*		FA; AAS	ALS		
												FA; AAS	Analabs	Y	0-4m
		X*									X*	FA; AAS	AAL		0-20cm
										X*		FA; AAS	Res. Dev. Labs		0-4m
		X*									X*				0-4m
													SGS/Classic Labs	Y	0-4m
		X									X		Pilbara Labs		
	X	X									X		Pilbara Labs		Also Al, Ca, K, Mg, Na, P & Ti
														Y	0-4m
												BLEG	AAL		
	X	X	X	X						X	X	FA (Au)	Comlabs		
												ETA	SGS		
												ETA	AAL		0-4m
												FA	SGS	Y	0-2m
												AAS			0-1m
												AAS	Minlabs	Y	0-2m
	X		X	X											
			X	X											
	X		X	X									Anal. Services	Y	0-2m
														Y	0-4m
												FA	Classic Comlabs		
												BLEG	Anal. Services		
															0-2m
														Y	1-2m
		X									X	FA (Au)	Comlabs		
												XRF (As)			
												AAS(Cu, Pb, Zn)			
												FA	Comlabs		
												BLEG	Comlabs	Y	
														Y	0-2m
													AAL	Y	0-4m
												BLEG/AAS	ALS		
												AAS	Res. Dev. Labs	Y	0-4m

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105	3041 3141	Kailis, M.G.	5085	23136	90	Grab Sample	93			X						
106	3140	Intercontinental Gold and Minerals NL	5390	27150	88	Soil RAB	930 56			X X						
107	3040 3041	CSR Ltd	3482	24221	88	Stream Sed	57	X		X				X		
108	3140	Sons of Gwalia NL	3717	25577	88	Soil Soil RAB	2130 160 145		X X	X X						
109	3041	Miralga Mining NL	3858	24635	88	Rock Chip Stream Sed	68 88	X*		X			X X*	X X		
110	3041	Golden Valley Mines NL	5958	26796 27223 34241	88 -91	Soil Pisolite Rock Chip Lag	24 8 33 1110		X X	X X		X X		X		
111	3041 3141	BP Minerals Aust. P/L Forsayth NL	5762 4287	24370 27986 31460 31501	88 -91	Lag Stream Sed Soil RAB Rock Chip	51 30 44 2 7		X X	X X						
112	2940	Riverina Gold NL	3886	24377 27179	87 -89	Soil Rock Chip Stream Sed	190 113 134		X X	X X			X* X*	X* X*		
113	3140	Mr. Crew, R.F. Mr. Holloran, W.F. Mr. Wright, J.G.	4094	24640	88	Soil Percussion	29 7			X X						
114	3141	Chevron Expl. Corp.	3636	24823 25853	88	Rock Chip RC RAB	14 3 39		X X	X X				X	X X	
115	3141	Swan Resources Ltd	5292	25310	88	Rock Chip Rock Chip	110 36			X X				X		
116	3140	Randwick NL	3735	25565	88	Soil RC	730 5			X X						
117	3141	BHP Minerals Ltd	5295	27064	88	Soil Rock Chip	268 368		X*	X X						
118	3041	Forsayth NL	5117	26443	89	Stream Sed Soil Rock Chip	74 5 23			X X X						
119	3140	Sons of Gwalia NL	3866	26605	88	Soil Rock Chip	620 8			X X						



Mo	Ni	Pb	Pd	Pt	Sb	Se	Sn	U	V	W	Zn	Method	Analyst	Deep Drill	Comment on Samples
												FA/AAS	AAL		
													Anal. Services		
												AAS	Analabs	Y	0-2m
													Classic Labs		
												BLEG/ICP	Anal. Services		
												ETA/AAS	Analabs		
												AAS	Analabs	Y	0-2m
	X		X	X							X*	ICP/AAS	Anal. Services		
													RDG		
		X*	X*	X*							X*	ICP/AAS/ETA	Anal. Services		
													Genalysis		
												BLEG/AAS	ALS		
X		X			X	X*	X			X	X	XRF/AAS	Classic / Comlabs		
												FA/ETA			
												BLEG	Analabs		
												ETA/AAS	Genalysis		
												BLEG	Rapley Wilkinson		0-4m
	X	X									X	ICP/AAS (Au)	Analabs	Y	
			X	X											
	X*		X*	X*											
												BLEG	ALS		
												FA/AAS	Analabs		
												FA/AAS	Analabs		0-2.5m
														Y	
												AAS	Analabs		
											X	AAS	Analabs		0-2m
												AAS	Analabs	Y	0-4m
													AAL		
X	X	X								X	X		AAL		
												ETA	Genalysis		
												AAS	Genalysis	Y	0-1m
												BLEG/AAS	Analabs		
												ETA/AAS	Analabs		
												BLEG			
												BLEG			
												BLEG			
												BLEG	Sheen/Analabs		30cm
												FA	AAL		

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No.	Sheet															
120	3140	Aust. Consolidated Minerals Ltd	3874	26916	89	Soil	58	X		X				X		
						Stream Sed	4	X		X				X		
121	3041	Melbourne Expl. NL	3999	26931	89	Soil	53			X						
122	2940	SIPA Resources Ltd	4618	28808	89	Lag	108		X	X				X		
123	3040 3140	Aust. Consolidated Minerals Ltd	5125	28101	89	Soil	1050	X	X	X				X*		
						Stream Sed	90	X		X				X		
						Lag	173	X	X	X				X		
						RAB	80	X	X	X				X		
124	3140	ACM Gold Ltd	5618	28128	89	Stream Sed	7	X		X				X		
						Soil	154	X		X				X		
						Soil	21	X	X	X				X		
						Lag	21	X	X	X				X		
125	3140	Coopers Resources NL	7549	28947	84	Rock Chip	6		X	X						
		Dominion Mining Ltd		29101	-92	RAB	11			X						
				37570		RC	20			X						
126	3140	Ashton Gold WA Ltd	4627	30516	89	Stream Sed	330			X						
			5782	33540	-90	Rock Chip	64		X*	X						
			4440	30517		Soil	2170		X	X				X*		
			6003	33543												
			5905	33593												
						Vacuum	20			X						
						RAB	44		X	X						
127	3140	ACM Gold Ltd	5487	29035	89	Stream Sed	5	X		X				X		
						Soil	64	X	X	X				X		
128	3141	Western Mining Corp. Ltd	6628	36810	87	Lag	2068		X	X	X			X	X	X
				38592	-93											
129	3041	Dalrymple Resources NL	4023	29797	89	Soil	80			X						
						Stream Sed	7			X						
						Rock Chip	7	X						X		
130	3140	Southern Ventures NL	4754	30116	90	Soil	272			X						
131	3141	Asarco Australia P/L	4987	30363	90	Lag	2674			X						
132	3140	Asarco Australia P/L	4445	30366	90	Rock Chip	57		X	X		X		X		
						Lag	800			X						
						RC	23			X						
133	3041	Western Mining Corp. Ltd	6315	36549	92	Lag	125		X	X		X	X	X	X	X

Mo	Ni	Pb	Pd	Pt	Sb	Se	Sn	U	V	W	Zn	Method	Analyst	Deep	Comment on Samples
														Drill	
												BLEG	Rapley Wilkinson		
												BLEG	Rapley Wilkinson		
														Y	
												ETA (Au)	Genalysis		Scraping of top 2.5cm from 1 sq. m
												AAS (Cu, As)	Genalysis		
		X*									X*	BLEG	Perth Metall. Labs		
												ETA (Au, Ag)	SGS		
												XRF (As)	SGS		
												AAS (other)	SGS		
												BLEG (Au)	Ass. Research Aust.		
		X									X	XRF (As)	Classic Comlabs		
												AAS (other)	Classic Comlabs		
		X									X	FA (Au)	AAL		0-4m
												Other ?	AAL	Y	
												BLEG	Rapley Wilkinson		
												BLEG	Rapley Wilkinson		
		X									X	XRF (As)	SGS		
												ETA (Au, Ag)	SGS		
												AAS (Cu, Pb, Zn)	SGS		
		X									X	FA (Au); ICP	AAL		
												AAS	Genalysis		
													Analabs		0-4m
												FA	Genalysis	Y	0-3m
												BLEG/AAS	ALS		
												FA (Au) ; AAS	AAL		
		X*									X*	BLEG/AAS	Genalysis		0-30 cm
												FA/AAS (Au)	Minlab		
												AAS (other)	Minlab		
												FA/AAS	Minlab		0-4m
														Y	0-4m
												BLEG; AAS	ALS		
		X									X	XRF (As)	SGS		
												AAS (other)	SGS		
X		X									X	AAS	WMC		
												BLEG	AAL		
												BLEG	AAL		
	X	X									X		AAL		
												BLEG	ALS		
												ETA	Analabs		
	X	X									X				
														Y	0-2m
	X										X	AAS	WMC		

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134	3141	Summit Gold Australia P/L	6437	31255	90	Soil	738		X	X						
		MIM Expl. P/L		34972	-91	Rock Chip	2			X						
						Lag	625			X						
						RAB	87			X						
135	3140	Placer Exploration Ltd	6598	31293-4	89	Rock Chip	3385			X						
	3141	Expl. Research Aust. P/L		34827	-91	Rock Chip	8	X		X						
						Lag	1030			X						
						Stream Sed	23	X		X				X		
136	3041	Forsyth NL	6580	37183	89	Soil	465		X*	X						
	3141	Plutonic Operations Ltd	7007	40501	-91	Rock Chip	28	X	X	X		X		X		
	3040					Stream Sed	36		X*	X*						
						Percussion	35		X	X						
137	3141	Dakota Gold Mines NL	7441	34122-3	89	Stream Sed	15	X	X	X	X	X		X		
					-91	Rock Chip	11	X	X	X	X	X		X		
						Soil	424		X*	X						
						RAB	39		X	X						
138	3041	Hunter Resources Ltd	4992	31681	90	Laterite	41		X	X						
						Rock Chip	31		X	X						
						Stream Sed	125	X*		X				X*		
139	3141	Mt Martin Gold Mines NL	5154	32241	90	Soil	350			X						
						Rock Chip	14			X				X*		
140	3041	Mt Edon Gold Mines NL	6697	37727	93	Soil	632			X				X		
	3141															
141	3141	Carpentaria Expl. Co. P/L	6513	33233	91	Soil	600	X*	X	X*						
						Rock Chip	7	X*	X	X*						
142	3041	Spargos Mining NL	6863	38180	93	Rock Chip	23					X	X	X		
	3141		7494	40555	-94	Soil	32			X		X	X	X		
						Stream Sed	132		X*	X*		X*	X*	X		
143	3041	Kriston P/L	7042	35103	92	Lag / Soil	356			X				X		
	3141															
144	3141	Western Mining Corp. Ltd	5520	33766	91	Lag	905		X	X		X	X	X	X	X
145	3140	Towson Holdings P/L	7565	37067	92	Soil	96		X	X						
				38899	-93	RAB	25			X						
146	3140	Hunter Resources Ltd	6042	35380	92	Lag	160		X	X						
147	3141	MIM Expl. P/L	6422	36359	92	Soil	2165		X	X						
						Rock Chip	30			X						
						RAB	58	X*	X	X*				X*		

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No.	Sheet															
148	3041	Helix Resources NL	6605	36999	92	Pisolite / Lag	57		X	X						
						Pisolite / Lag	169		X	X				X		
						Rock Chip	8			X			X	X	X	
						Rock Chip	7		X	X				X		
						Soil	30			X				X		X
149	3140	Triton Resources Ltd	7126	39576	93	Soil	1677		X	X						
150	3140	Dominion Mining Ltd	7255	37690	93	Lag	320			X						
151	3041	Plutonic Operations Ltd	7469	41837	94	Stream Sed	61		X	X				X		
						RAB	16		X	X						
152	3140	Tern Minerals NL	7541	39876	93	Soil	5570			X						

Mo	Ni	Pb	Pd	Pt	Sb	Se	Sn	U	V	W	Zn	Method	Analyst	Deep Drill	Comment on Samples
												FA/AAS	Analabs		
	X											ETA/AAS	Genalysis		
	X	X		X							X	FA/AAS(Au, Pt)	Classic Labs		
												ICP			
	X		X	X								ICP (Au, PGE)	Genalysis		
												AAS			
	X											AAS	Classic Labs		
													Genalysis		
													Genalysis		
	X											BLEG	Analabs		
												AAS	Multilab	Y	0-4m
													Anal. Services		





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### Element-distribution maps (4–40)

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5. Aluminium oxide
6. Iron oxide
7. Magnesium oxide
8. Calcium oxide (high)
9. Calcium oxide (low)
10. Sodium oxide
11. Potassium oxide
12. Phosphorus oxide
13. Manganese oxide
14. Arsenic
15. Gold
16. Barium
17. Cerium
18. Cobalt
19. Chromium
20. Copper
21. Fluorine
22. Gallium
23. Lanthanum
24. Nickel
25. Lead
26. Palladium
27. Platinum
28. Rubidium
29. Sulfur
30. Antimony
31. Scandium
32. Strontium
33. Thorium
34. Uranium
35. Vanadium
36. Yttrium
37. Zinc
38. Zirconium
39. Beryllium, lithium, molybdenum, niobium, tin
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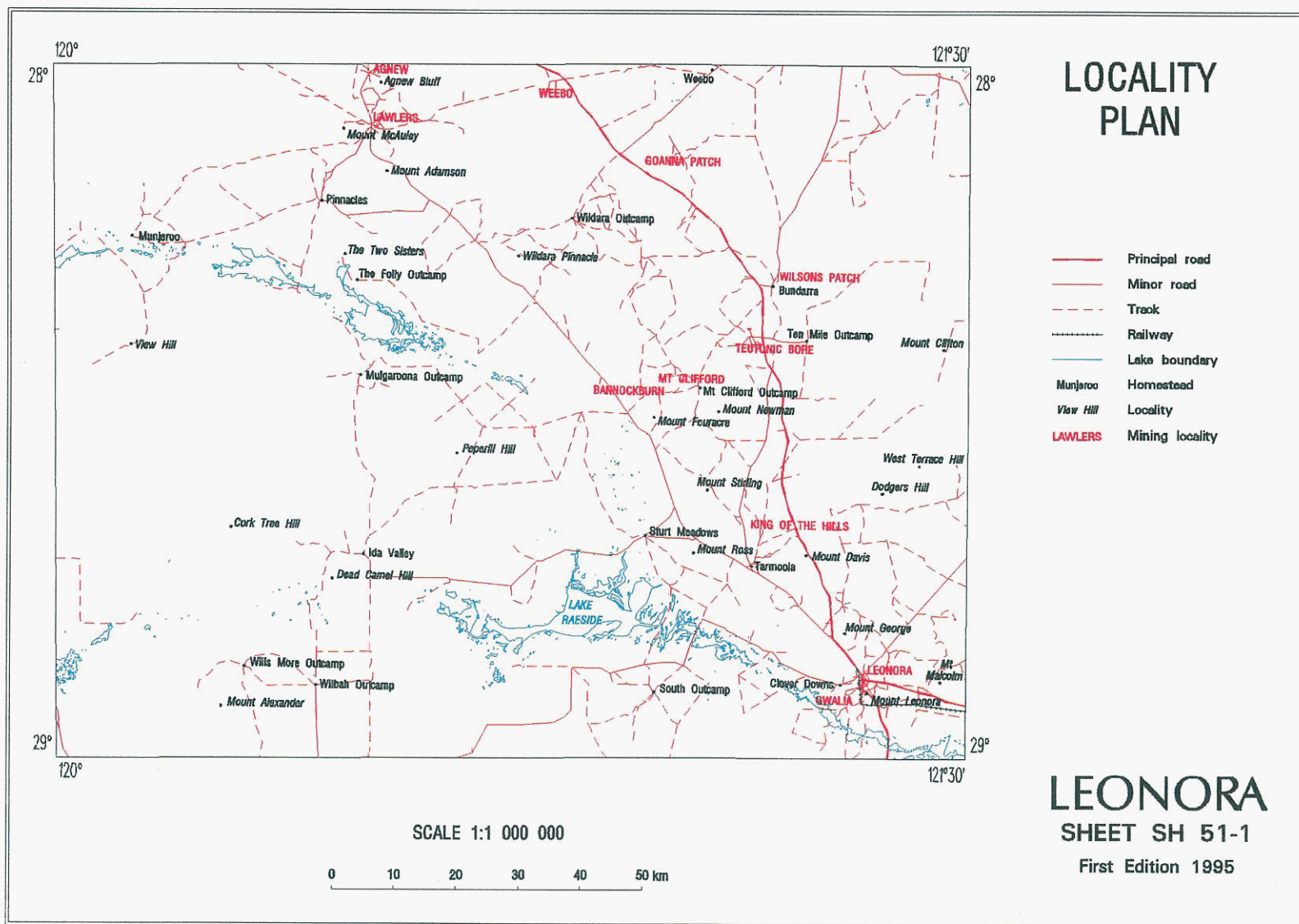


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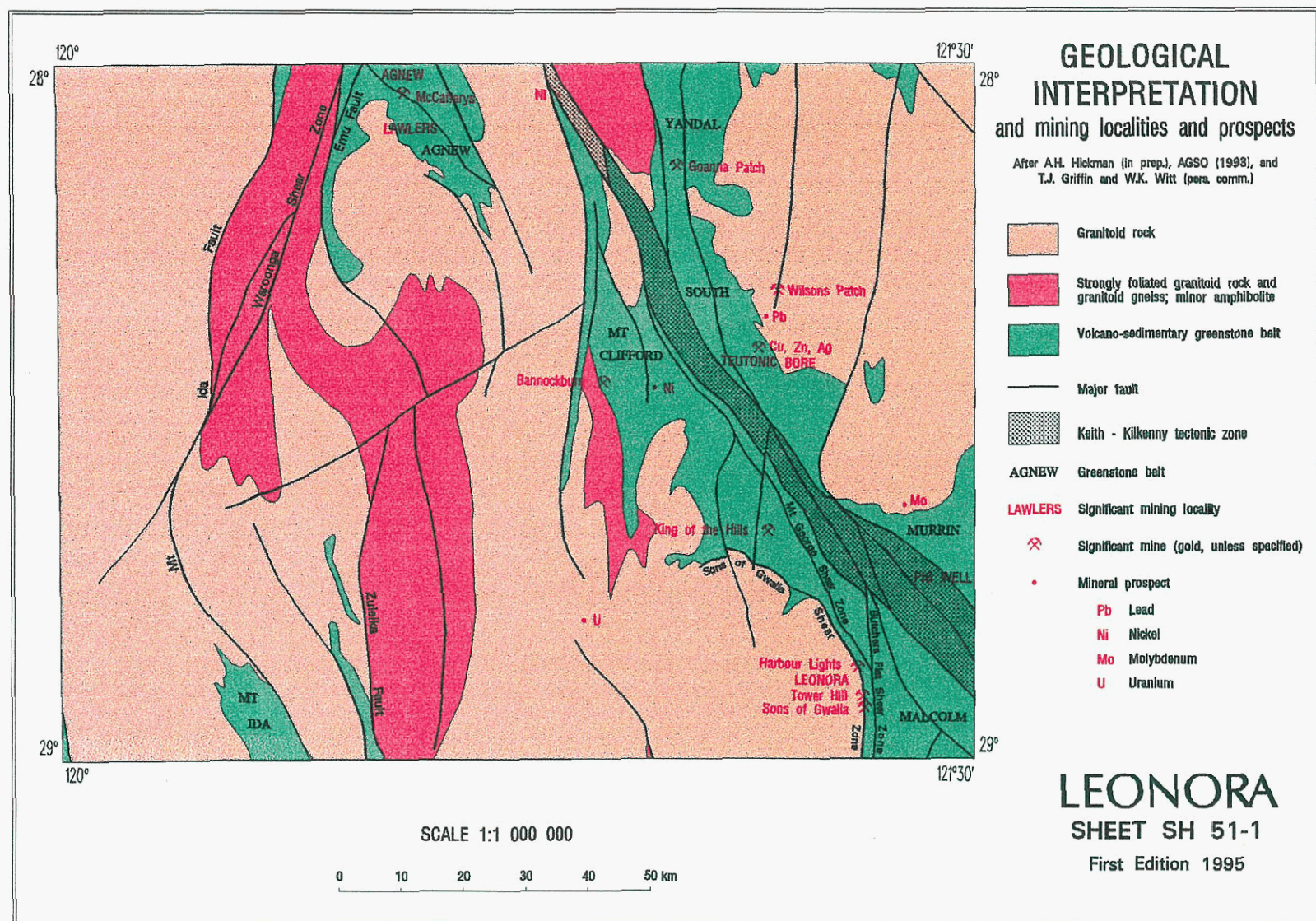
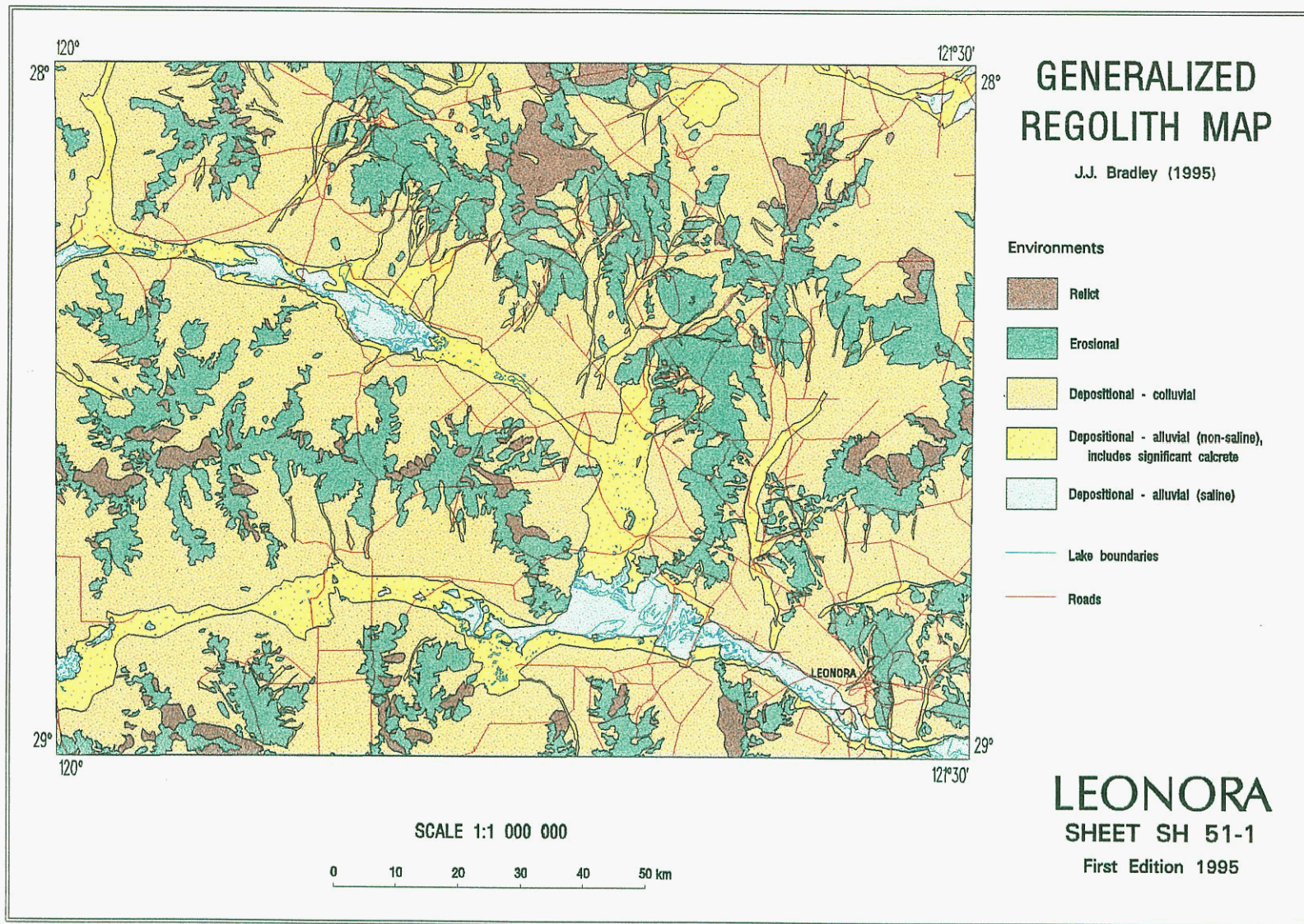




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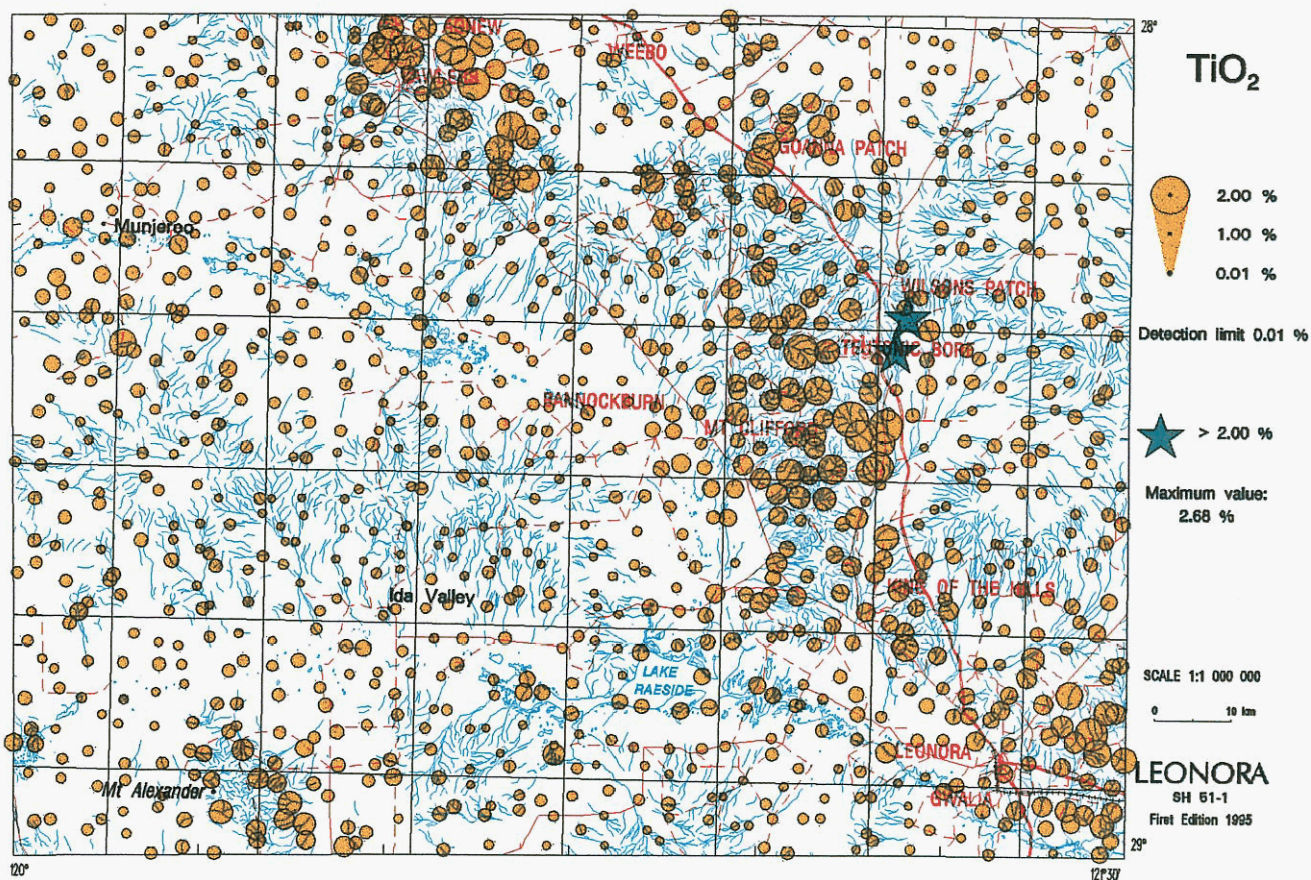


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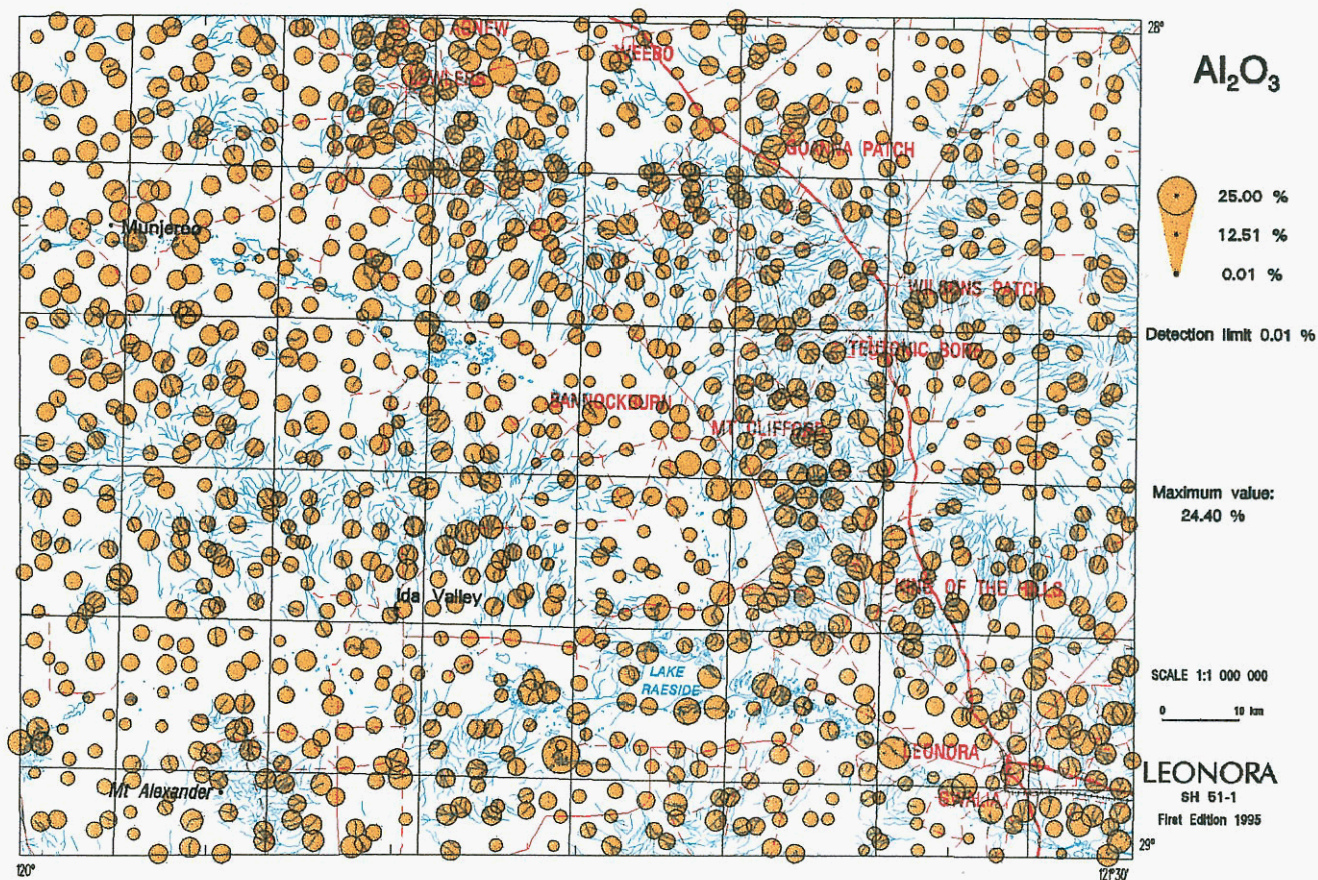


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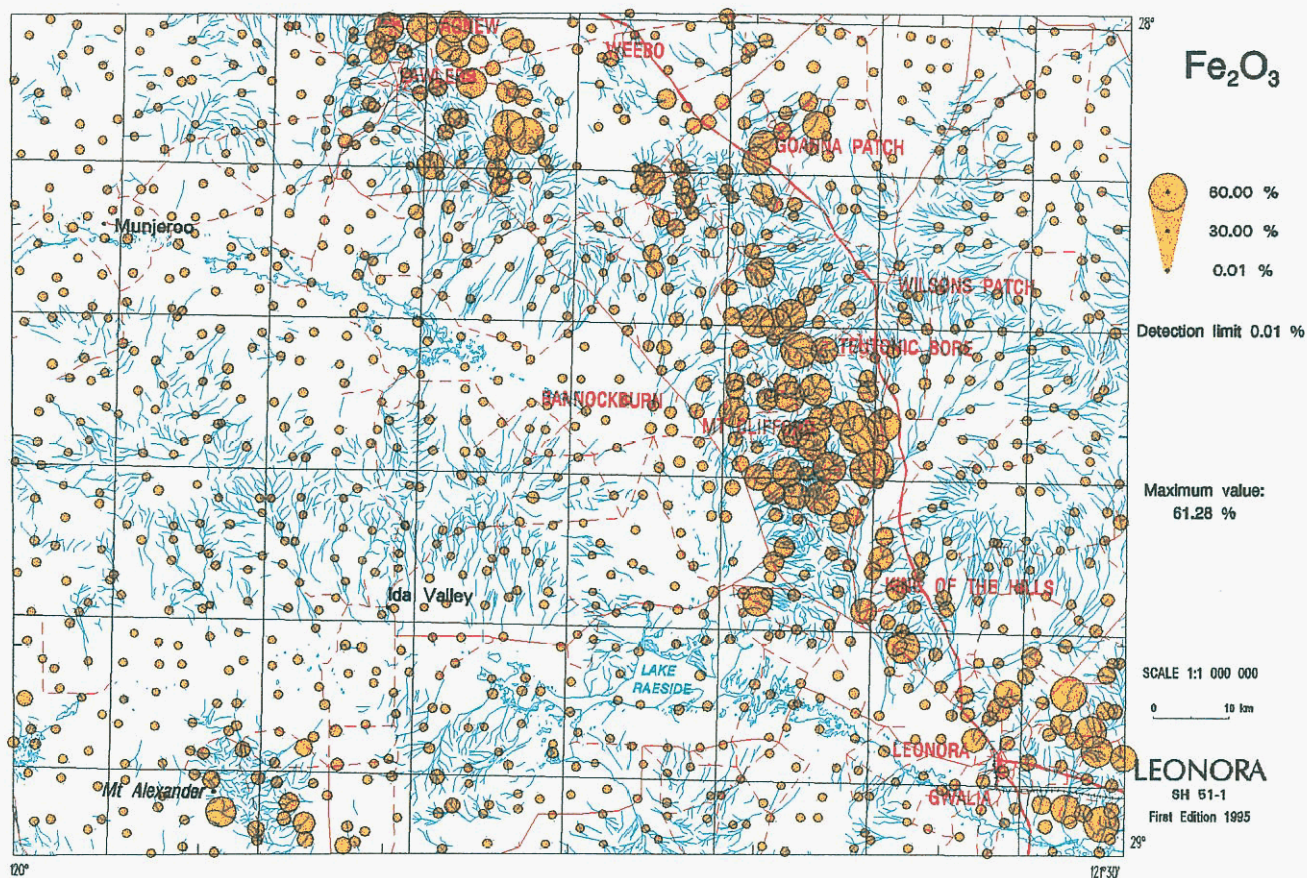


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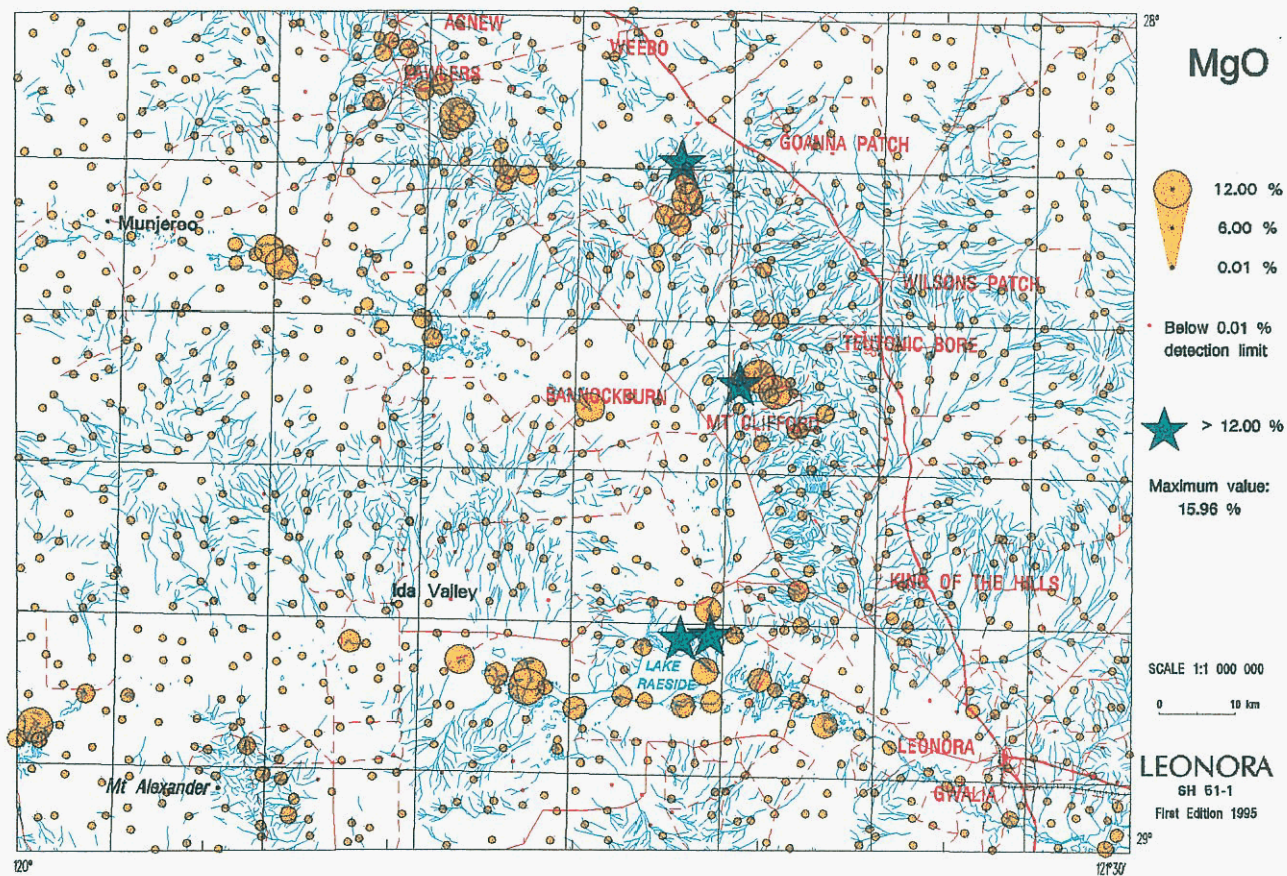


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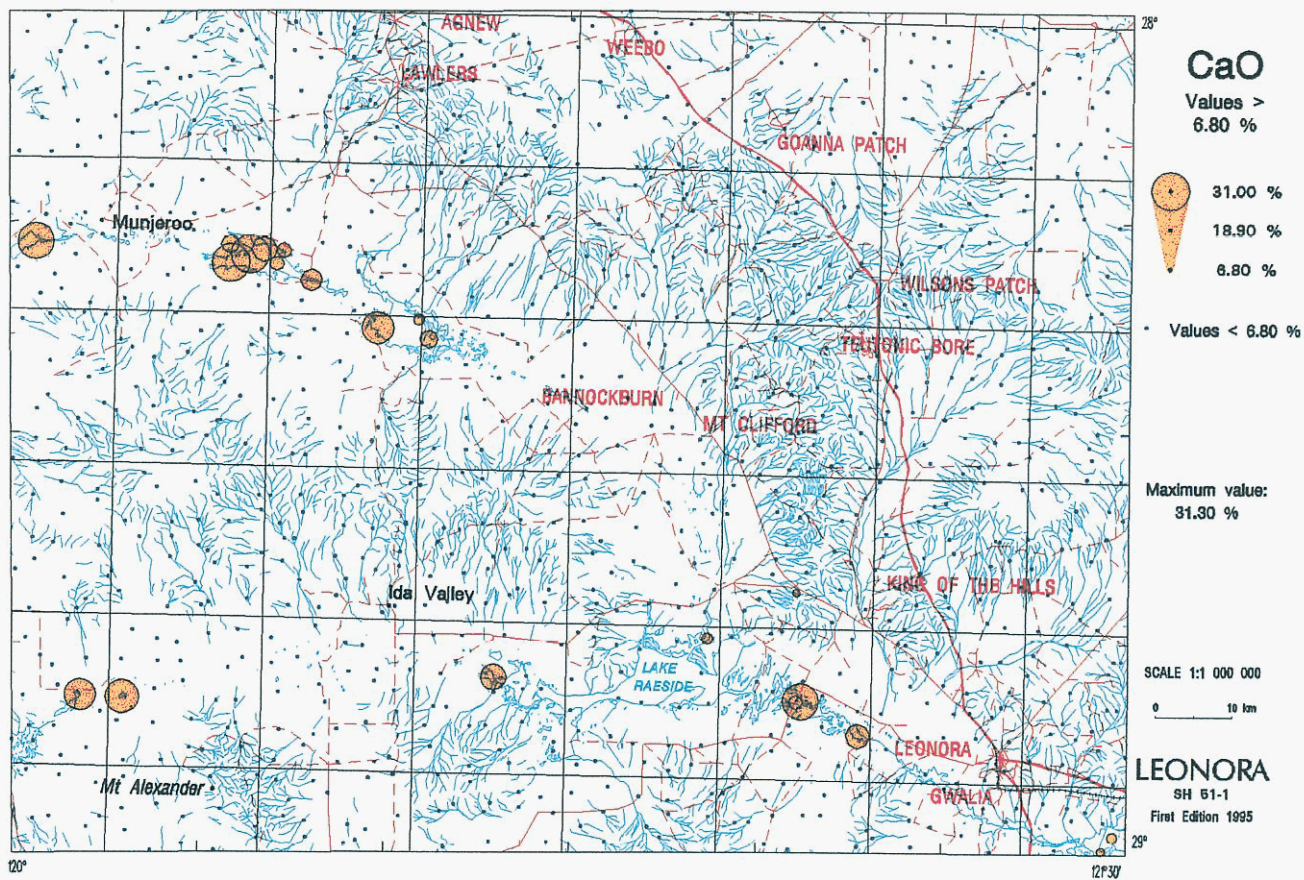


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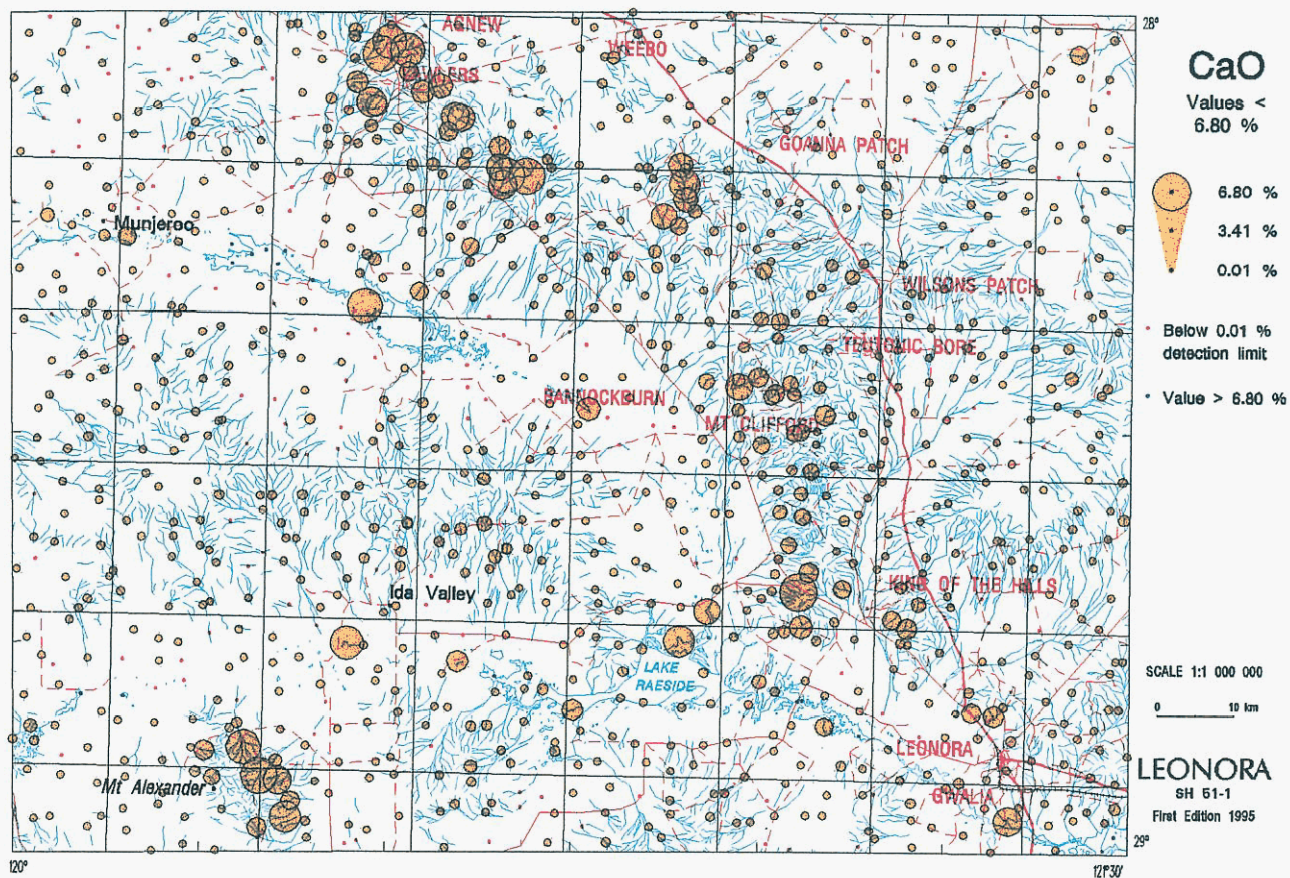


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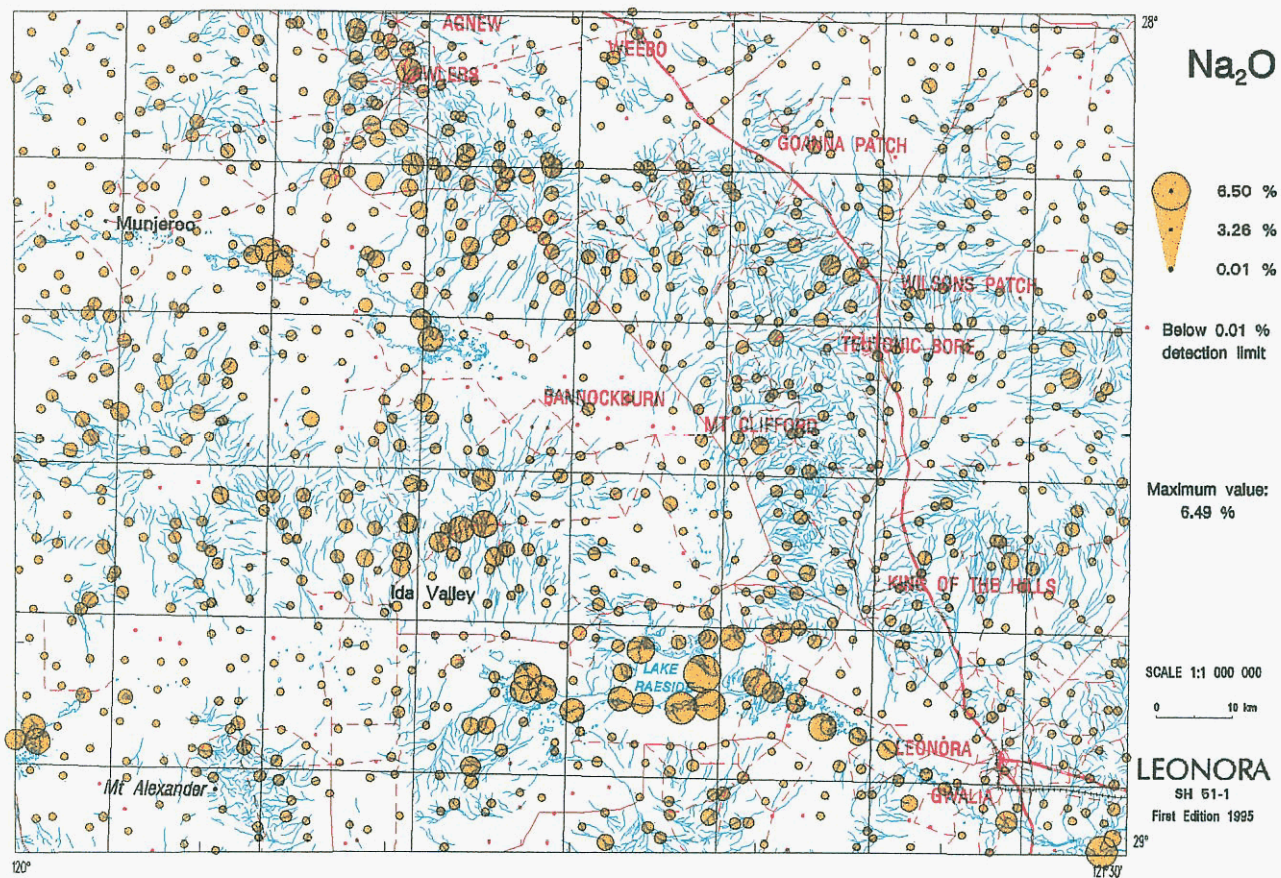


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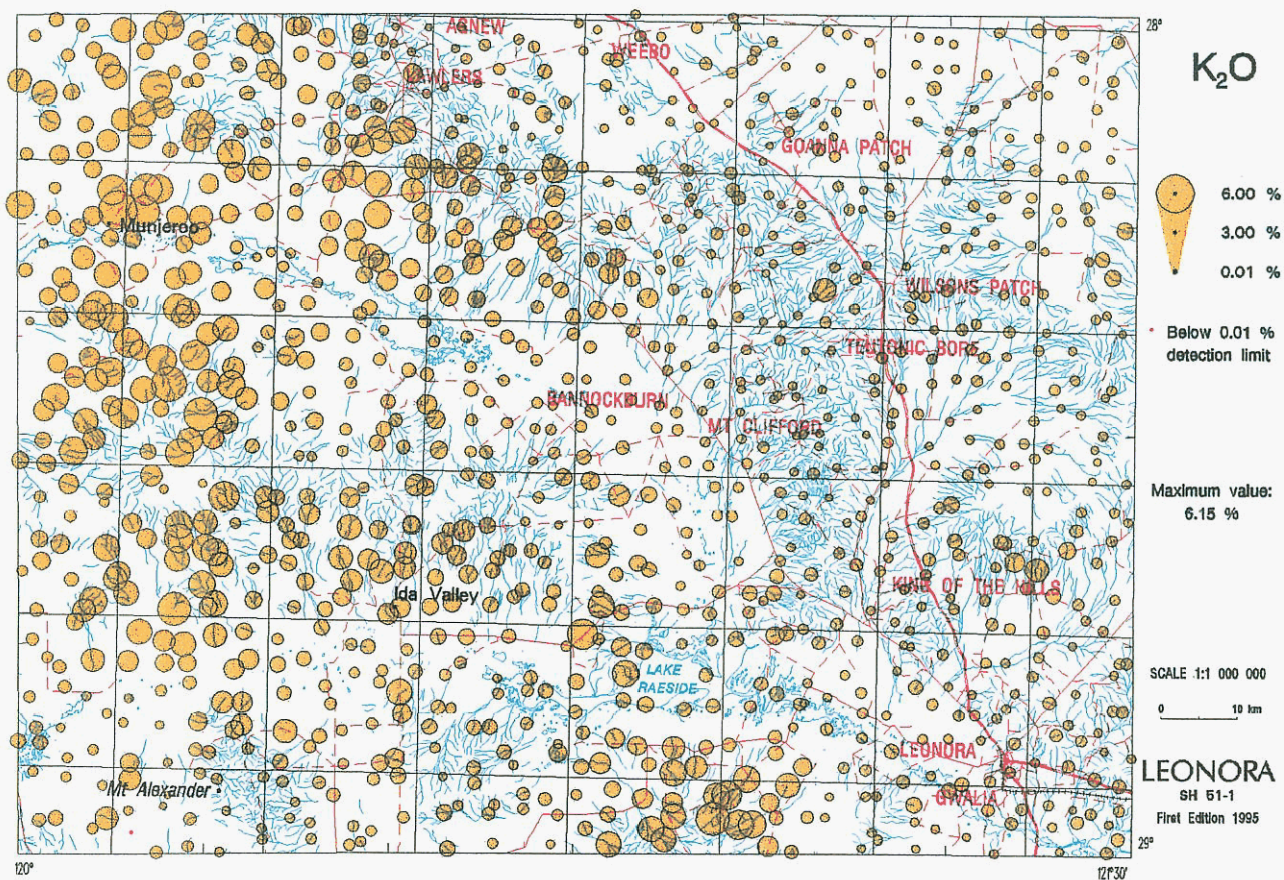


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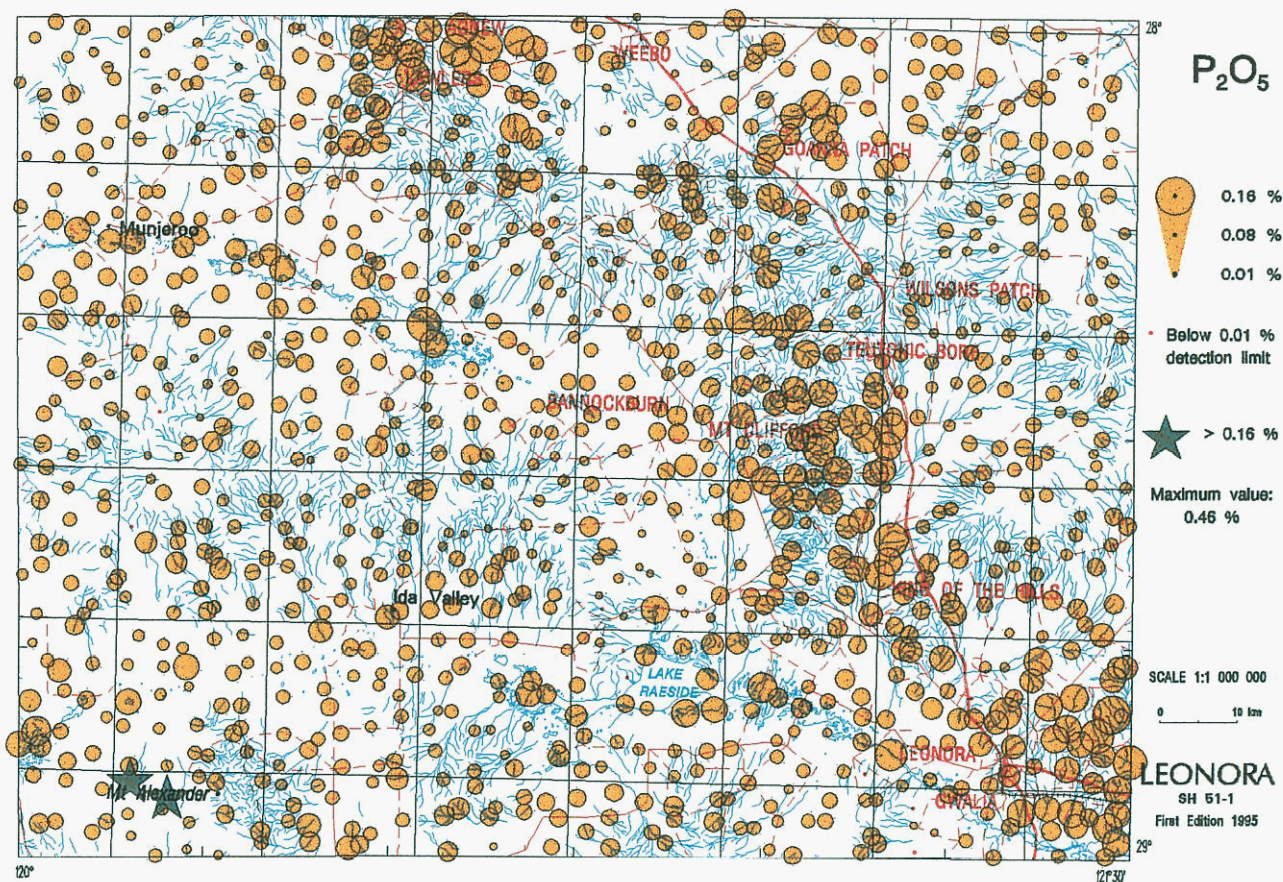


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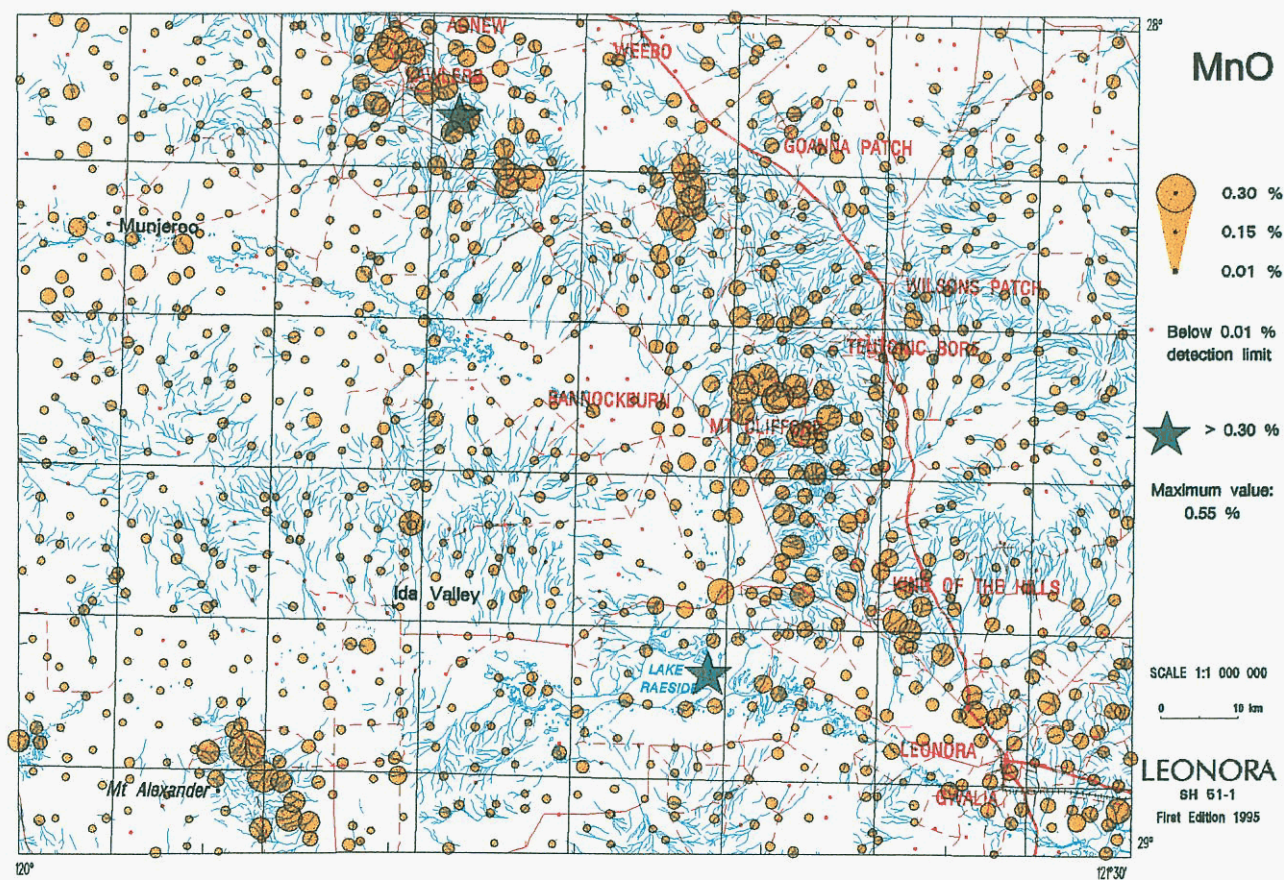


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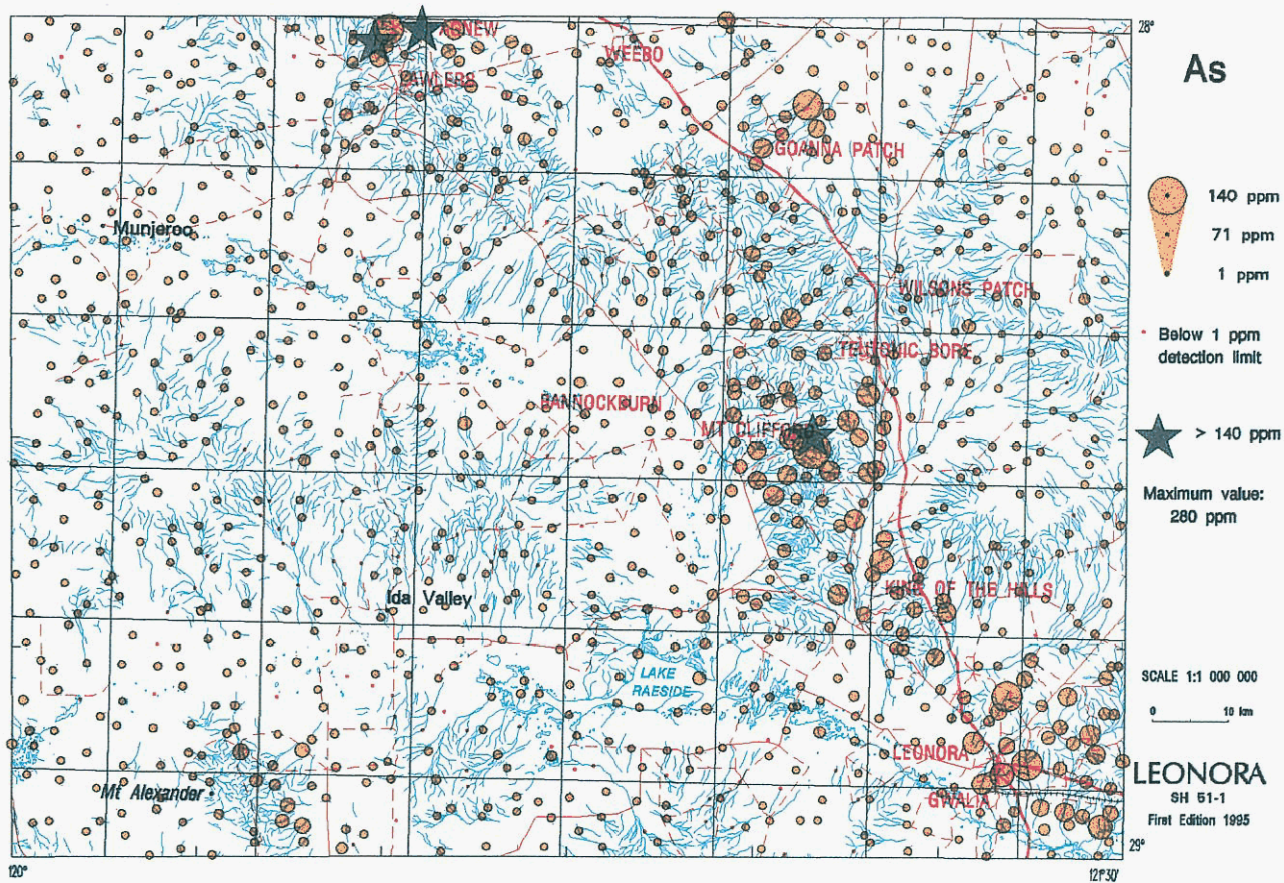


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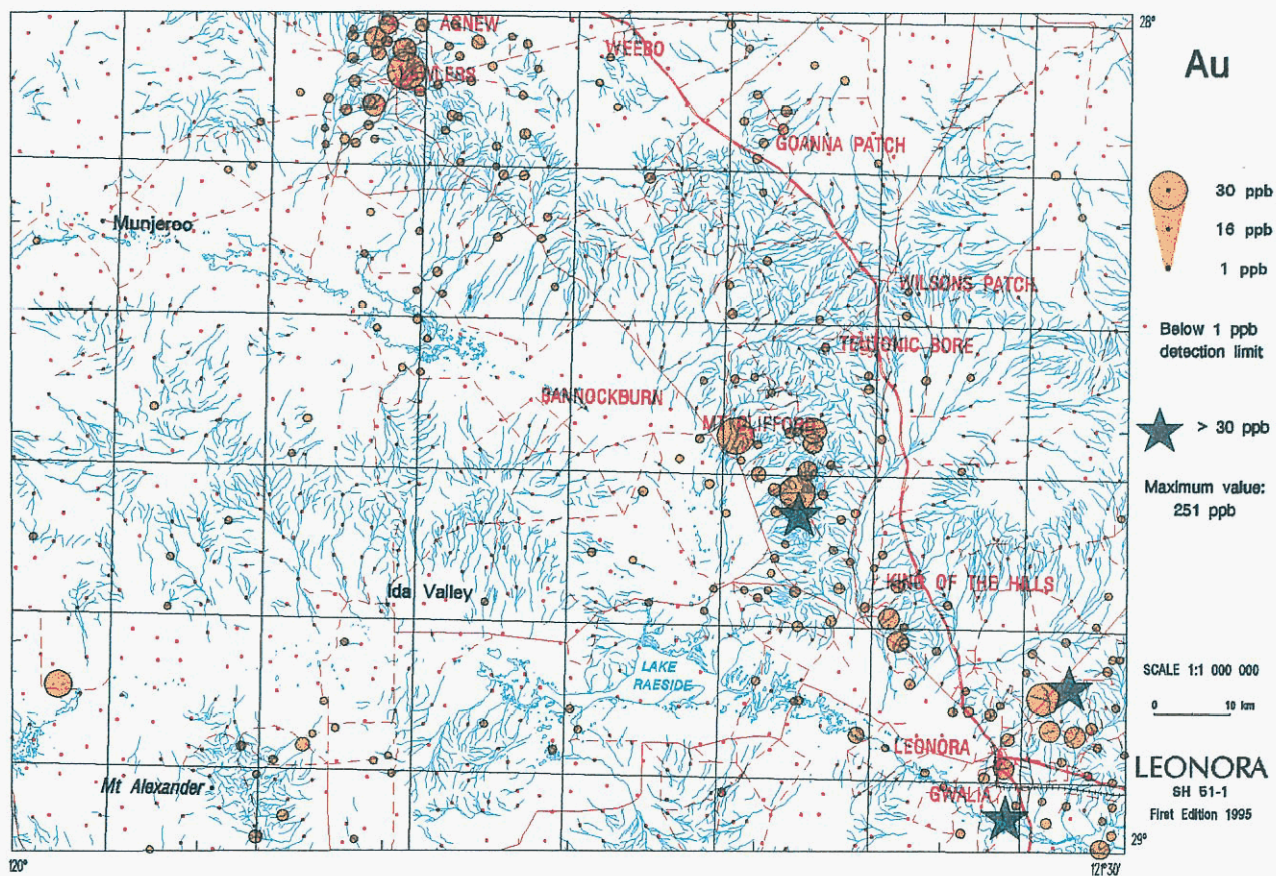


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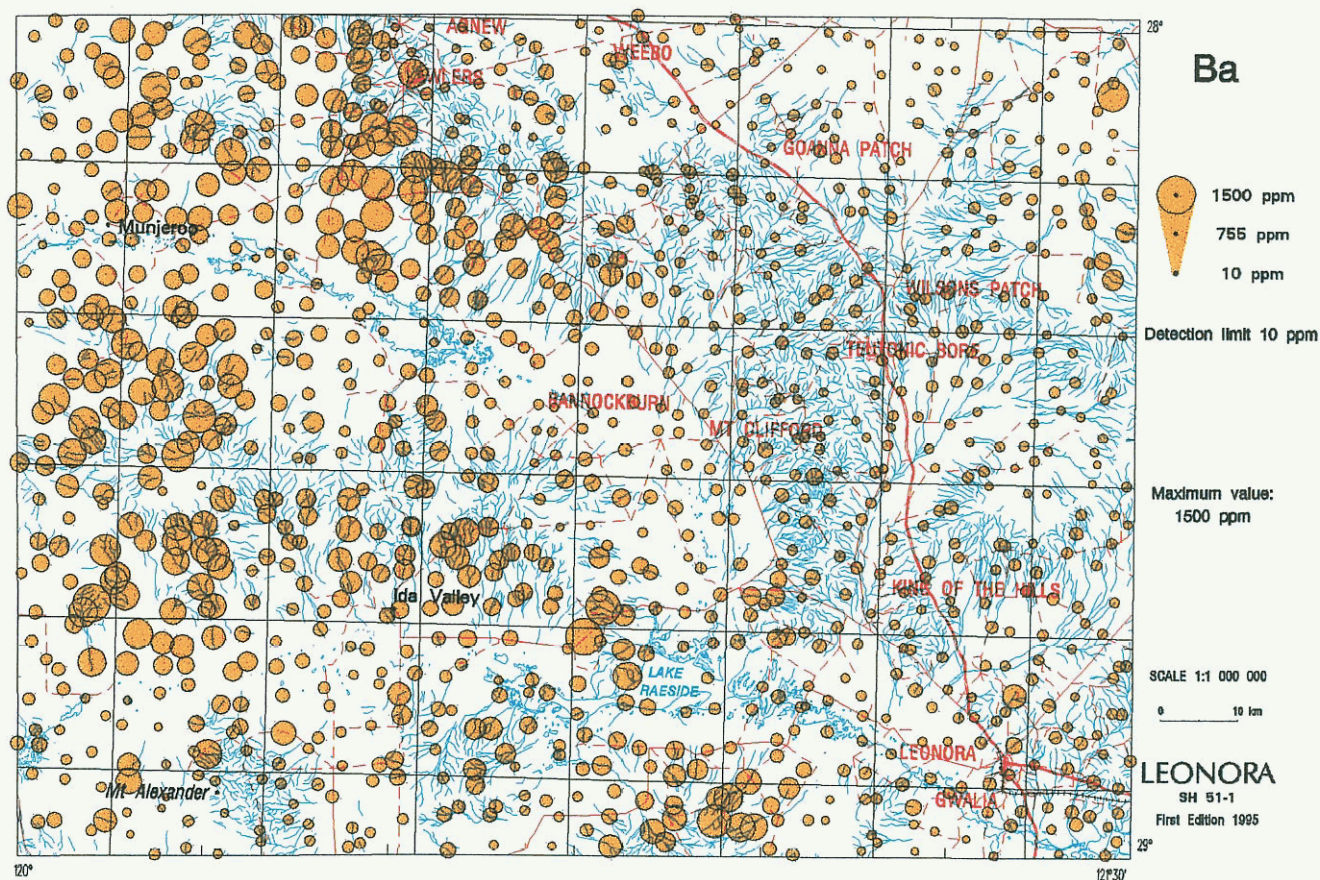


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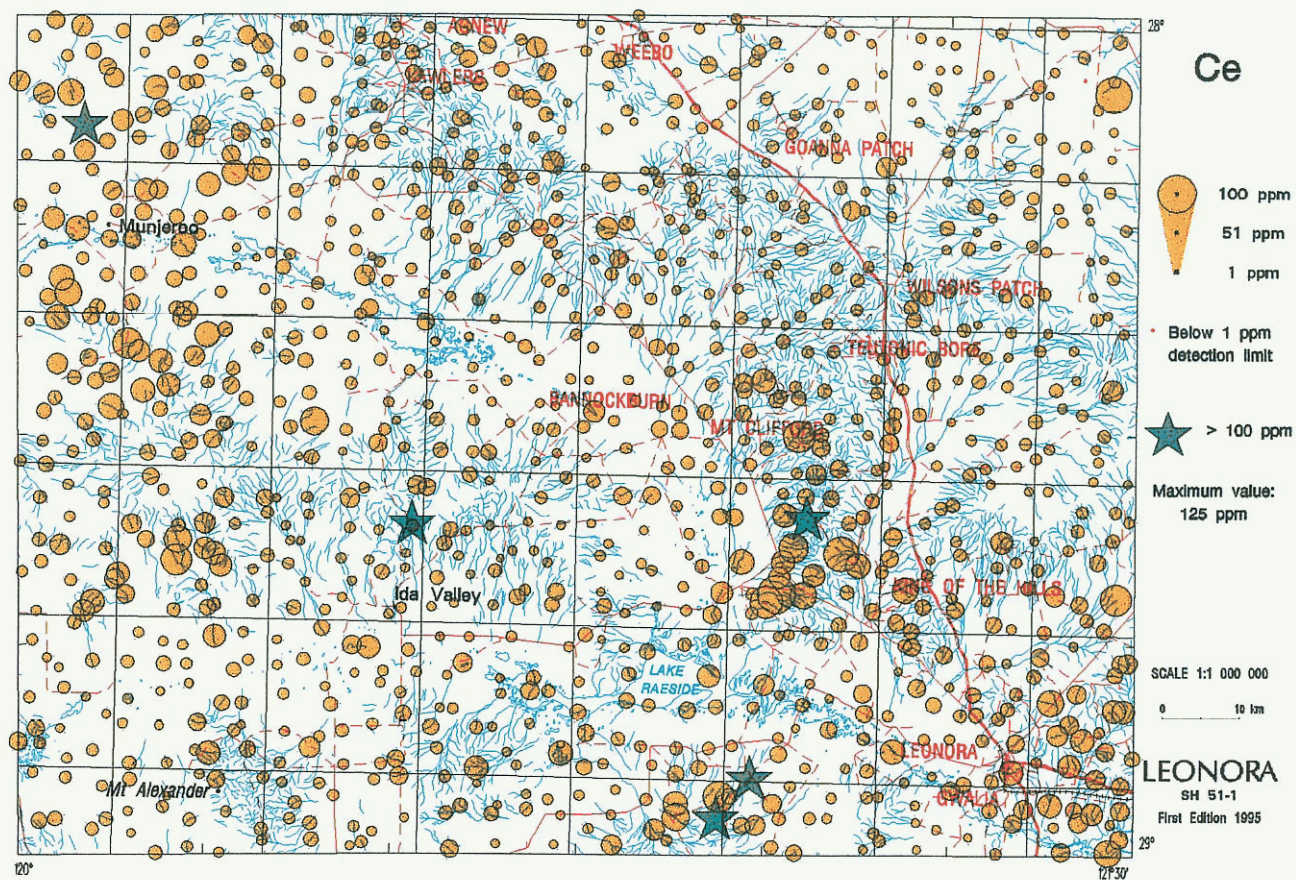


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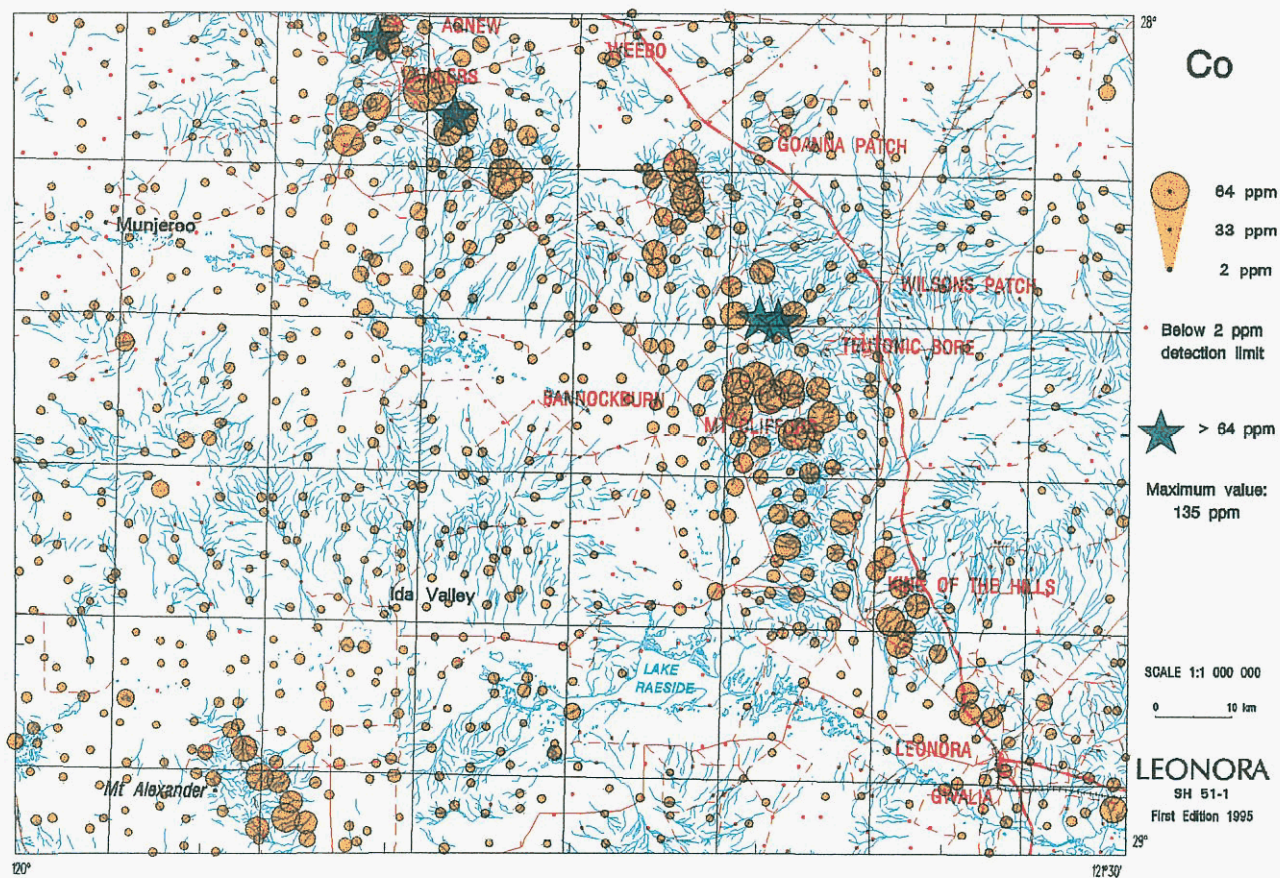


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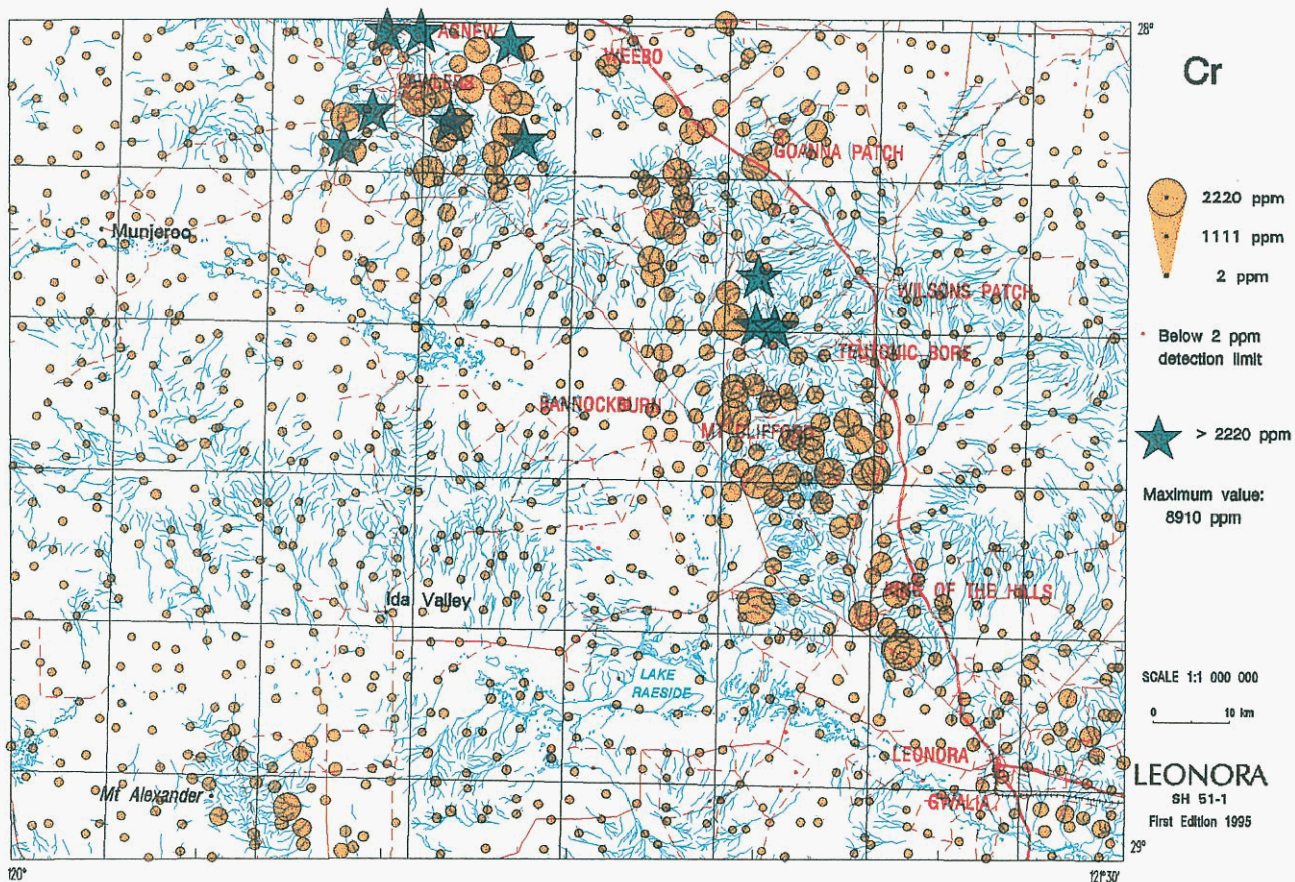


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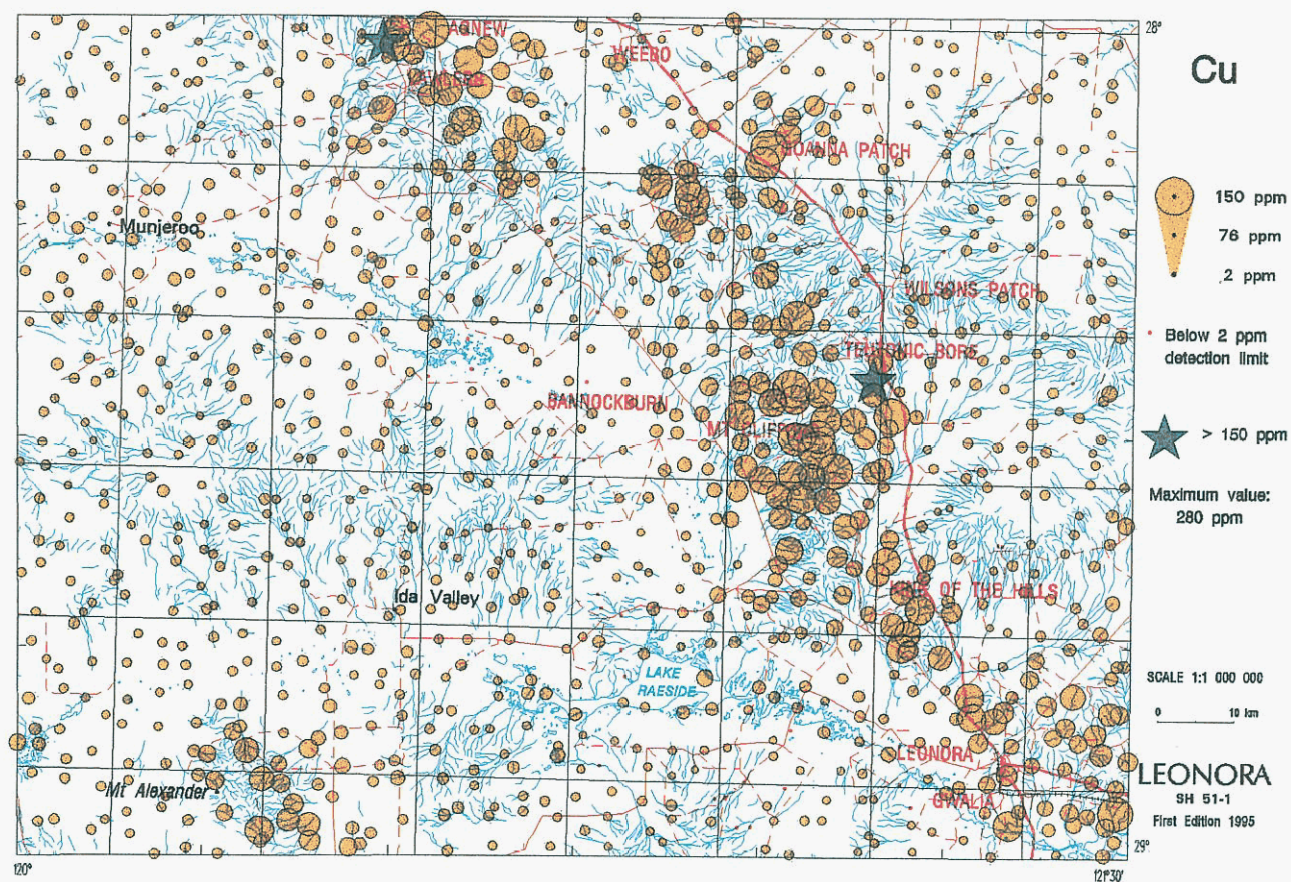


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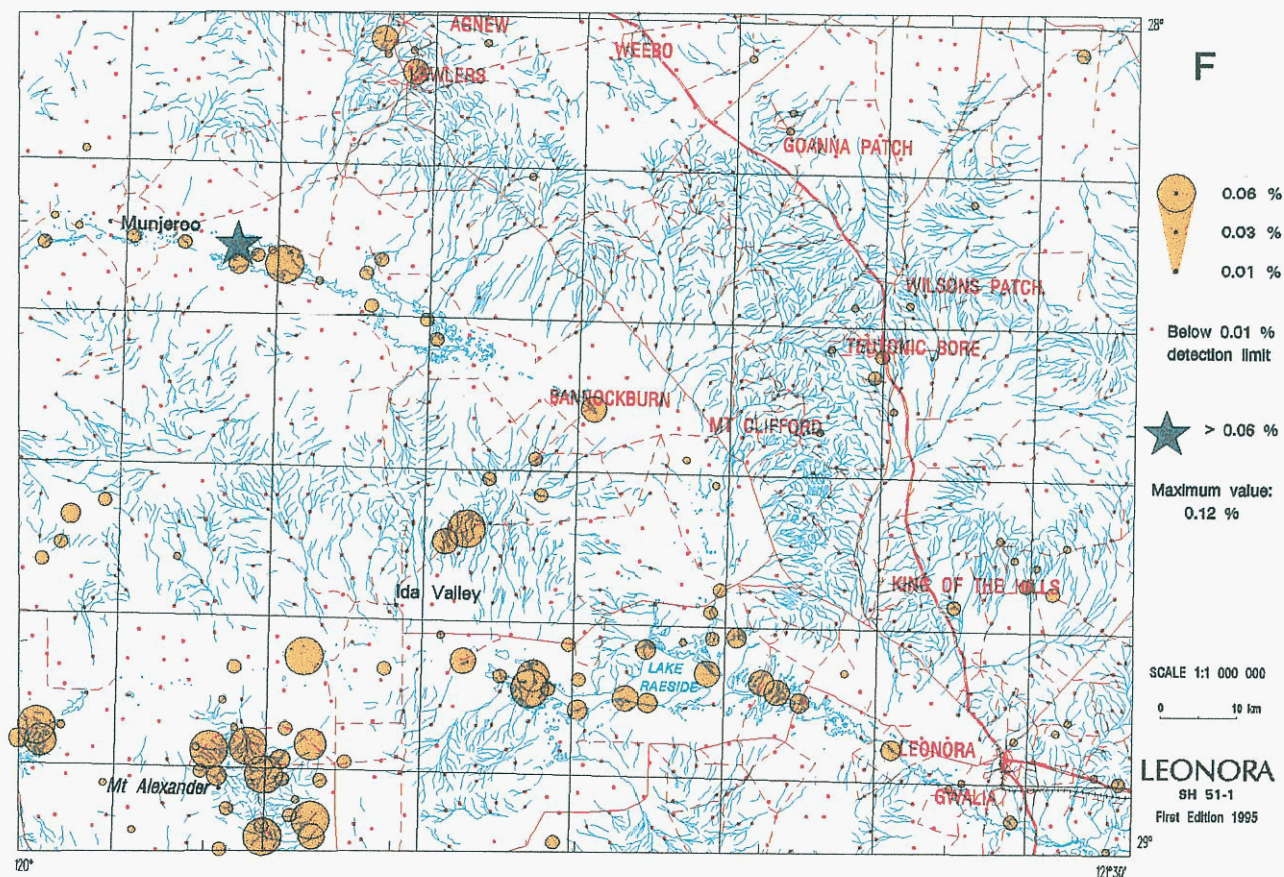


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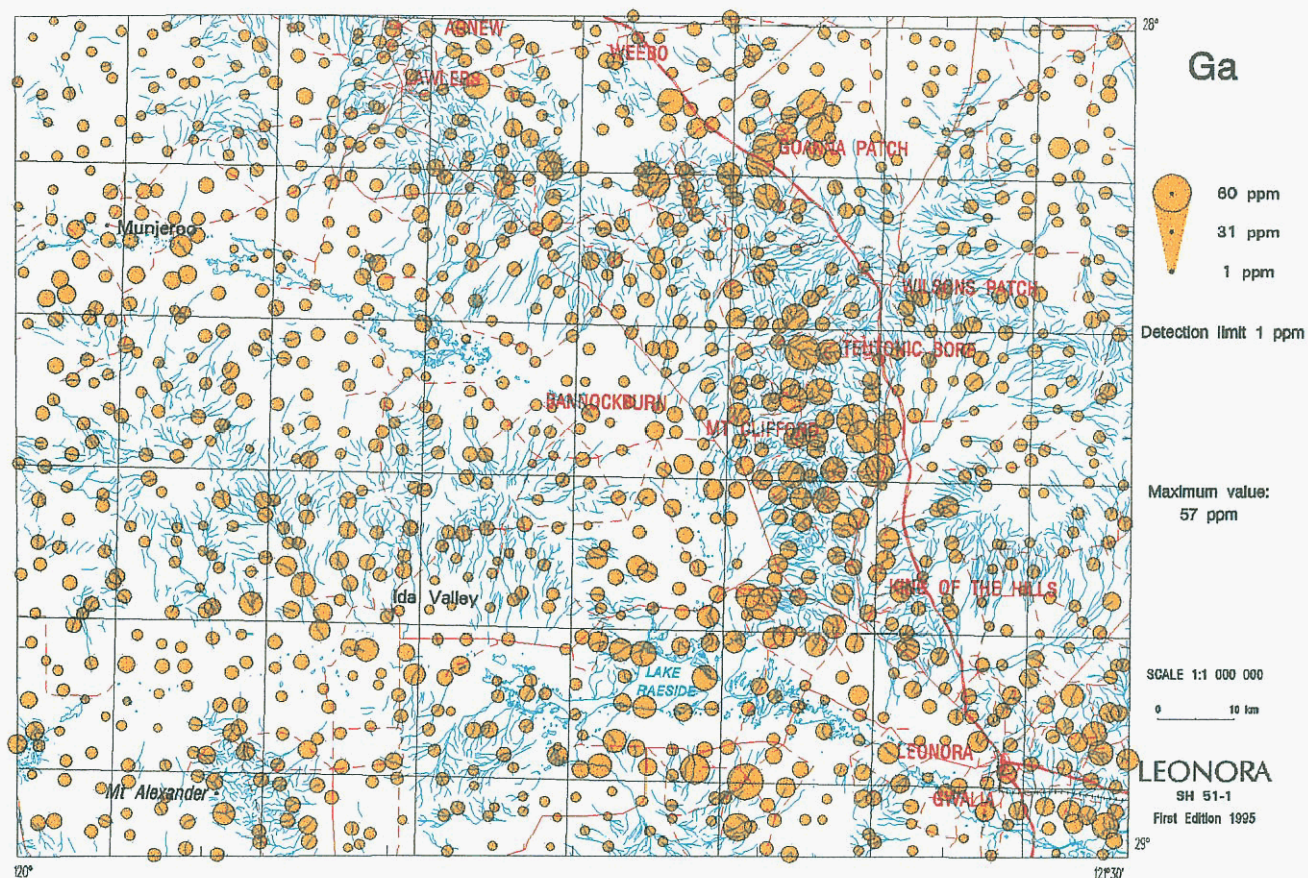


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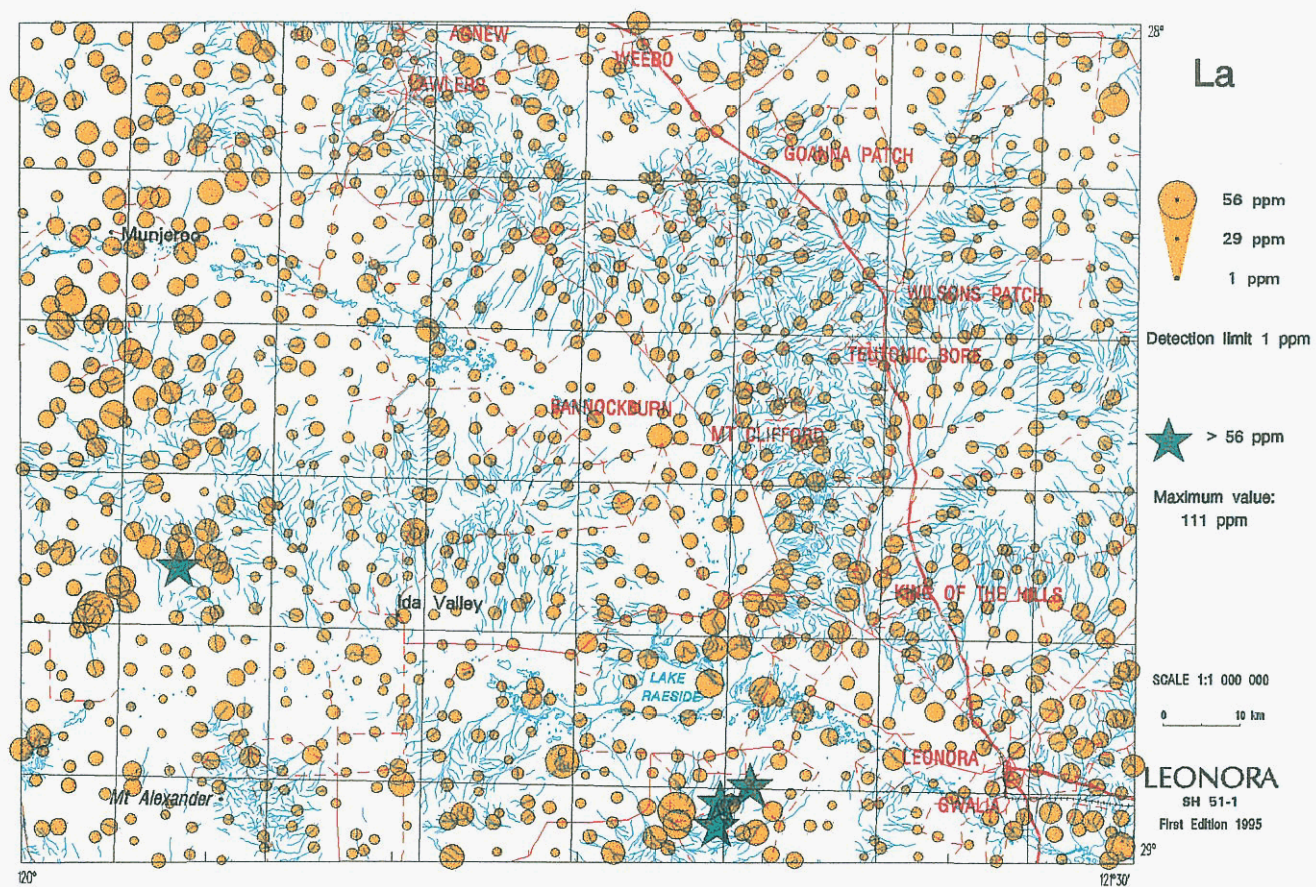


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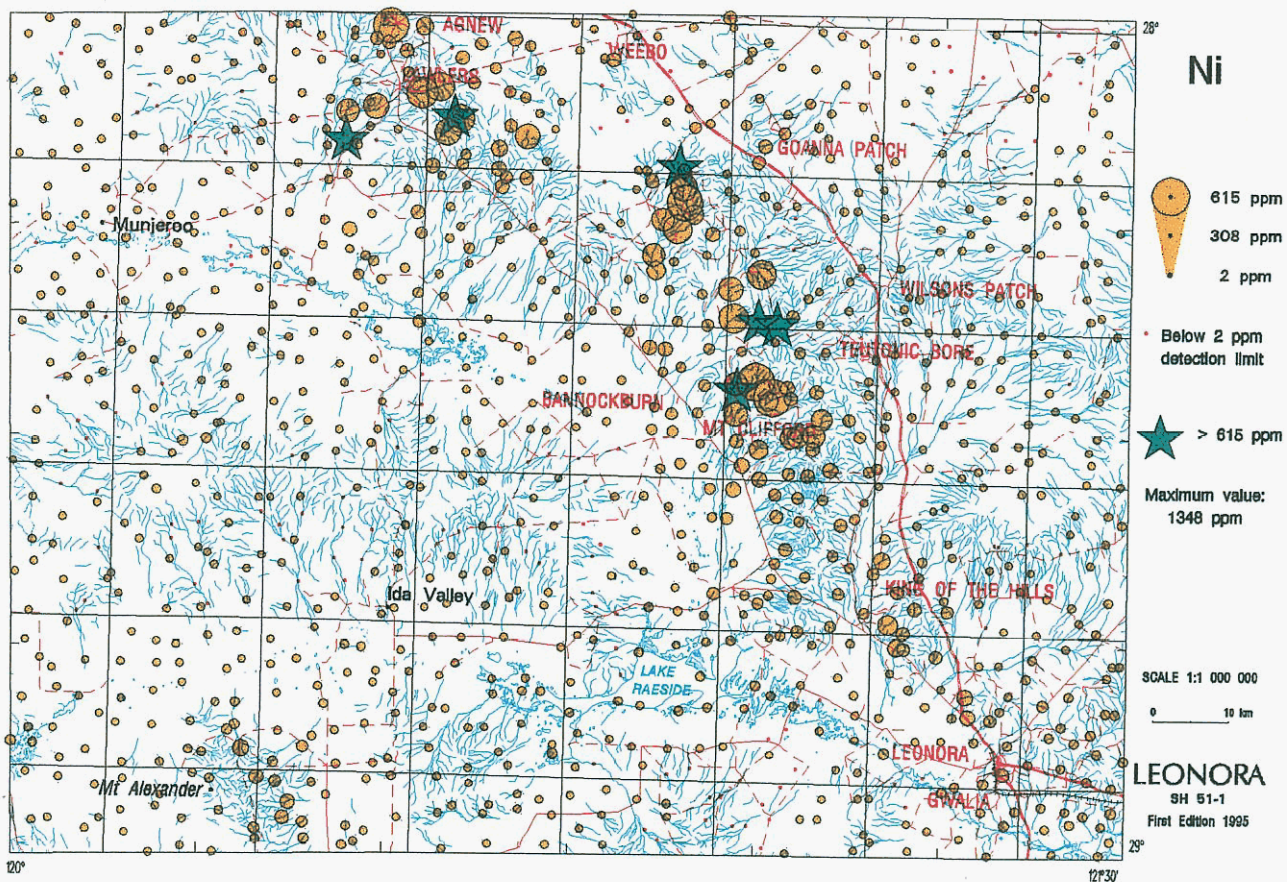


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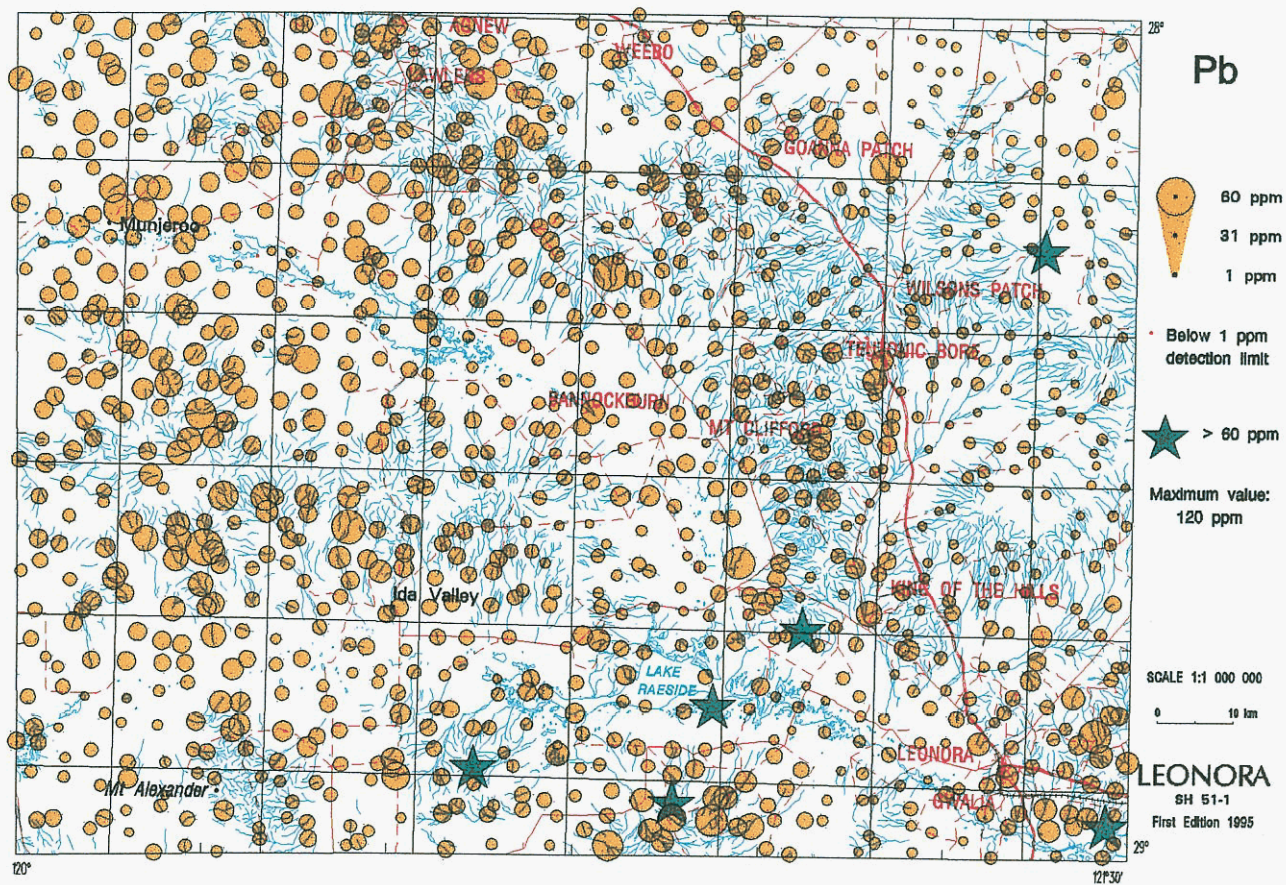


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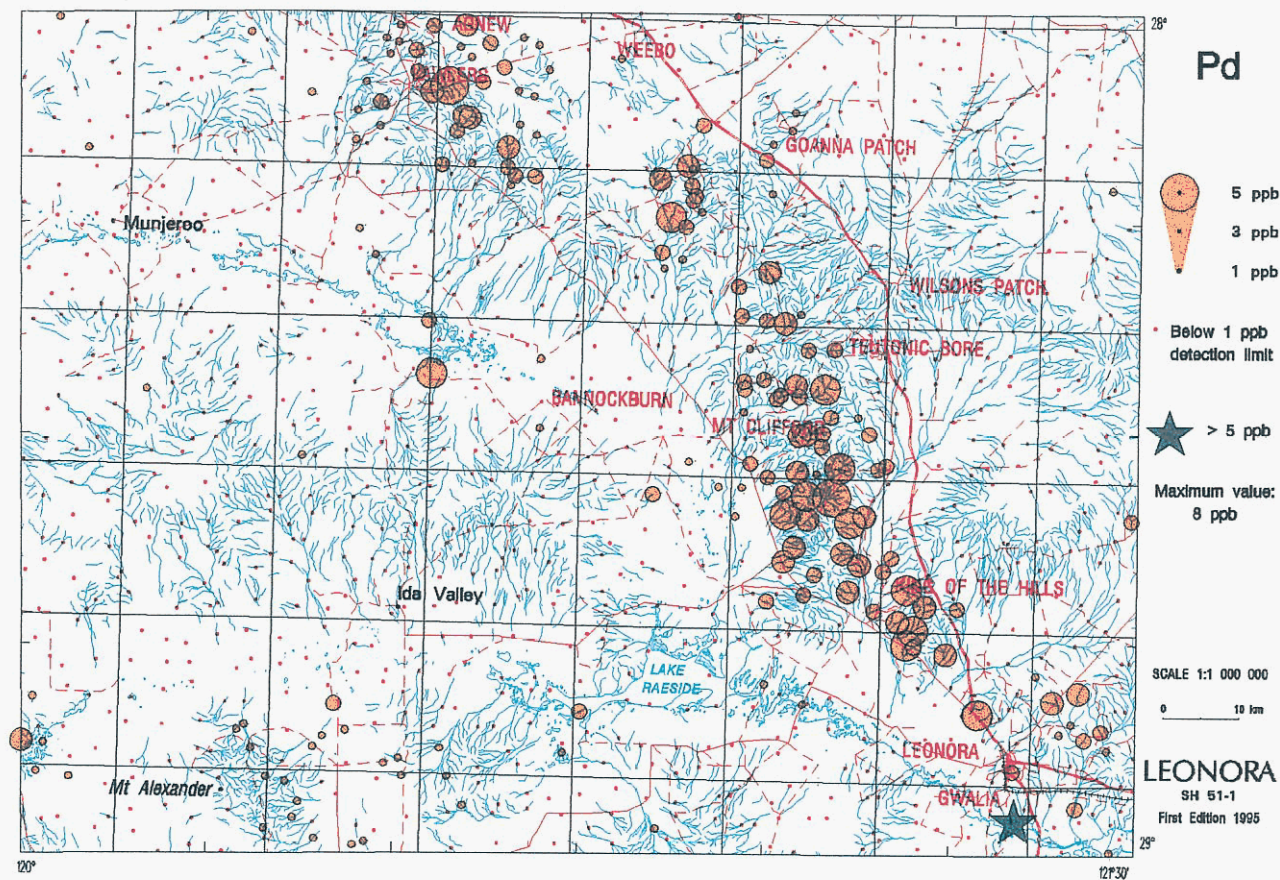


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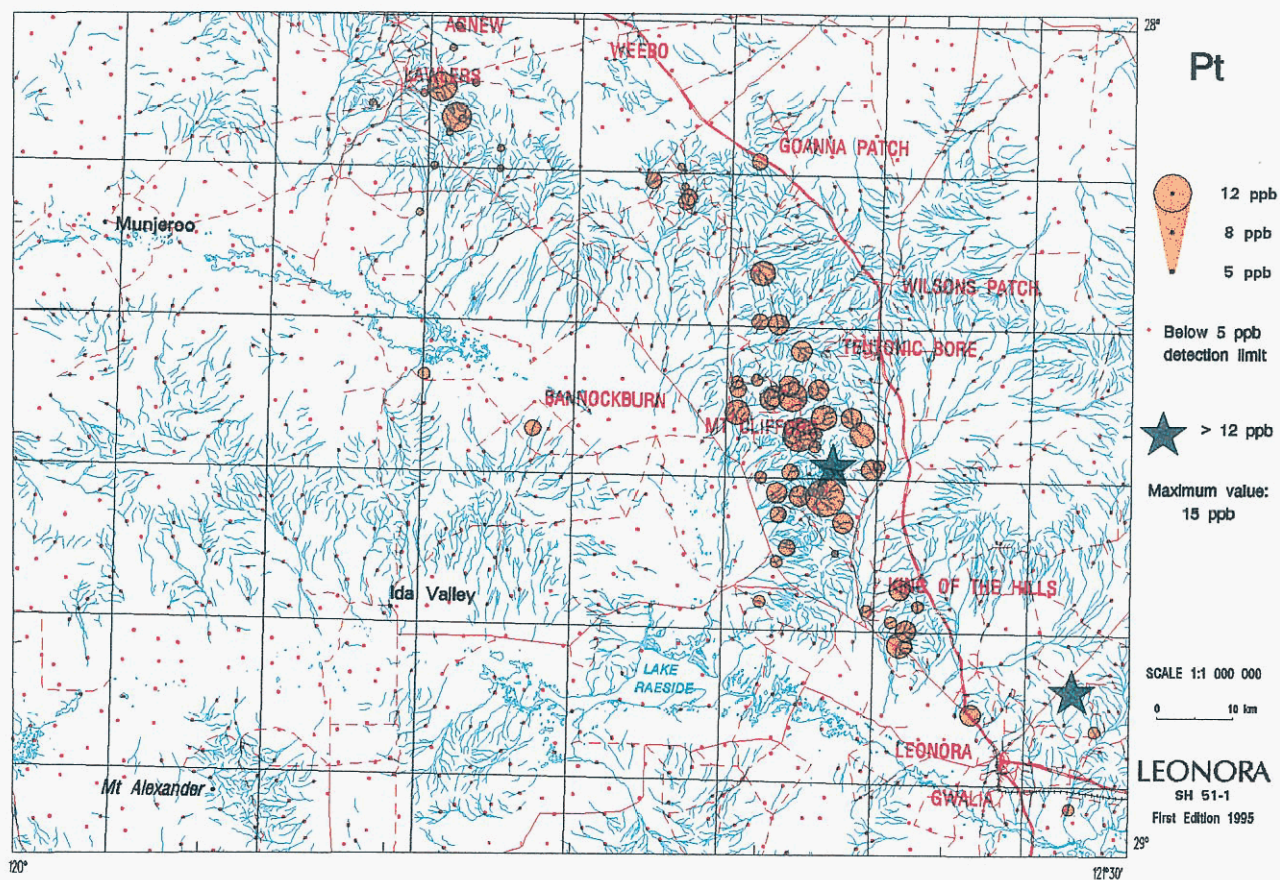


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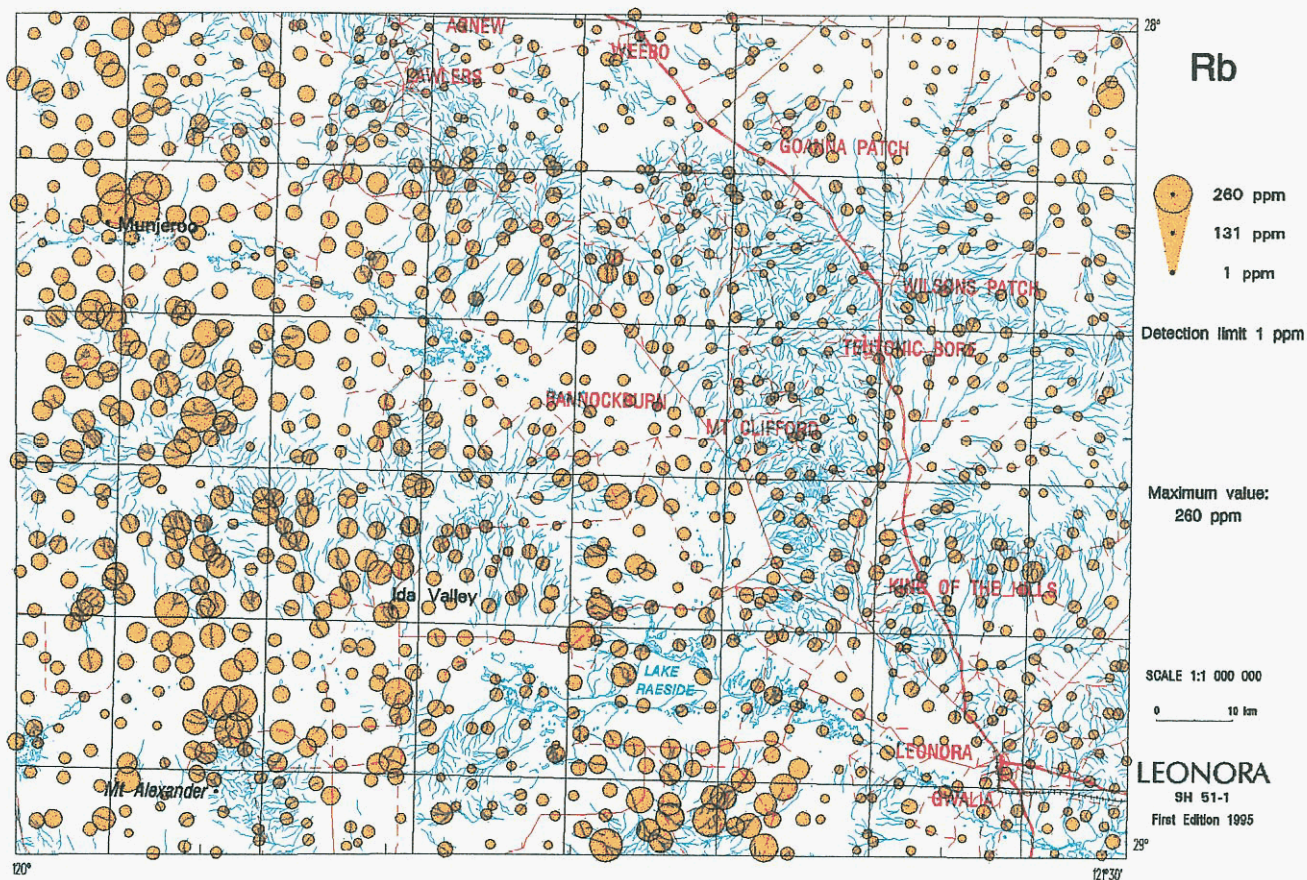


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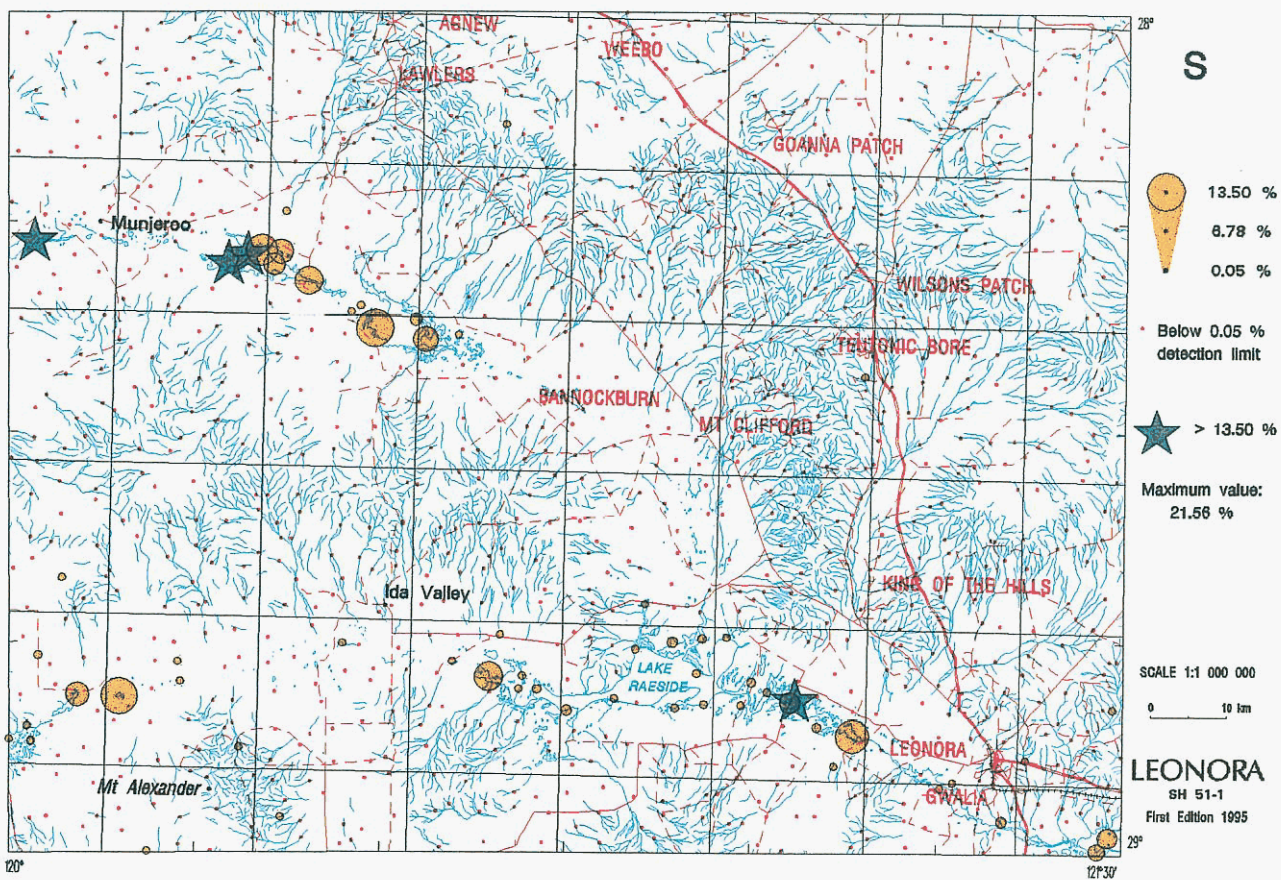


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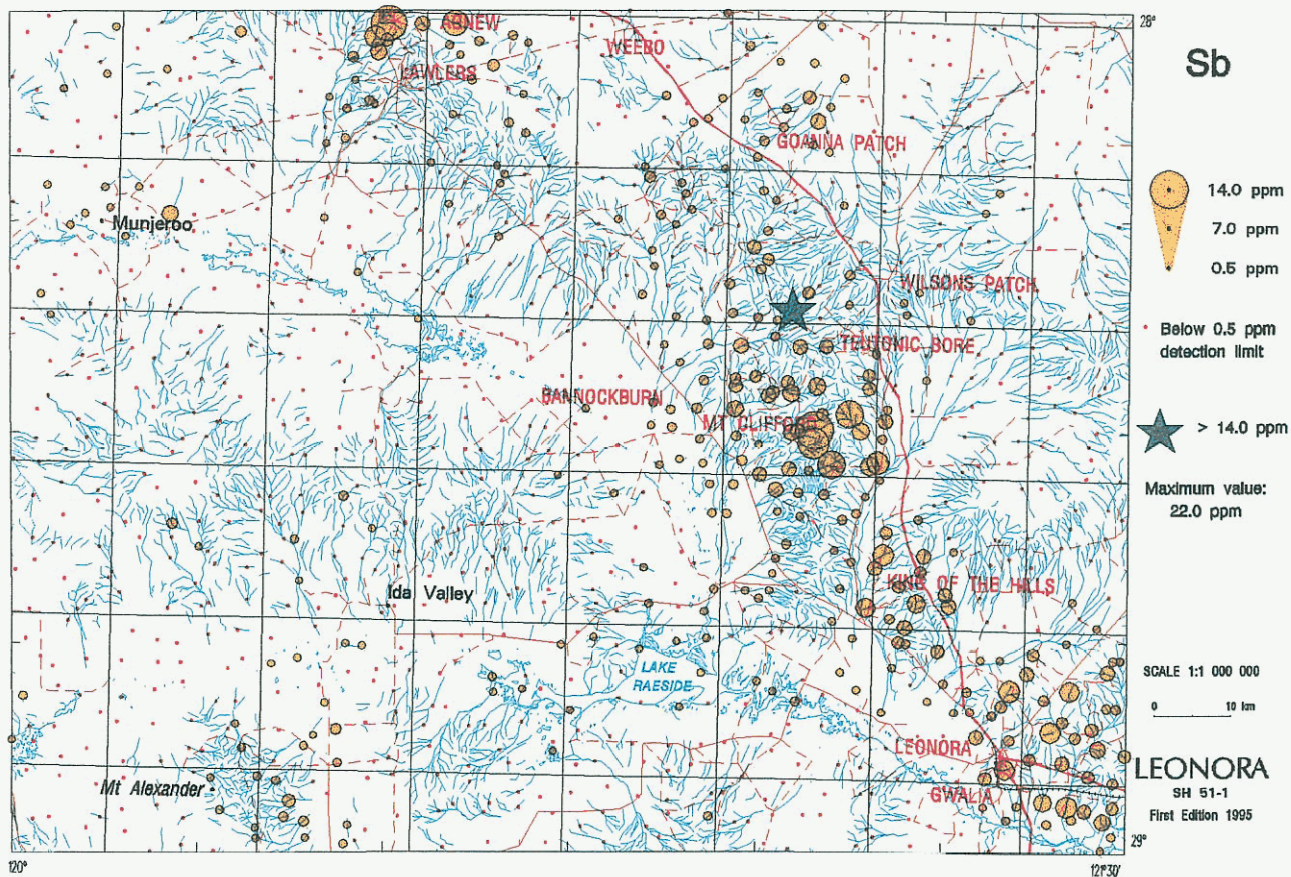


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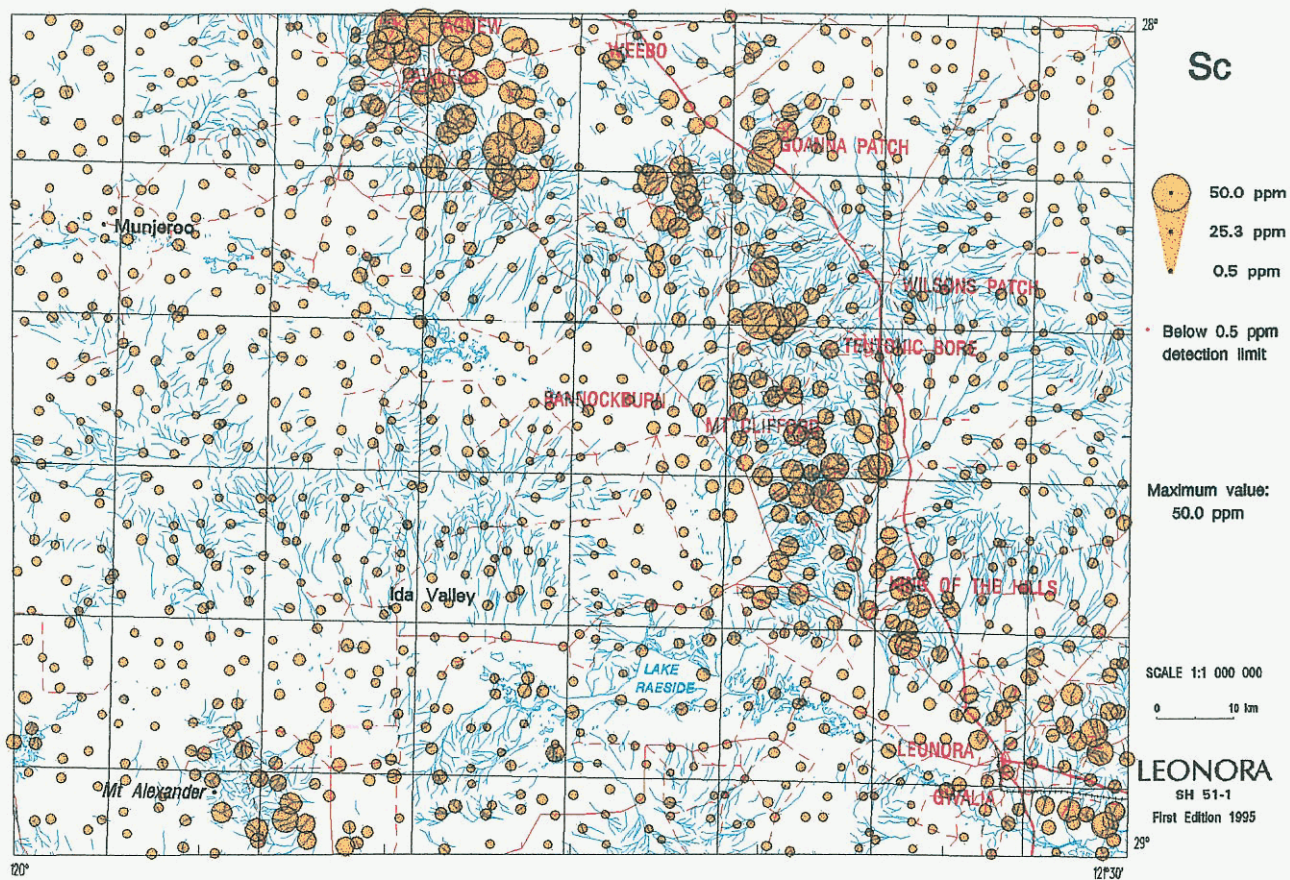


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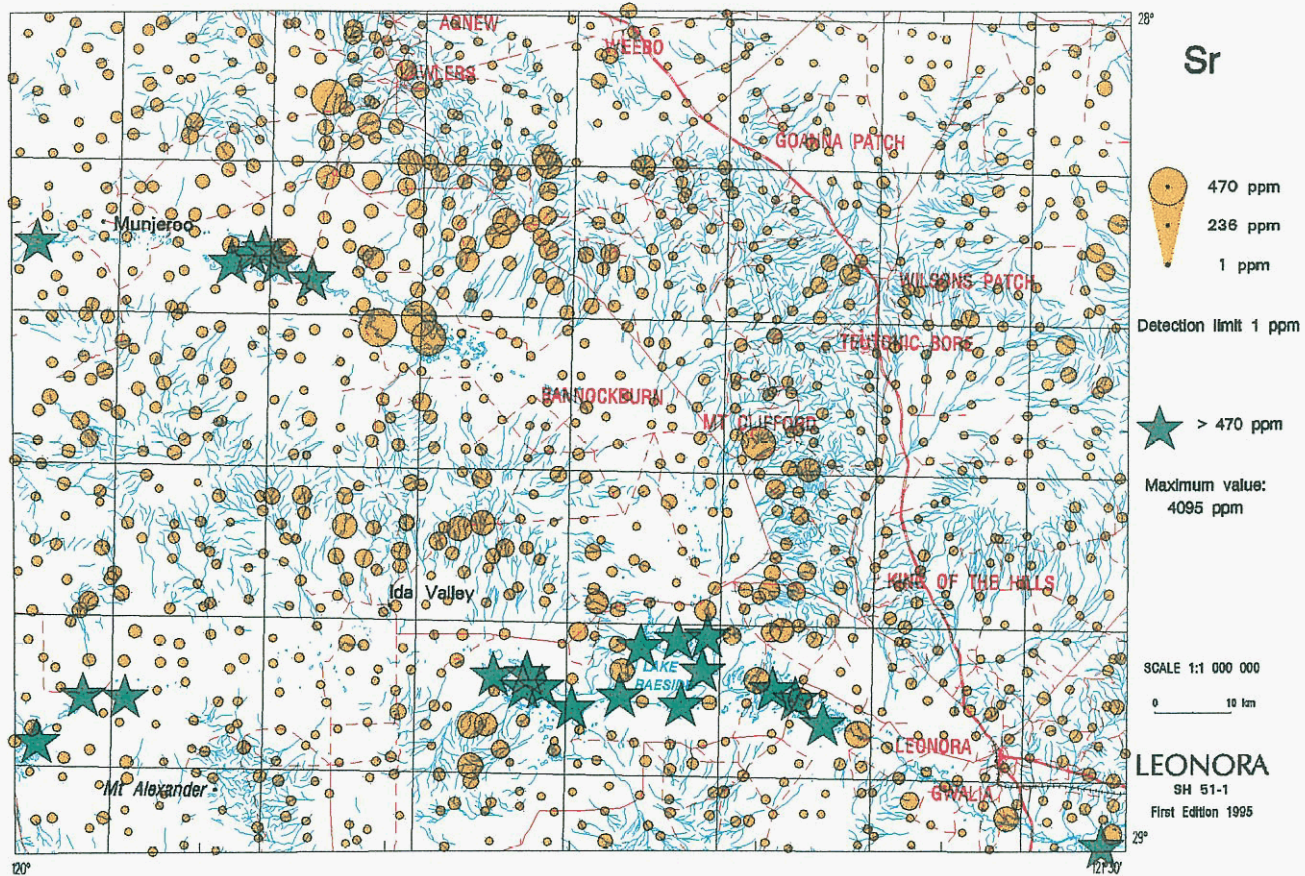


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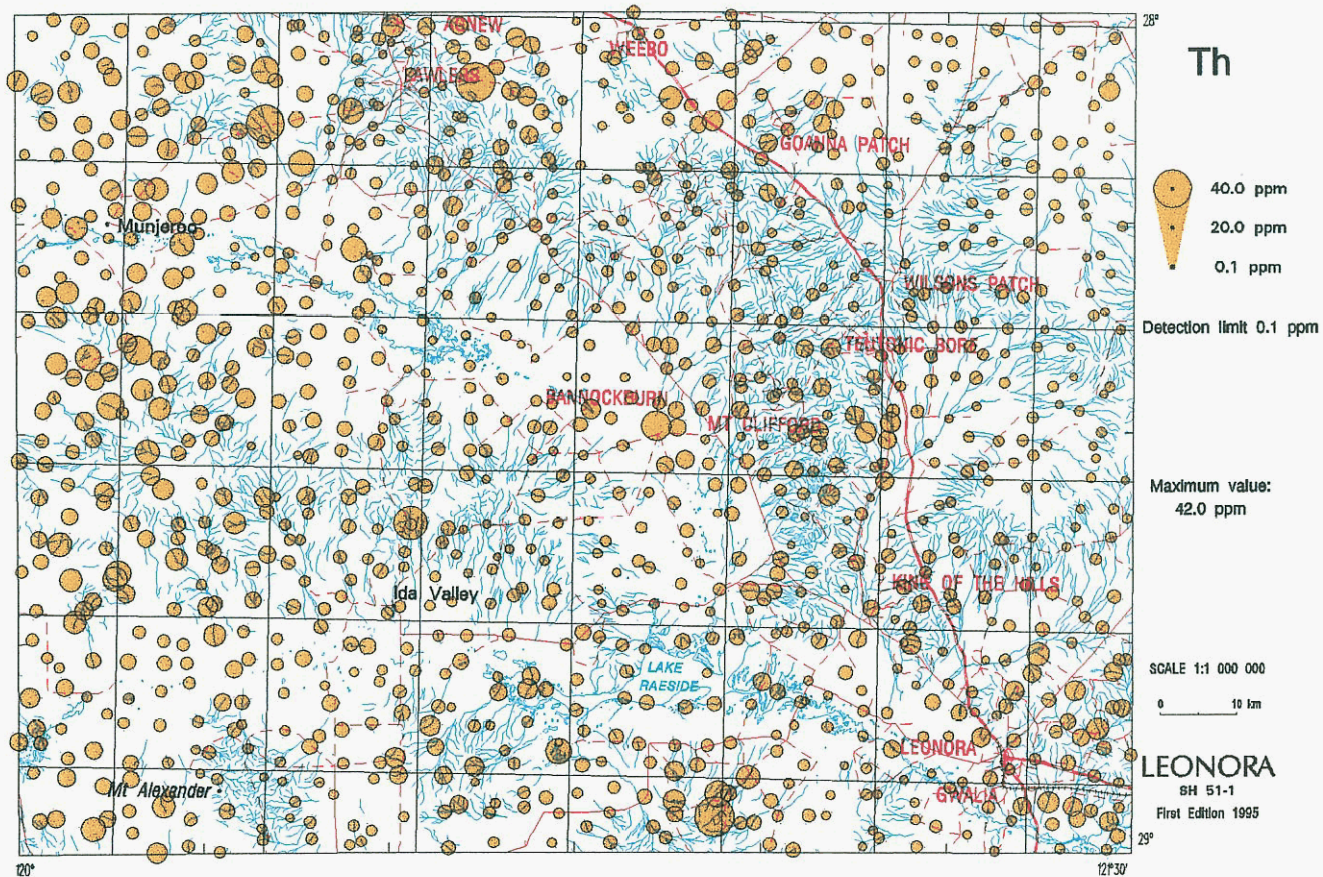


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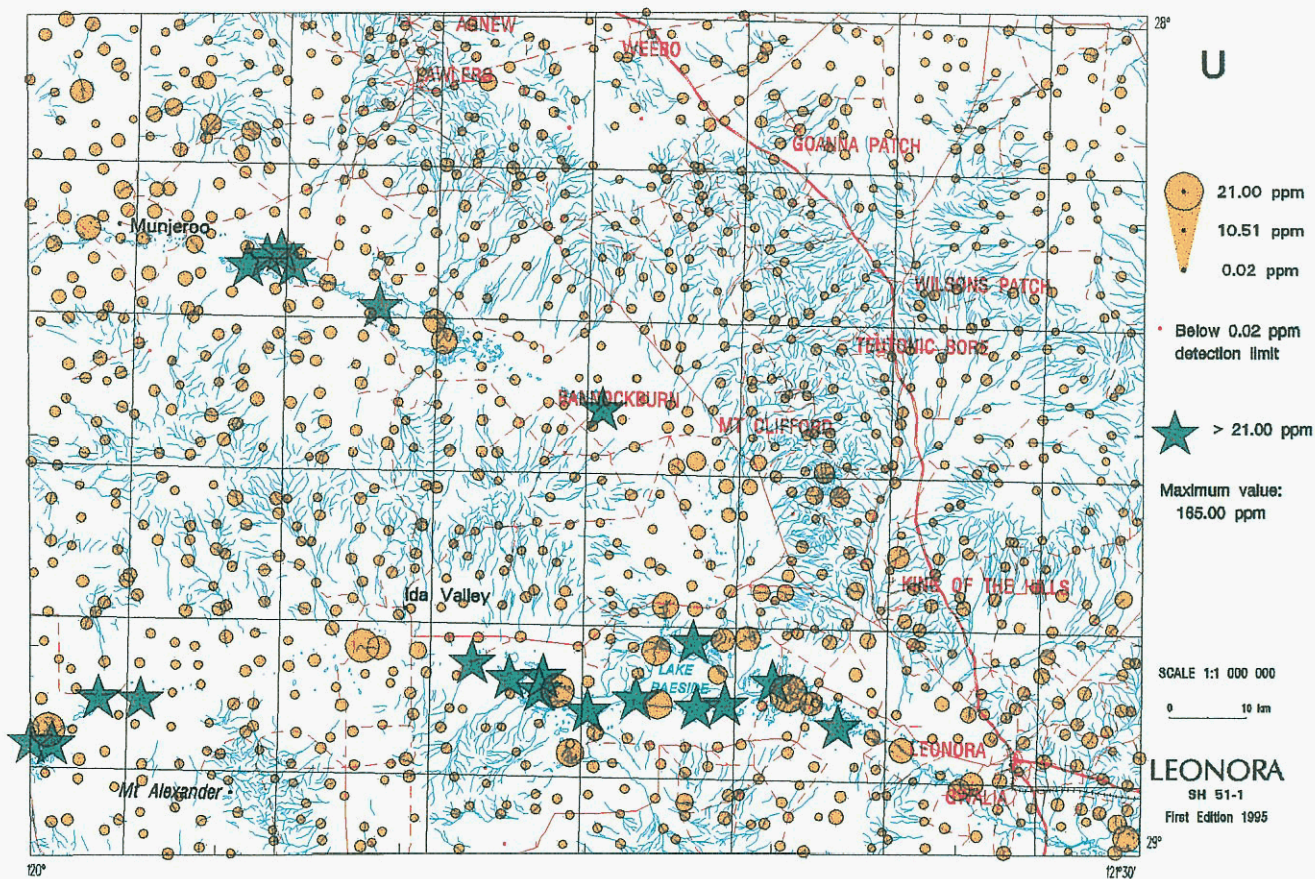


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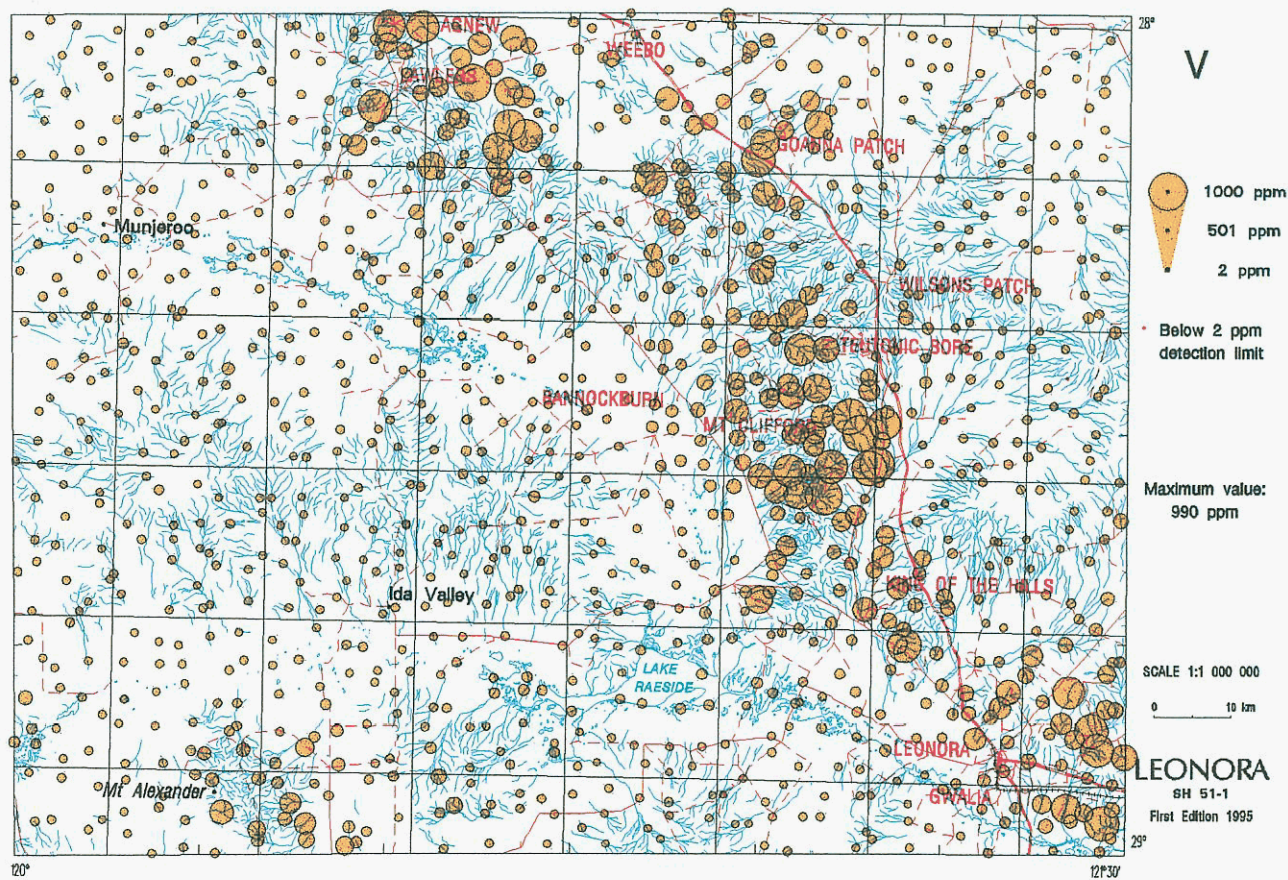


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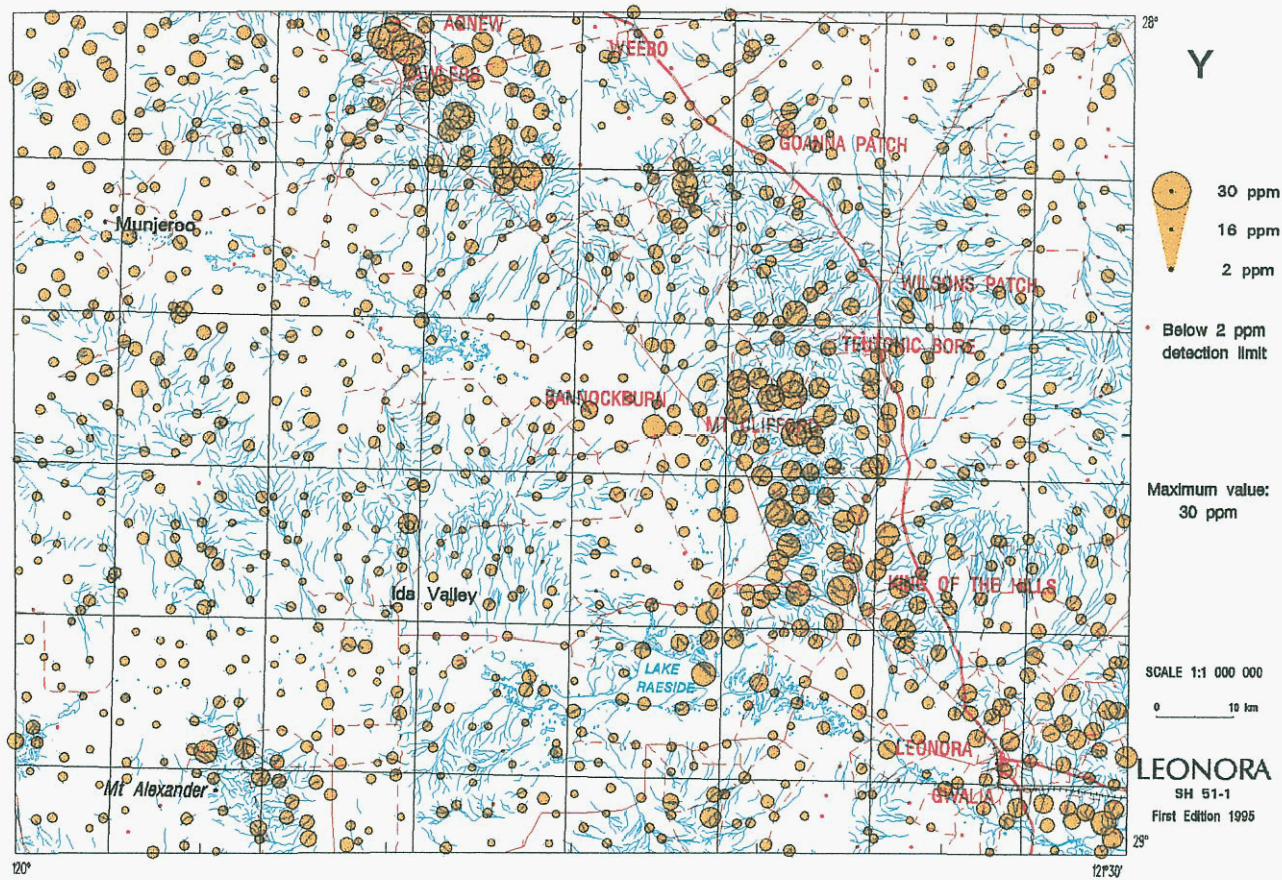


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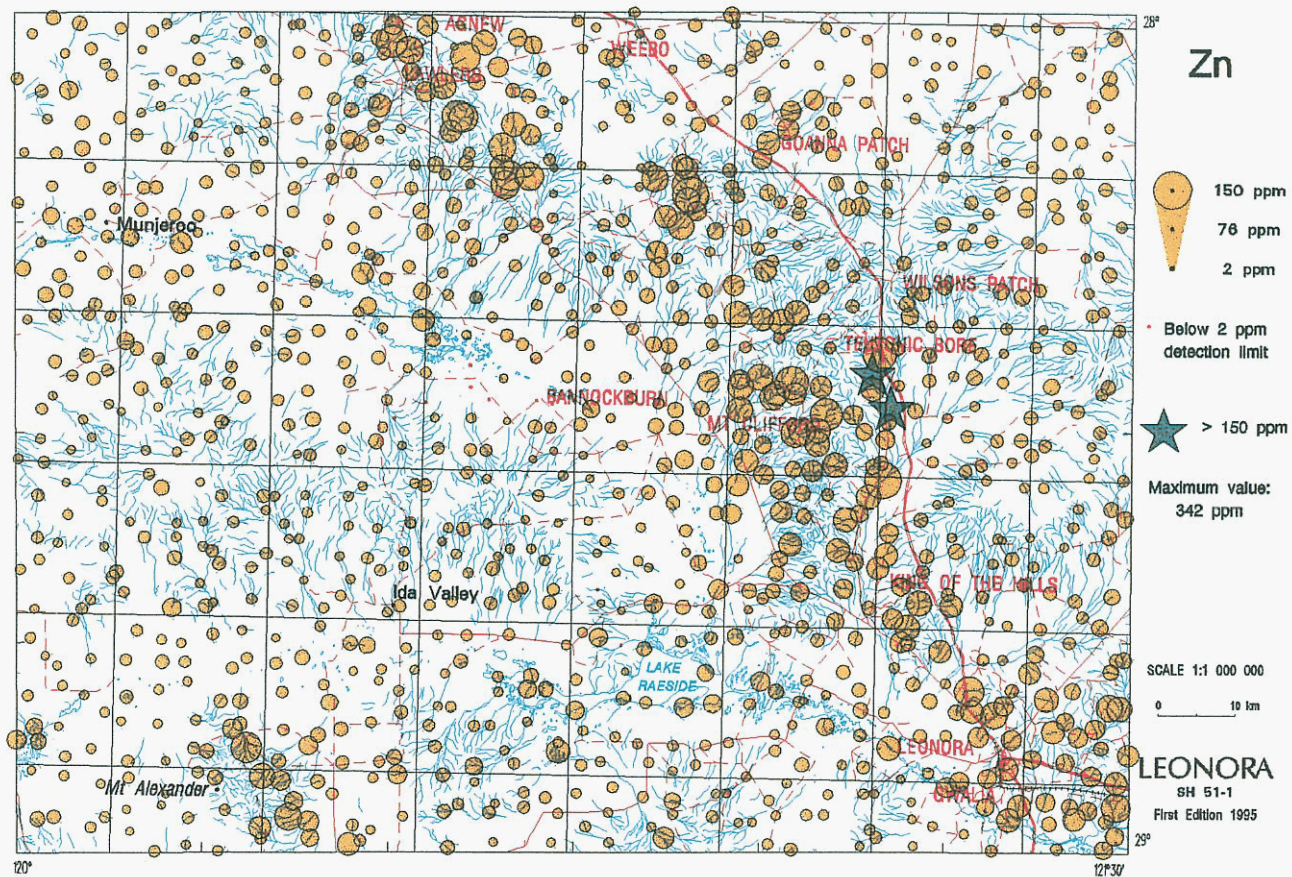


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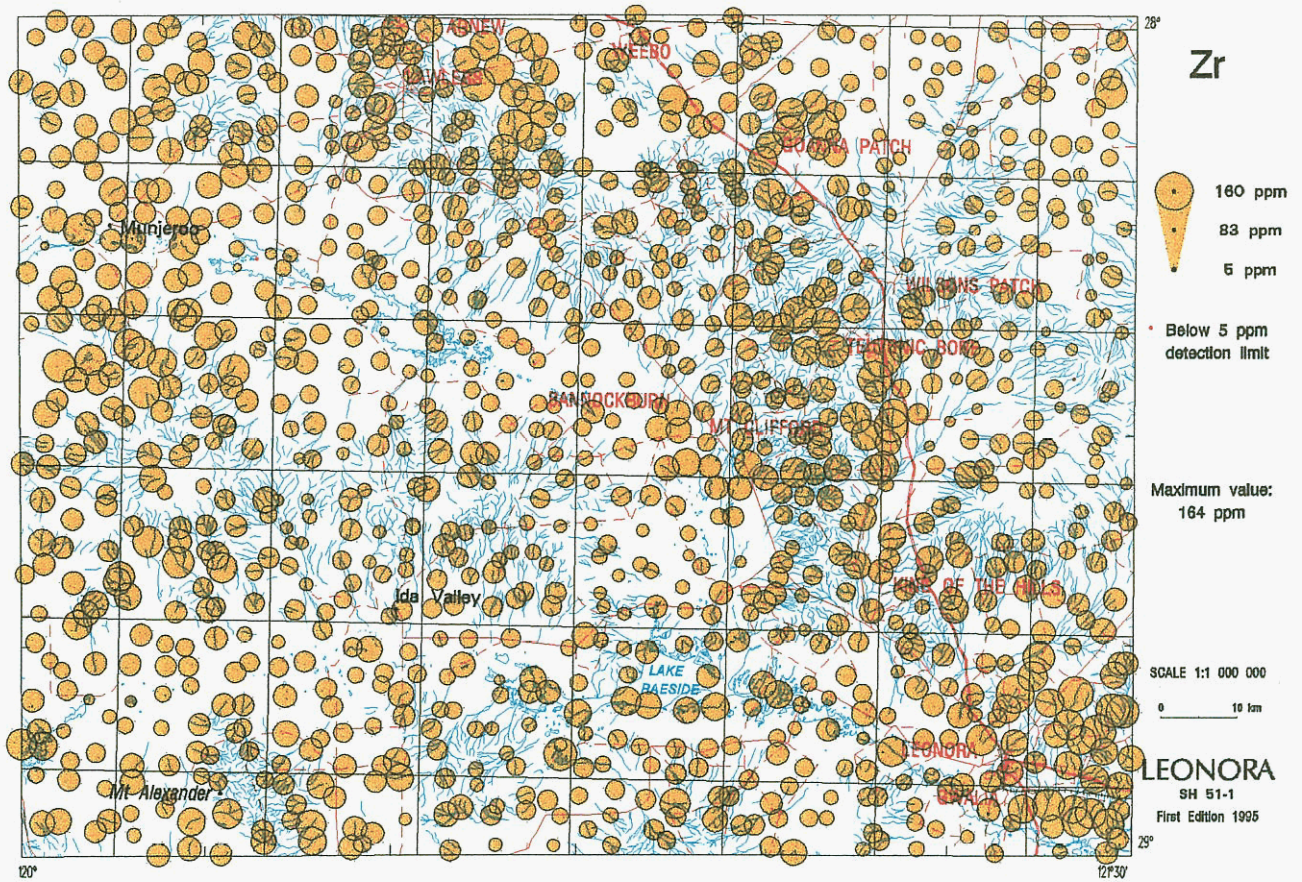


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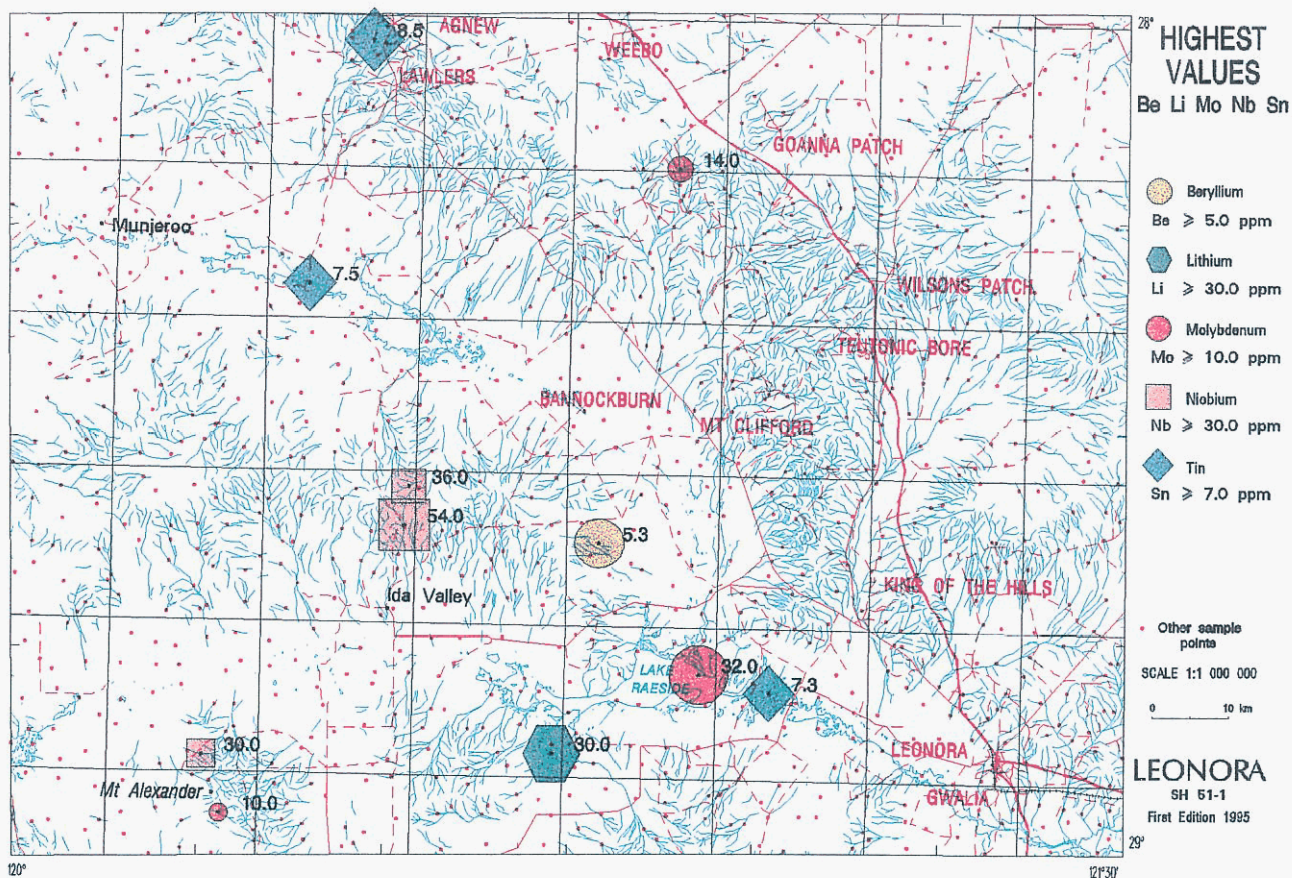


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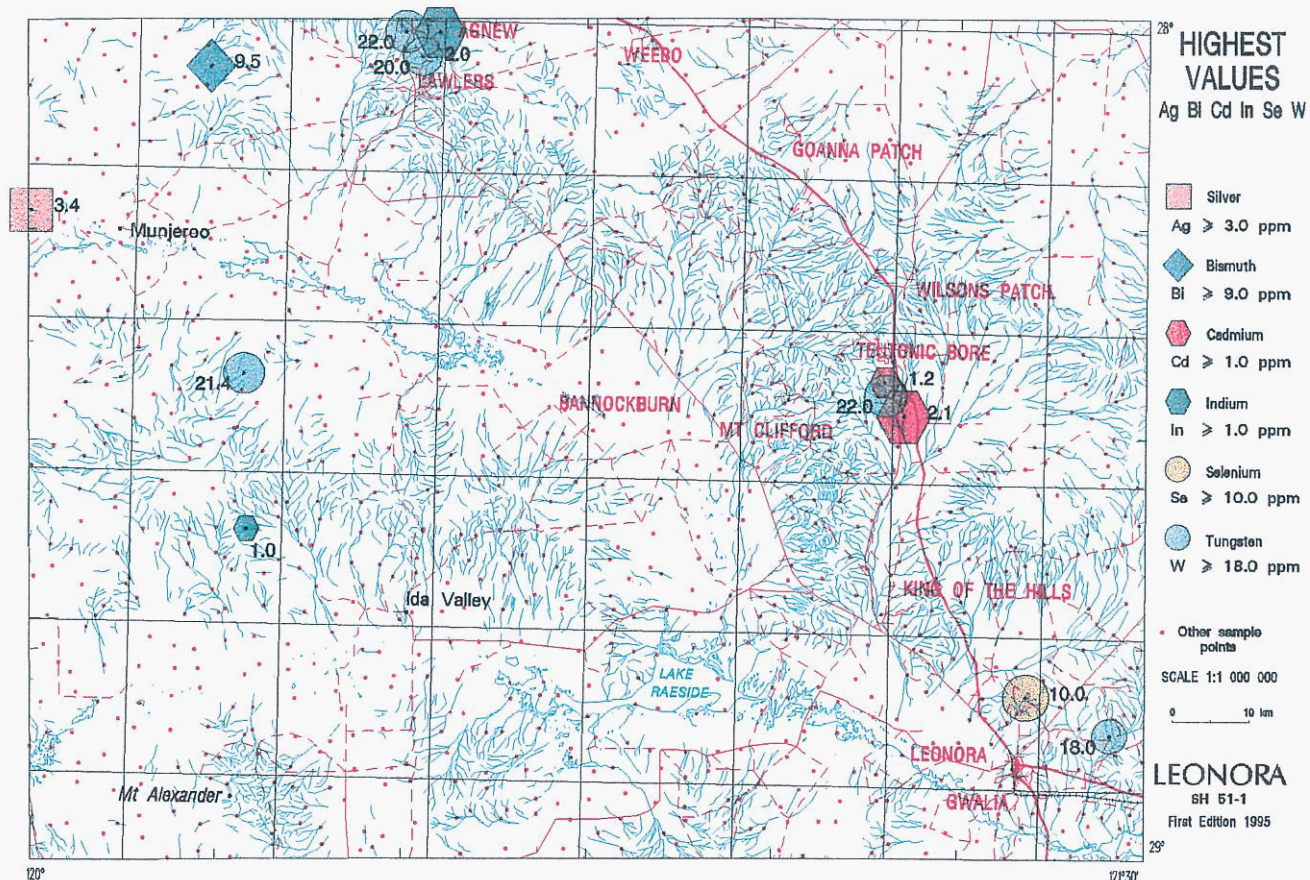
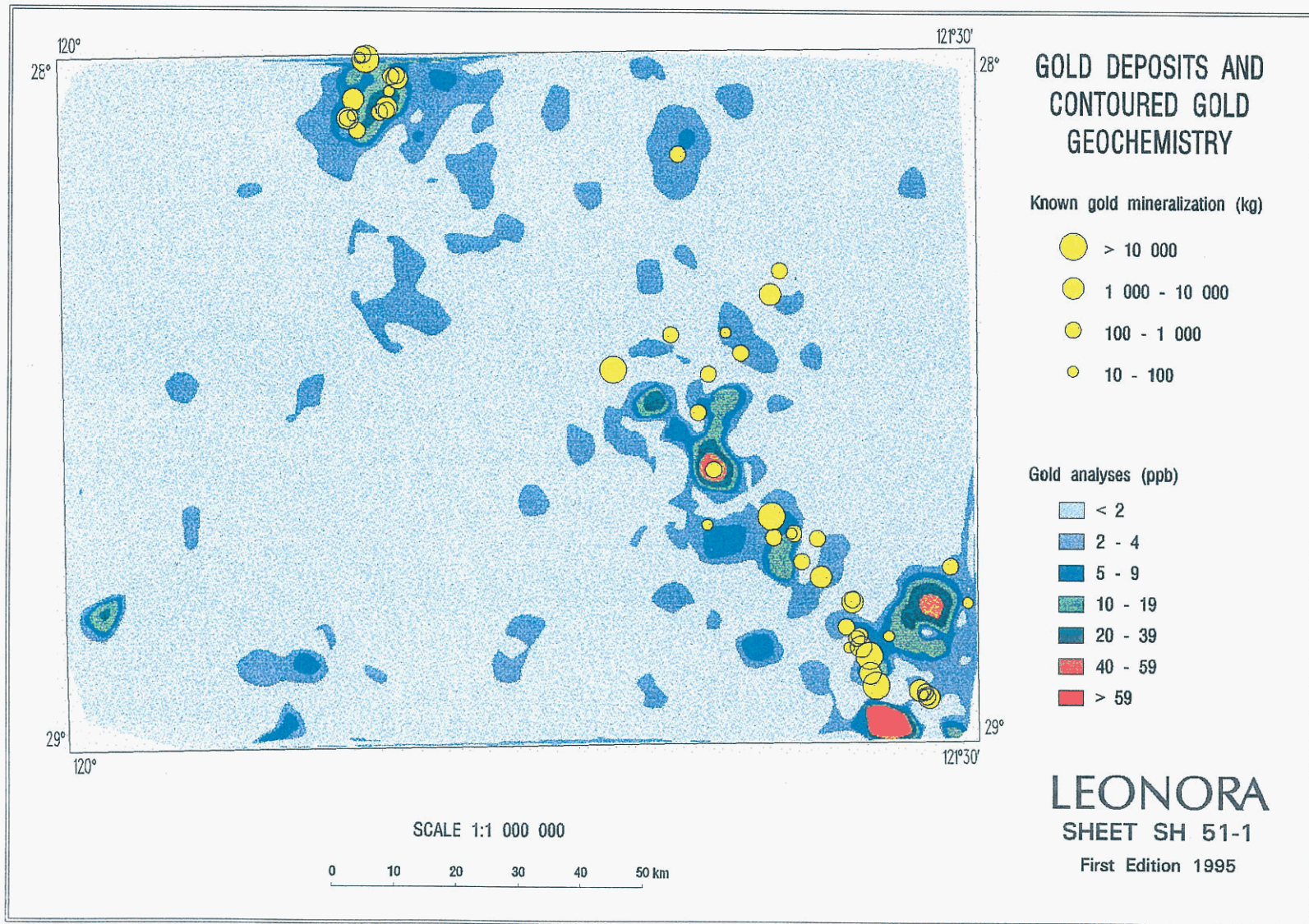


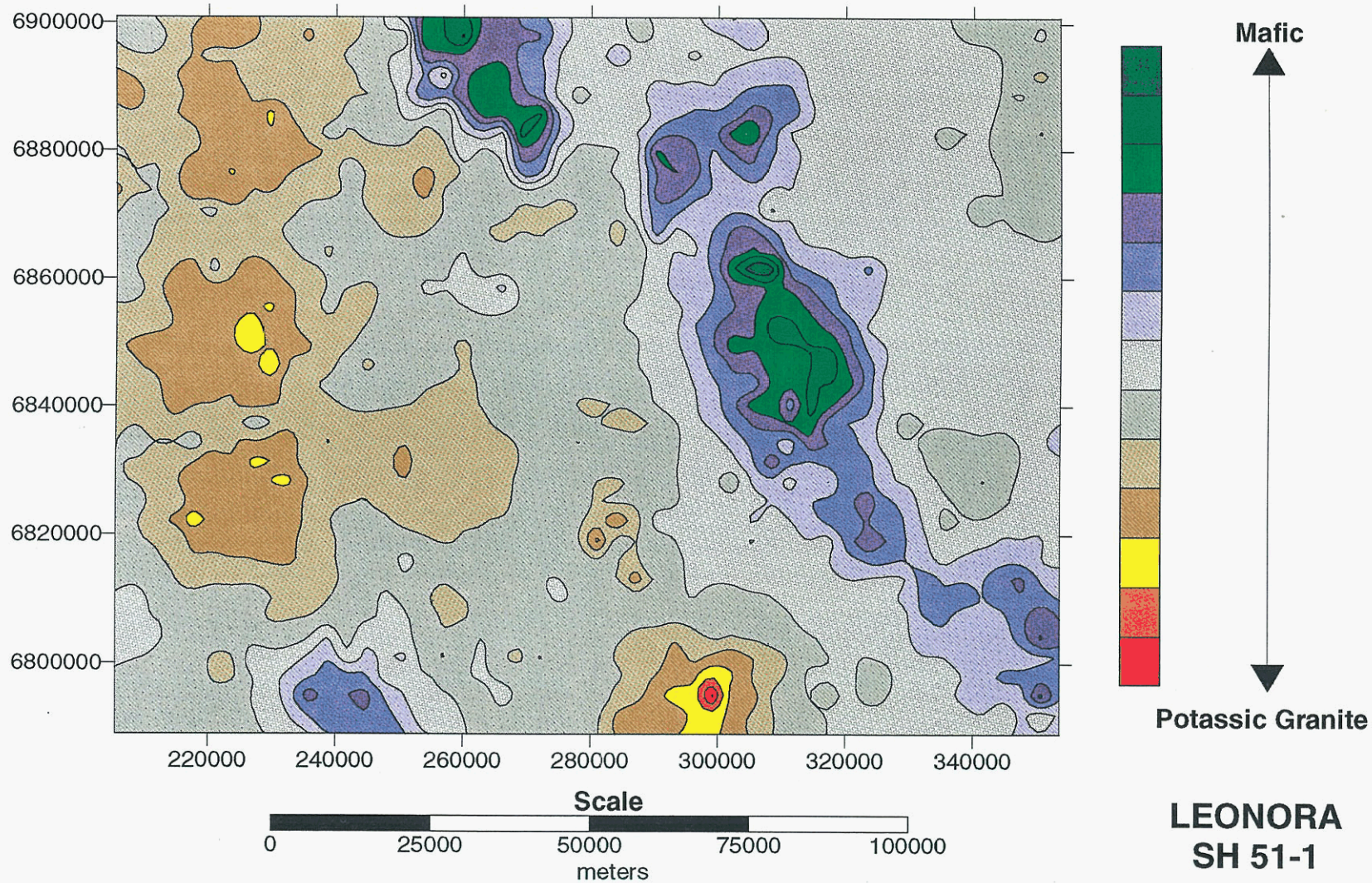
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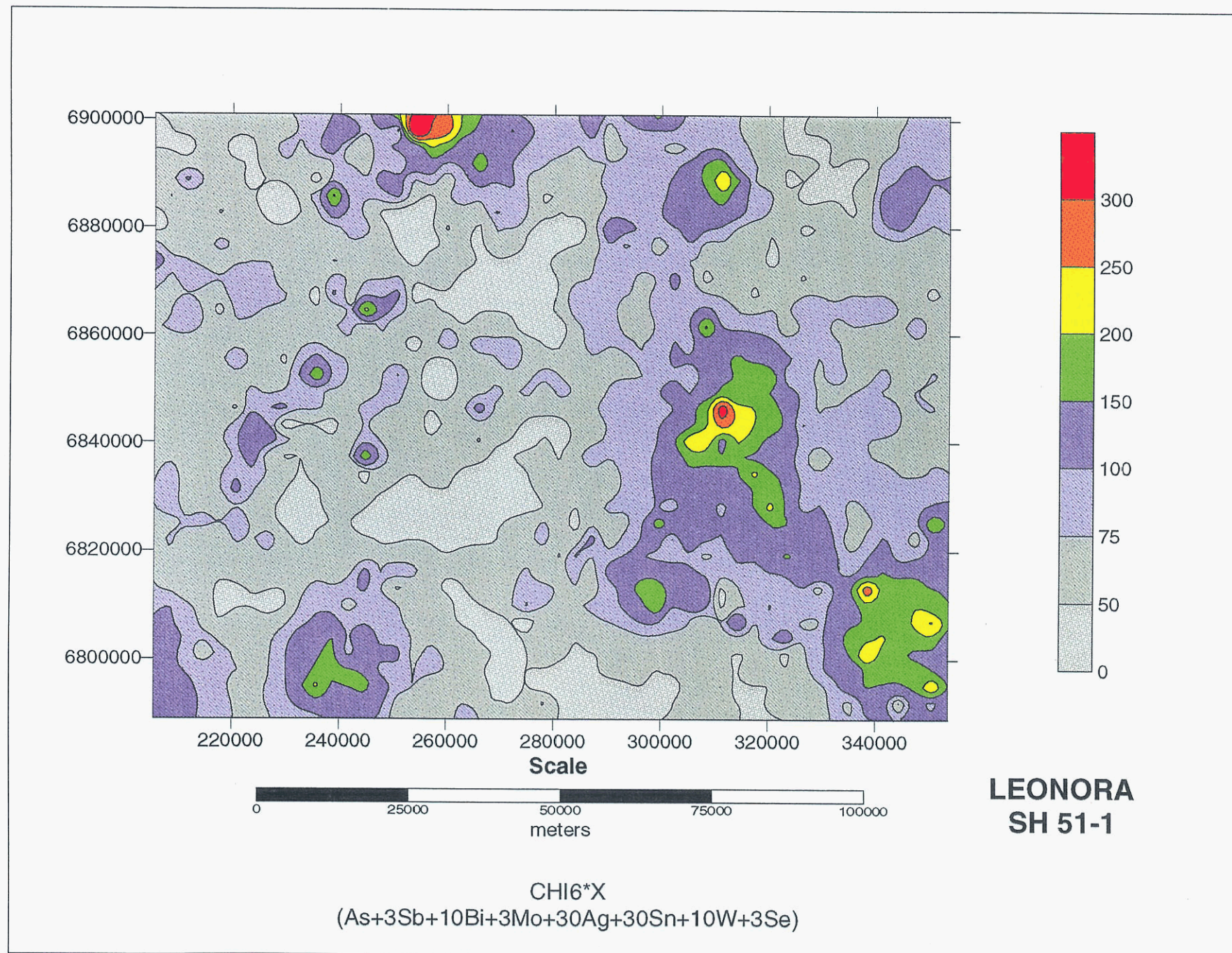






**Figure 42. Plot of Principal Component 1 + Principal Component 2**





**Figure 43. Plot of CHI-6\*X**



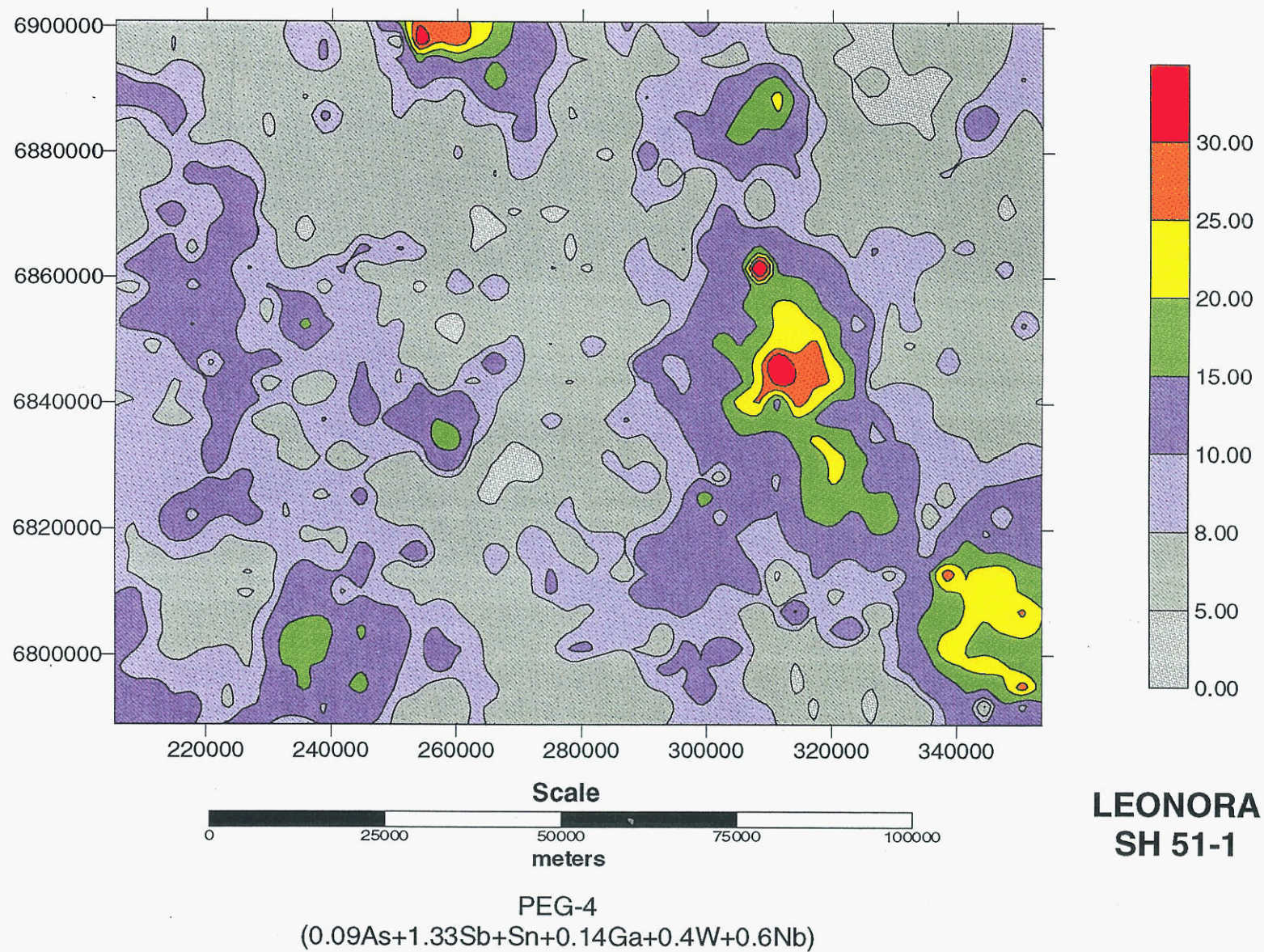
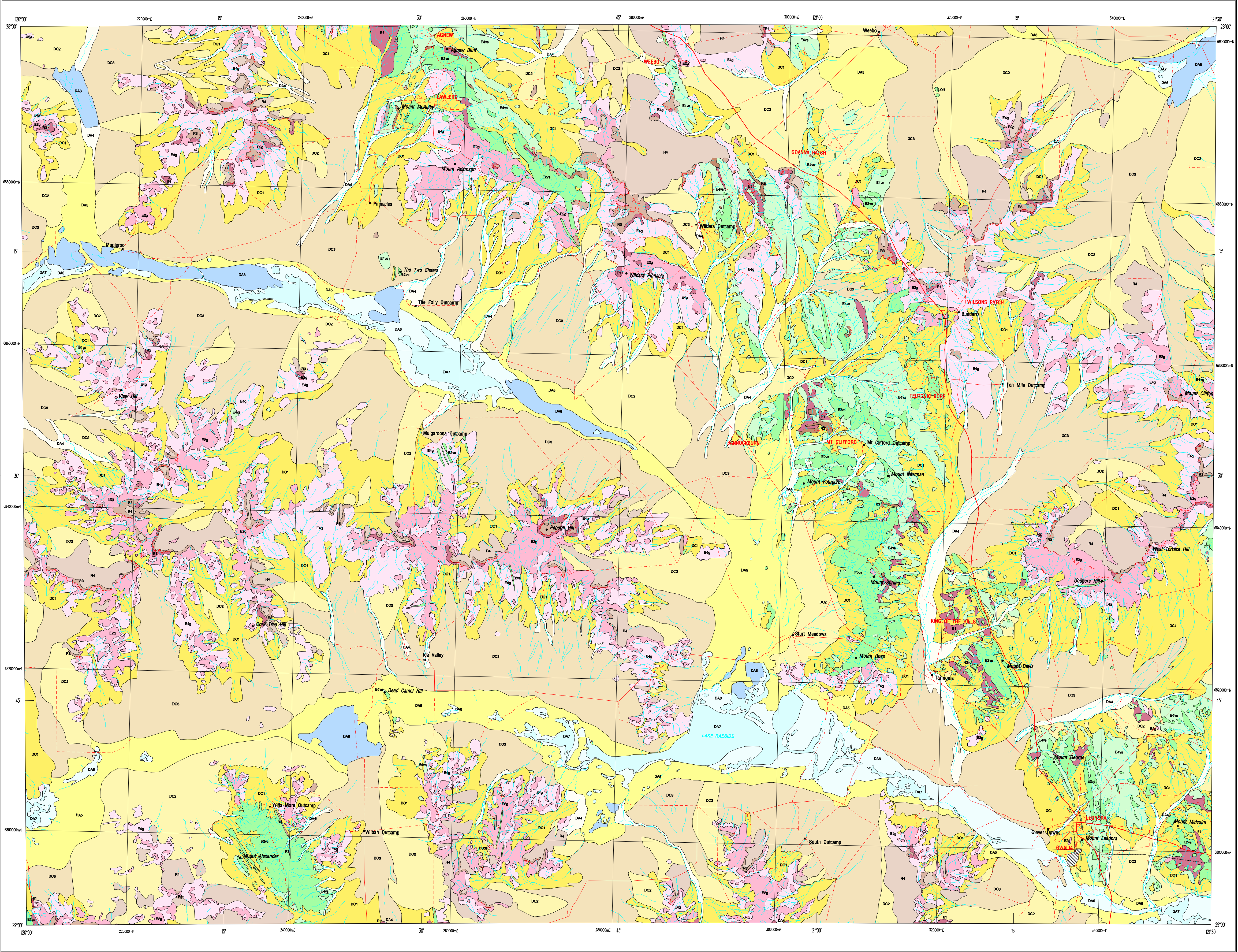


Figure 44. Plot of PEG-4





RELICT REGIME

R2	Iron-rich laterite outcrop
R3	Siltstone and siltified granitoid rock
R4	Sands overlying presumed or known lateritic material

EROSIONAL REGIME

E1	Exposed mottled zone and saprolite
E2g	Granitoid and granitoid gneiss saprock, bedrock, and ferruginous bedrock
E2ve	Volcano-sedimentary greenstone saprock, bedrock, and ferruginous bedrock
E4g	Lag of lithic detritus and/or talus in a sand-rich matrix associated with actively eroding outcrop/bedrock; mainly confined to granitoid terranes
E4ve	Lag of locally derived ferruginous and lithic detritus in a sandy clay matrix associated with actively eroding outcrop/bedrock; mainly confined to greenstone terranes

DEPOSITIONAL REGIME

**DOMINANTLY COLLUVIAL**

DC1	Medium to coarse detritus, mainly of lithic or ferruginized lithic clasts (most >25 mm) in colluvium with a sand or sandy clay matrix
DC2	Fine to medium detritus of 2 types: ferruginized lithic clasts (most 4-25 mm) in colluvium with a sandy clay matrix (greenstone terranes); quartz, bedrock and granitoid clasts in sandy colluvium (granitoid terranes)
DC3	Sand and clay (with or without talus/clast clasts) dominated colluvium or sheetwash; merges into alluvial plains (DAS)
DC3f	Detritus, mainly non-lithic ferruginous (most clasts <10 mm); may be magnetic in red sandy clay; includes significant boulder gravel

**DOMINANTLY ALLUVIAL**

DA4	Gravelly sands and sandy clays of active alluvial channels with mixtures of laterite, non-laterite, and variably altered lithic clasts
DA5	Sand or clay-rich alluvium on or adjacent to broad drainage floors with negligible detritus; calcareous nodules common
DA6	Gypsiferous alluvial and eolian sediments adjacent to playa lakes; usually vegetated
DA7	Saline clays and sandy clays of playa lakes; usually unvegetated
DA8	Extensive and continuous calcareous outcrop in broad drainage floors (valley calcareous)

REFERENCE

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LT3		
-	-	D960
ES3	D6	WR22
LS4		

SP1	E3	WR11
	E4	
BR3	E6-E9inc	GWR12
BR3	E6-E9inc	VWR12
SS6	-	GWR1
M1-M5inc	E1	VWR21
LA4		

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CS3		vSC26
M2	D8	gSC26
CS1	D8	vSC26
CS1-2	D4	SC26a
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CSIRO (2) regolith codes: M.A. Craig and R.A. Healy, 1989  
ASIO regolith codes: C. Paine et al., 1981

SYMBOLS

Regolith boundary	—
Principal road	—
Minor road	—
Track	—
Railway	—
Breakaway	—
Watercourse, ephemeral	—
Homestead	—
Locality	—
Mining locality	—
Mining area, made ground	—

Weebo  
Mount Ross  
LAWLERS

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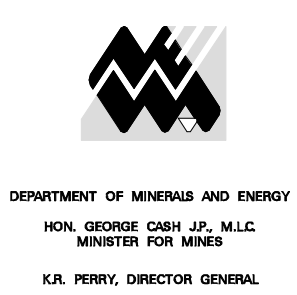
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Volcano-sedimentary greenstone belt  
Major fault

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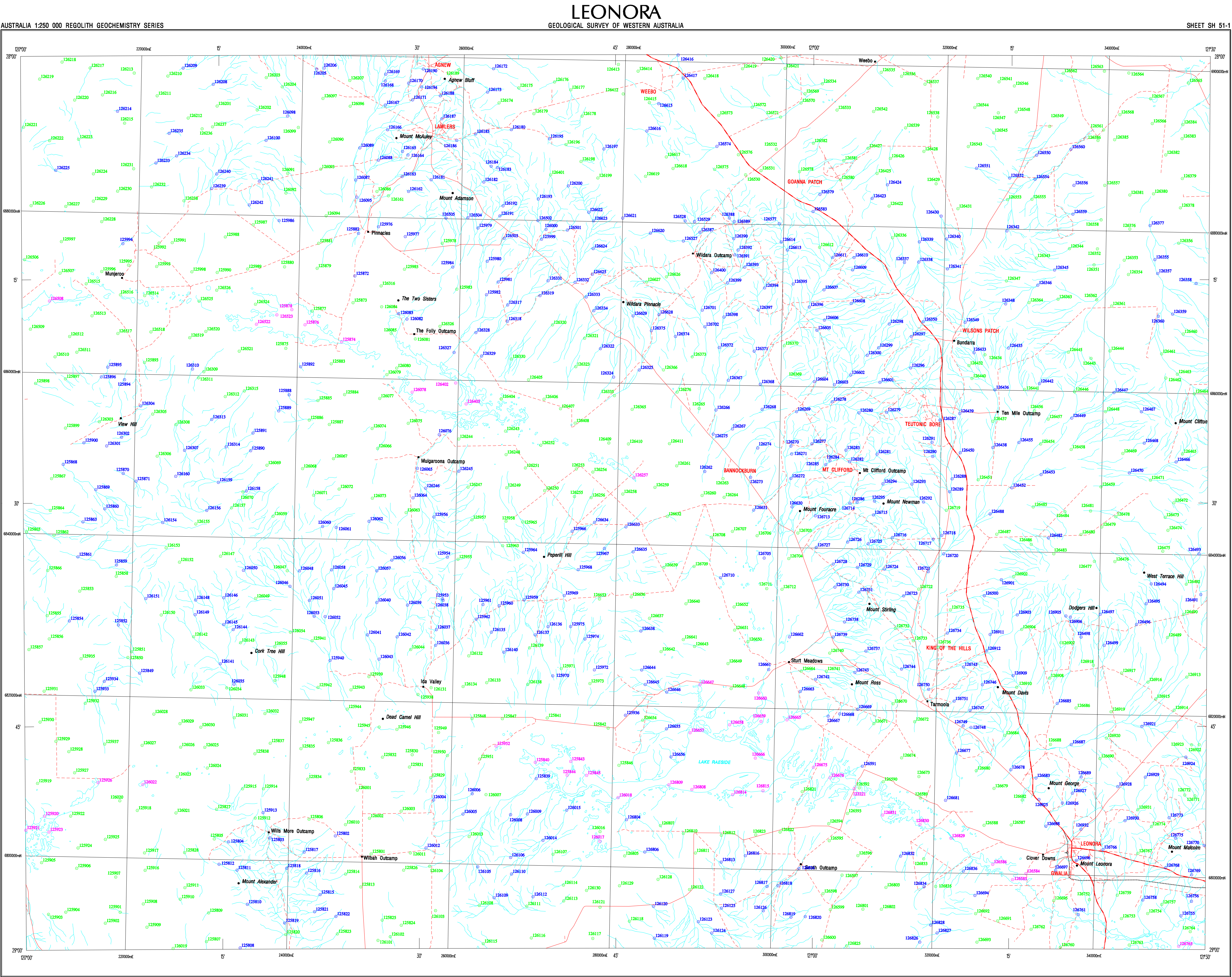


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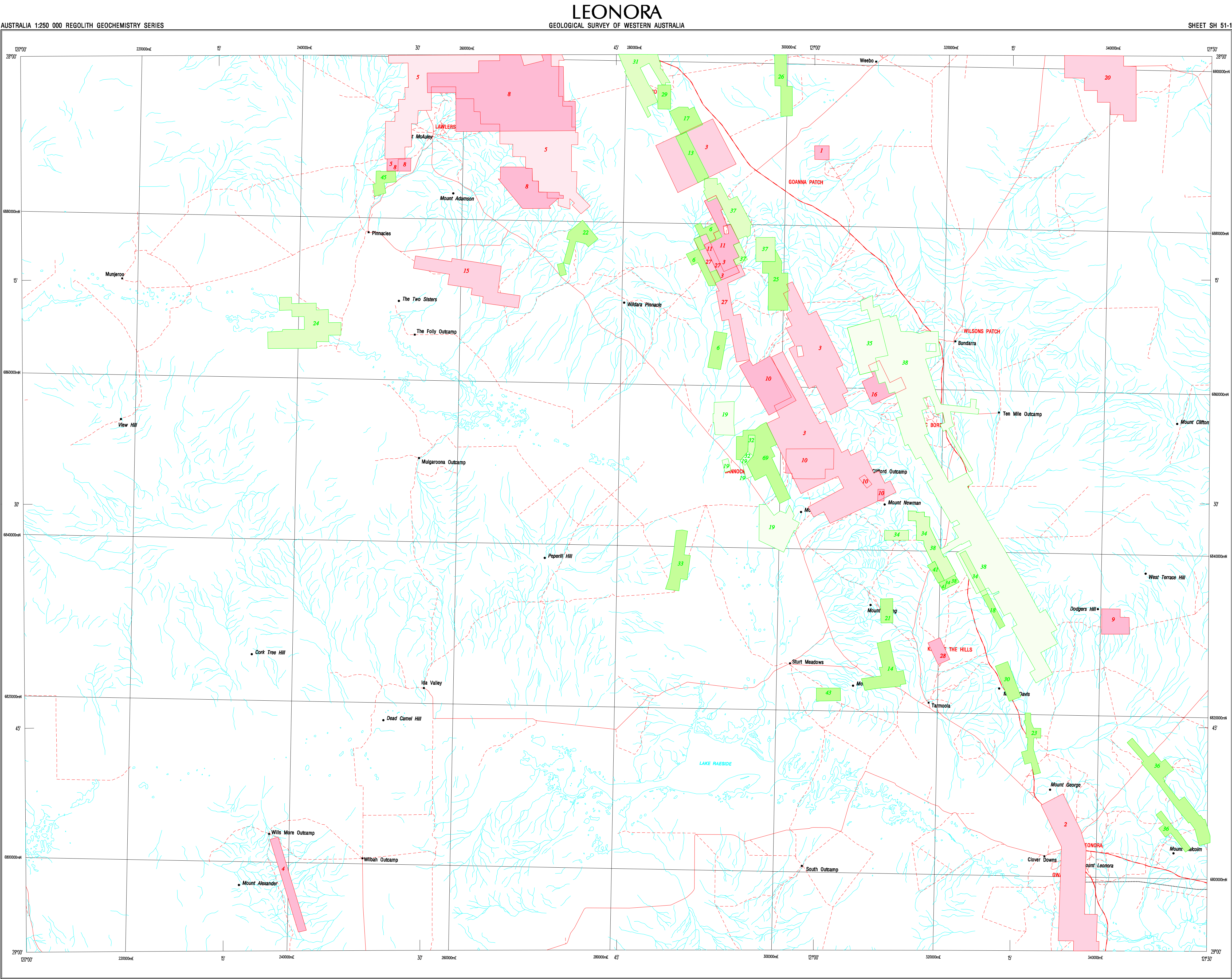
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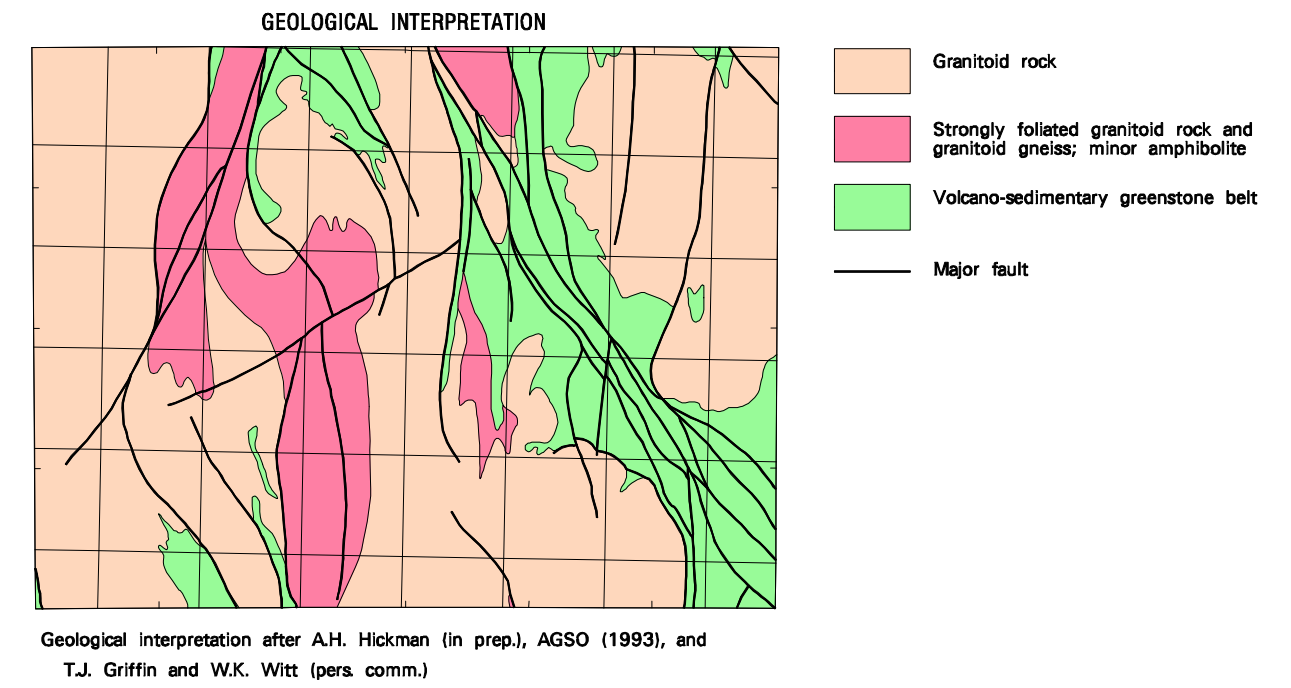
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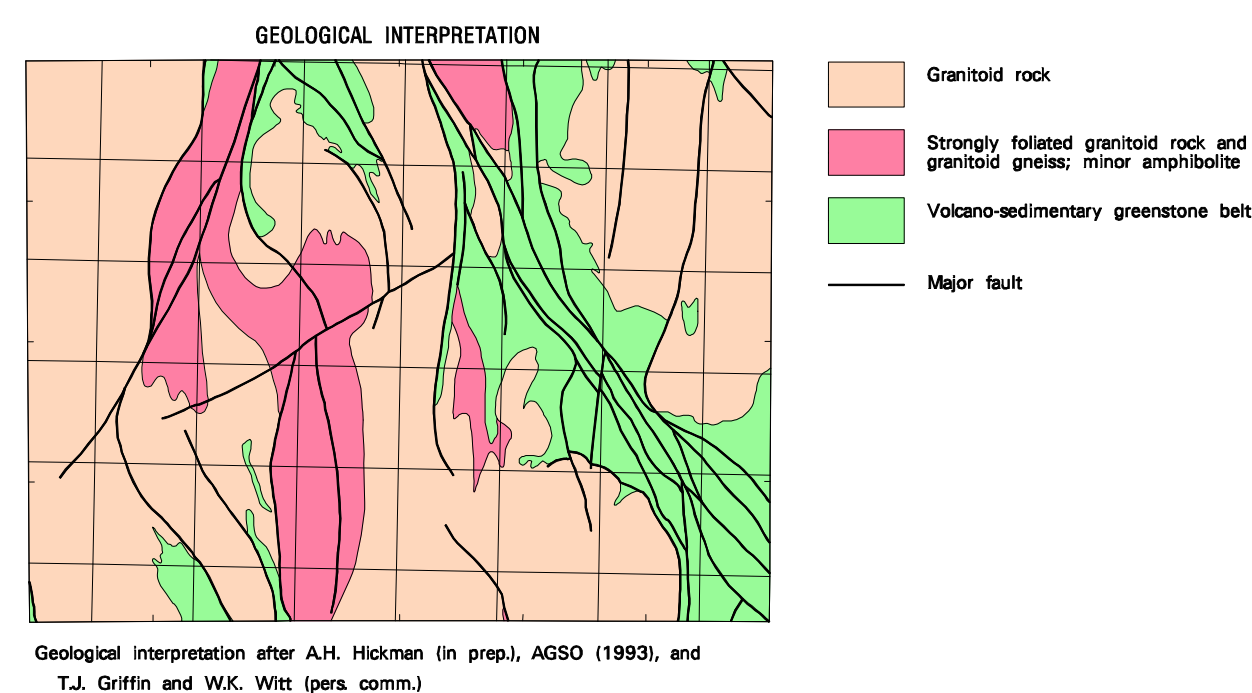
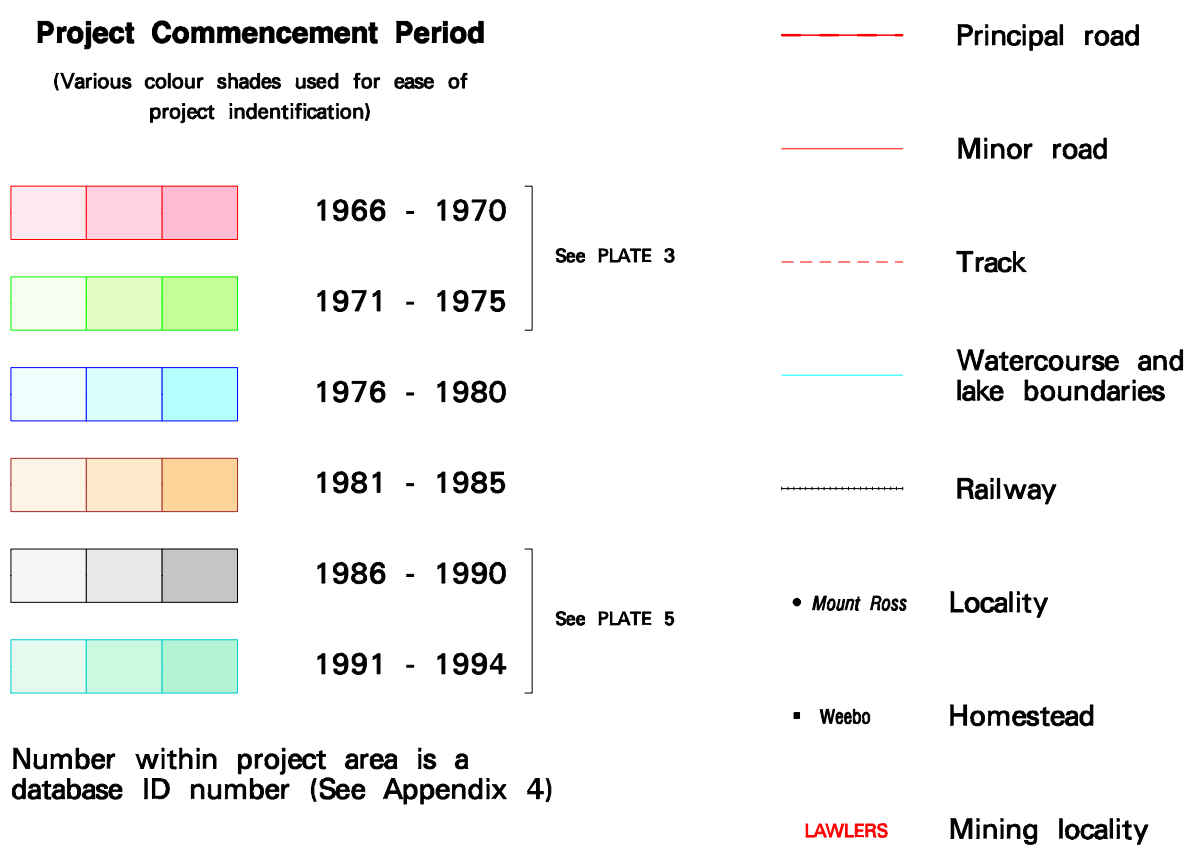
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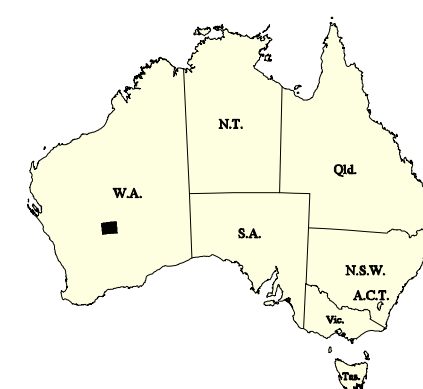


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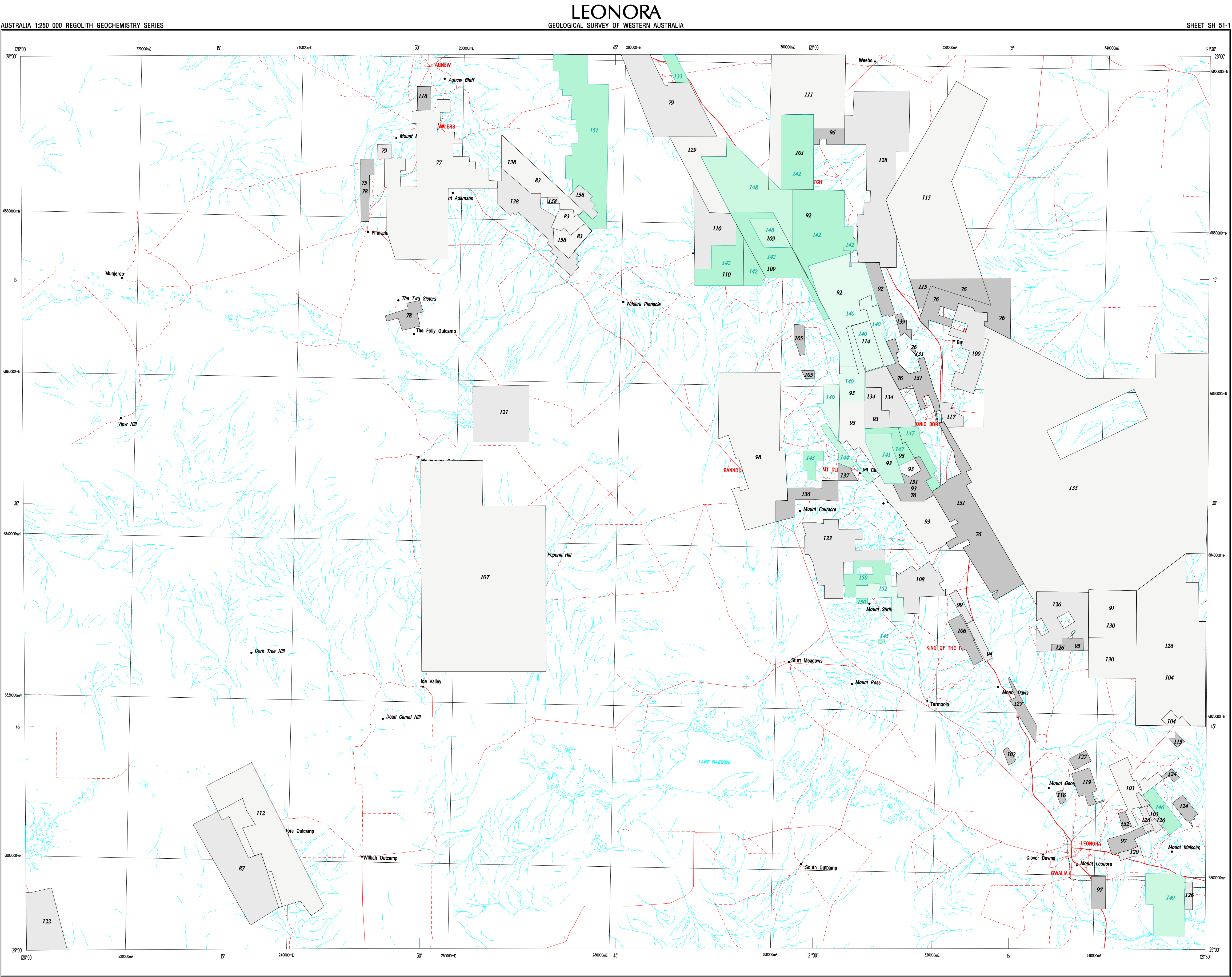
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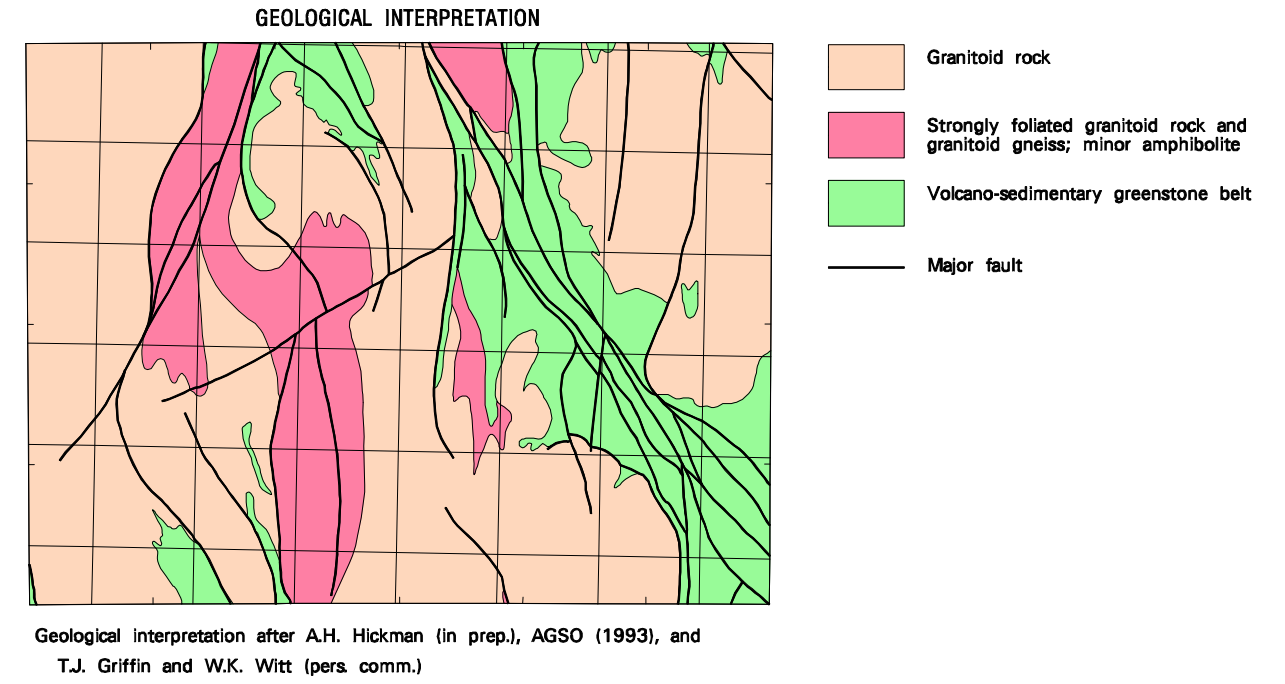
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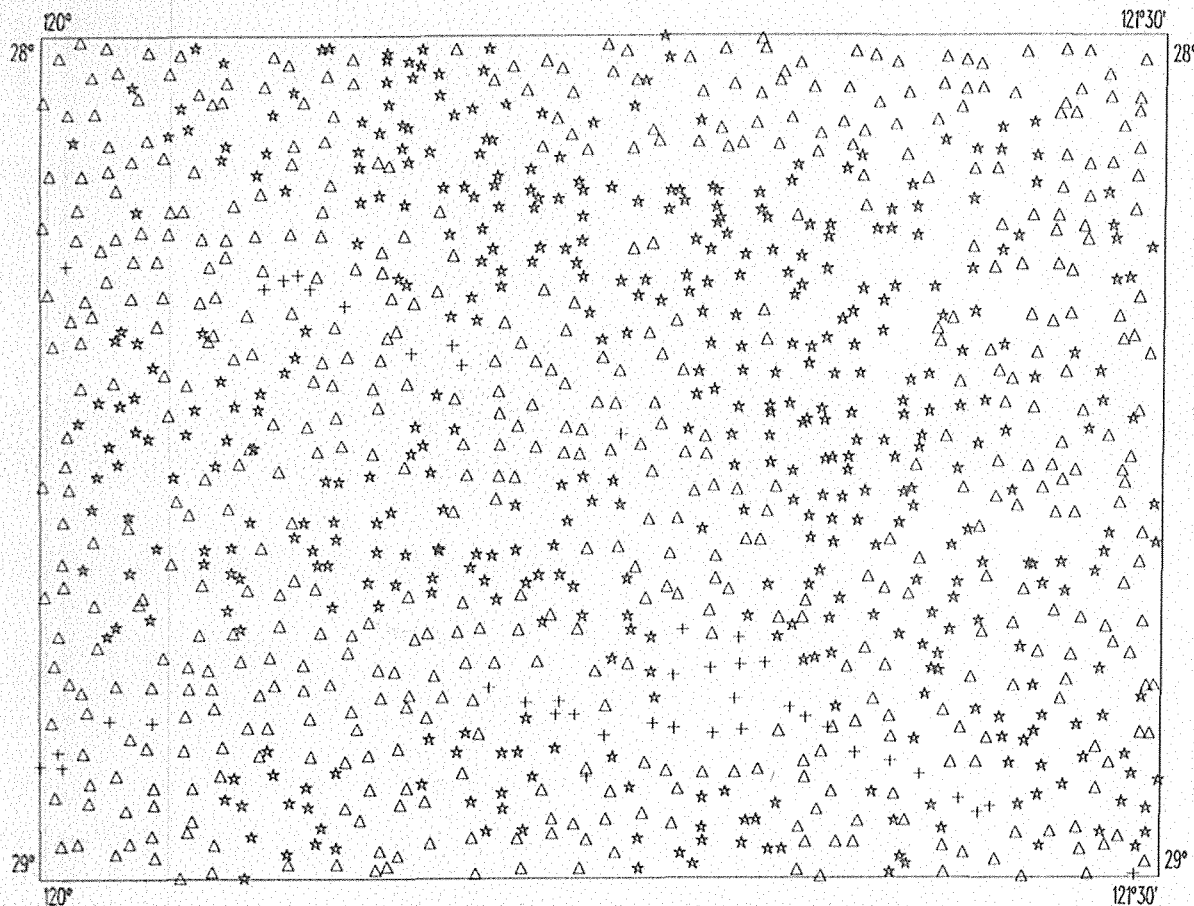
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# SAMPLE LOCATIONS

## SAMPLE TYPE

- △ Soil
- + Lake
- ★ Stream

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28°  
120°






121°30'  
28°

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