

Figure 2.1 Location map

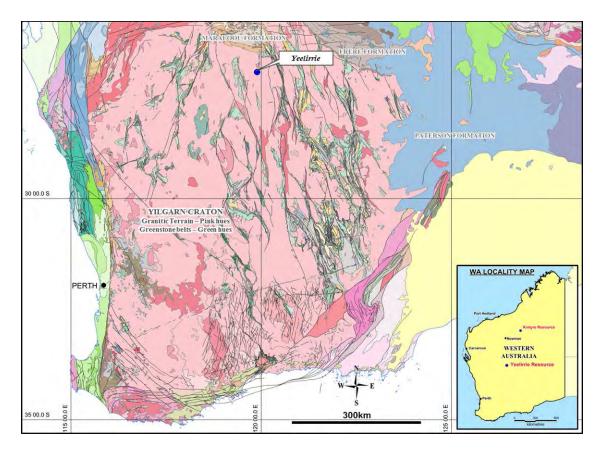


Figure 2.2 Regional geology map of Western Australia.

(The Yeelirrie channel and deposit are located on the northern portion of the Archaean aged Yilgarn Craton)

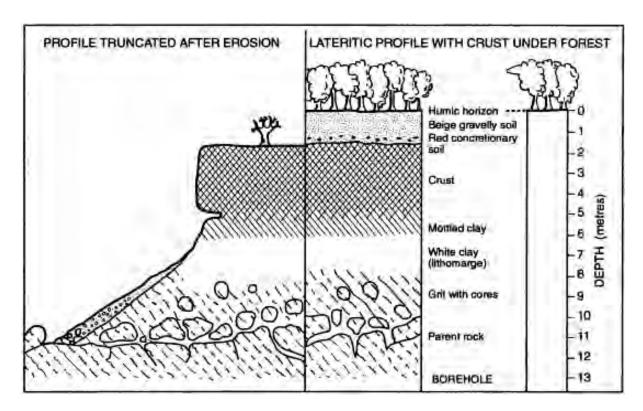


Figure 2.3 Typical "laterite" profile developed under humid, tropical climatic conditions. (When exposed to an arid weathering environment the regolith profile becomes variably eroded (left of figure) resulting in preserved siliceous/ferruginous caps on hill tops and exposed saprolite on piedmonts, as is observed within the Yeelirrie catchment. Bourman and Ollier (2002).

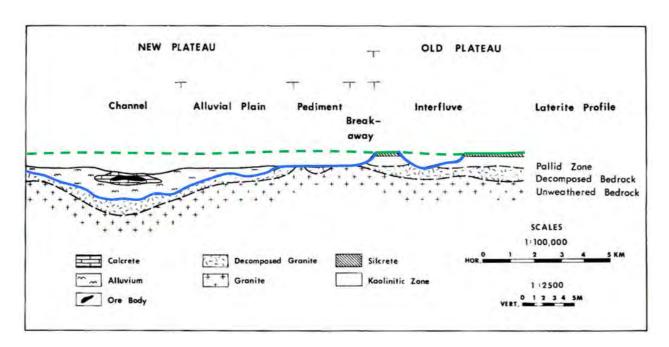
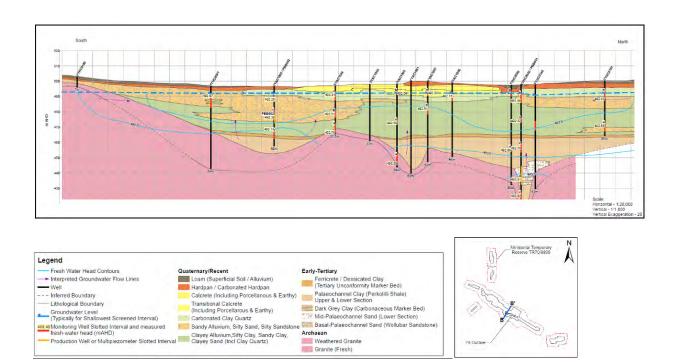
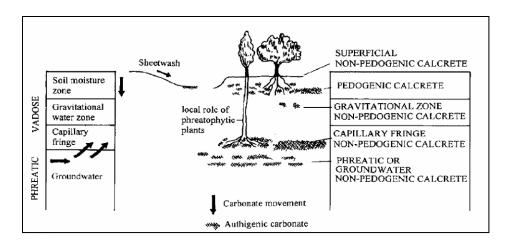


Figure 2.4 Stylised regional geomorphological section from the Yeelirrie District. (Cartoon illustrates the relationship between the Old Plateau (green line) and the New Plateau (blue line) and the paleochannel geomorphology. (WMC, 1975))



**Figure 2.5** Lithological interpretation completed to assist with hydrological modelling. (From URS, 2011a).

(Geology is adapted from Johnson et al., 1999. This interpretation demonstrates the highly variable topography of the channel base. The carbonate body hosting uranium mineralisation is shown in yellow sitting perched at the surface in the channel fill. Note the interpreted groundwater flow lines in purple. Modified from URS, 2011a).



**Figure 2.6** Classification of calcretes by hydro-geologic setting applicable to Yeelirrie. (The Yeelirrie calcrete forms within the capillary fringe and phreatic zones. From Chen et al. (2002); adapted from Carlisle (1984) & Tucker (1991)).

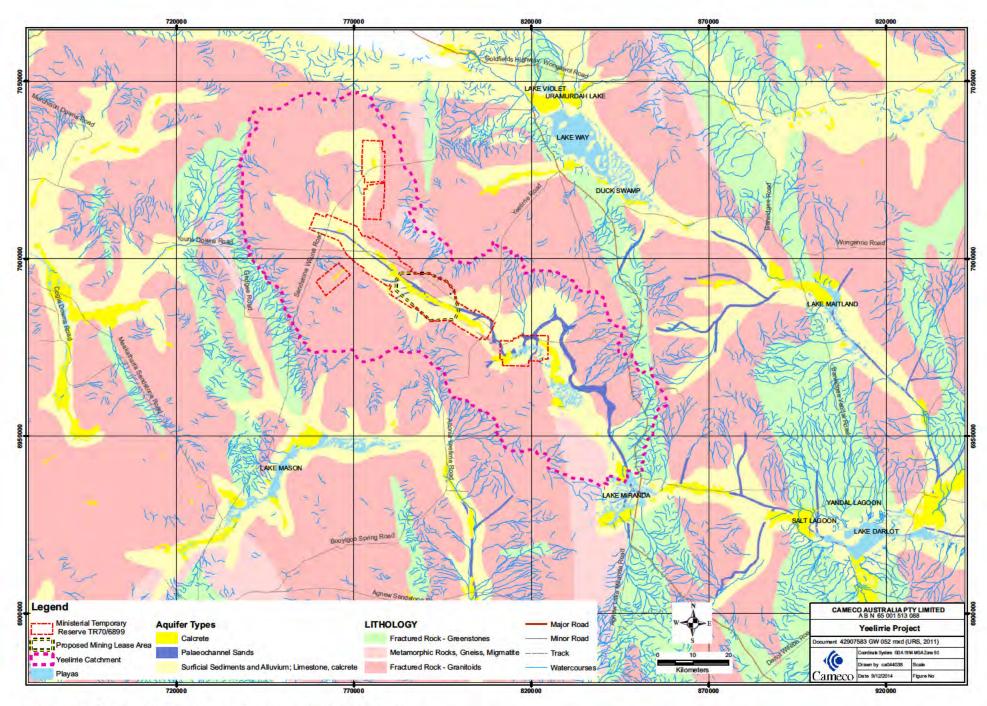


Figure 2.7 Distribution of aquifer types in the Yeelirrie area

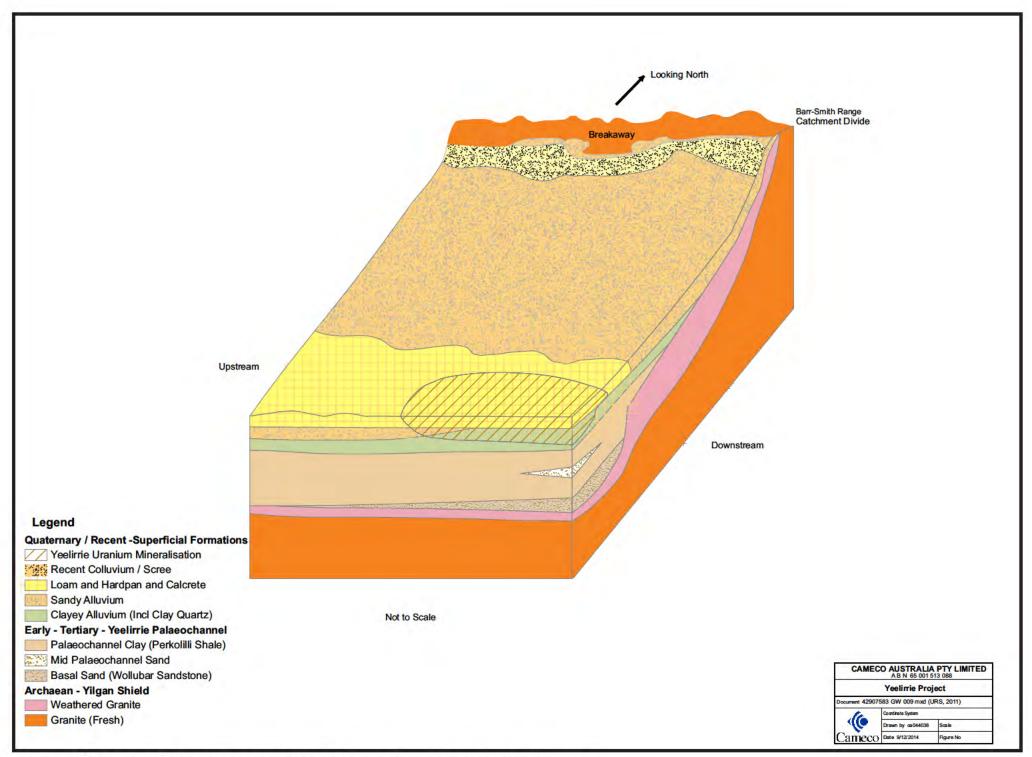


Figure 2.8 Schematic block diagram of the hydrostratigraphic setting at Yeelirrie

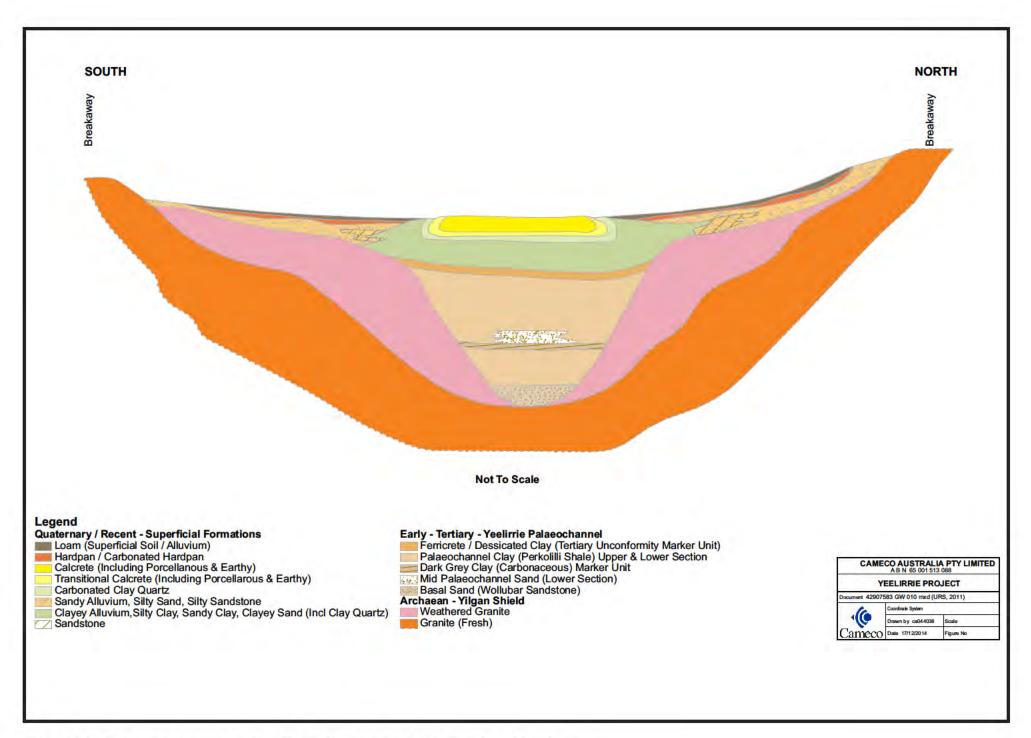


Figure 2.9 Schematic cross section illustrating the hydrostratigrahy at Yeelirrie

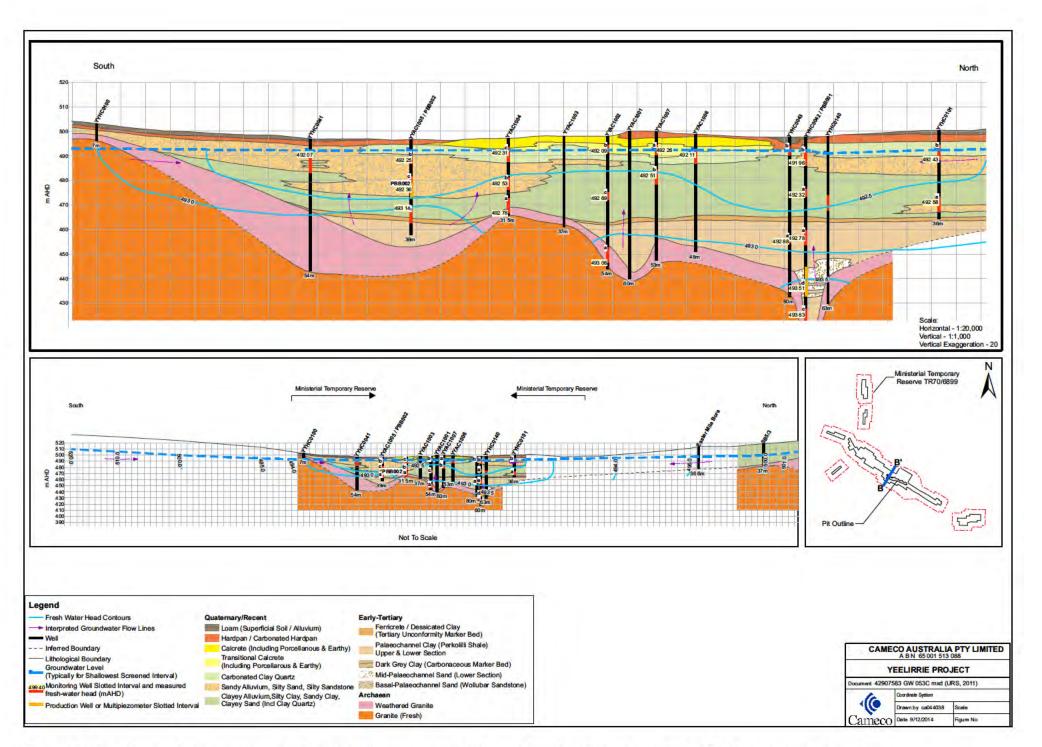


Figure 2.10 Schematic transverse stratigraphical cross section through the Yeelirrie deposit and fresh-water head contours

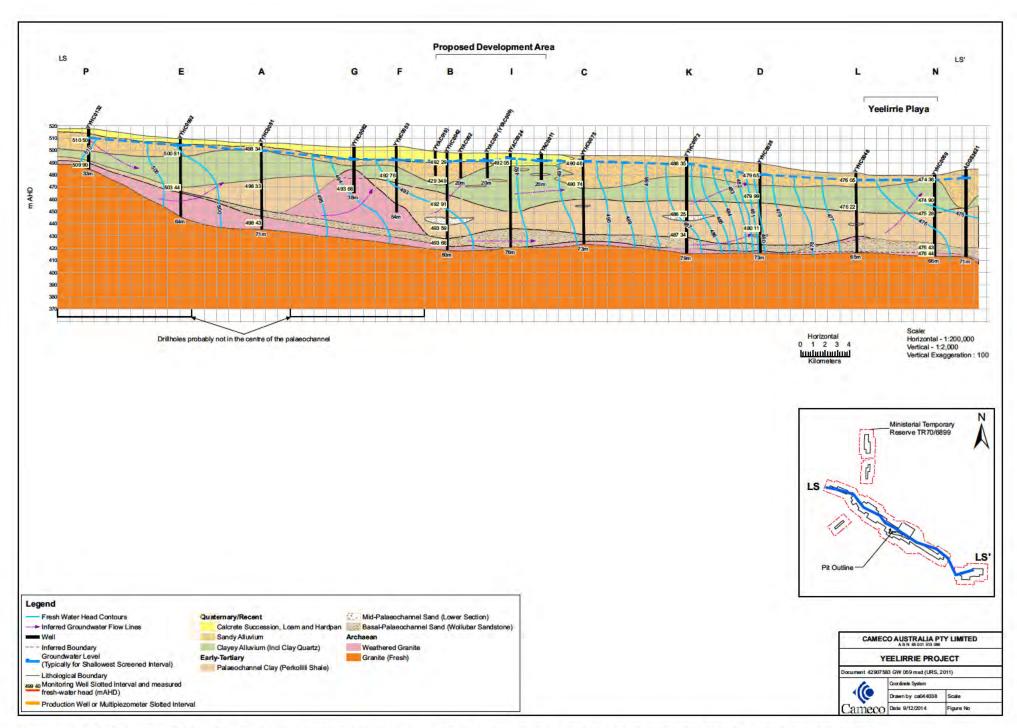


Figure 2.11 Schematic longitudinal stratigraphical cross section through the Yeelirrie deposit and fresh-water head contours

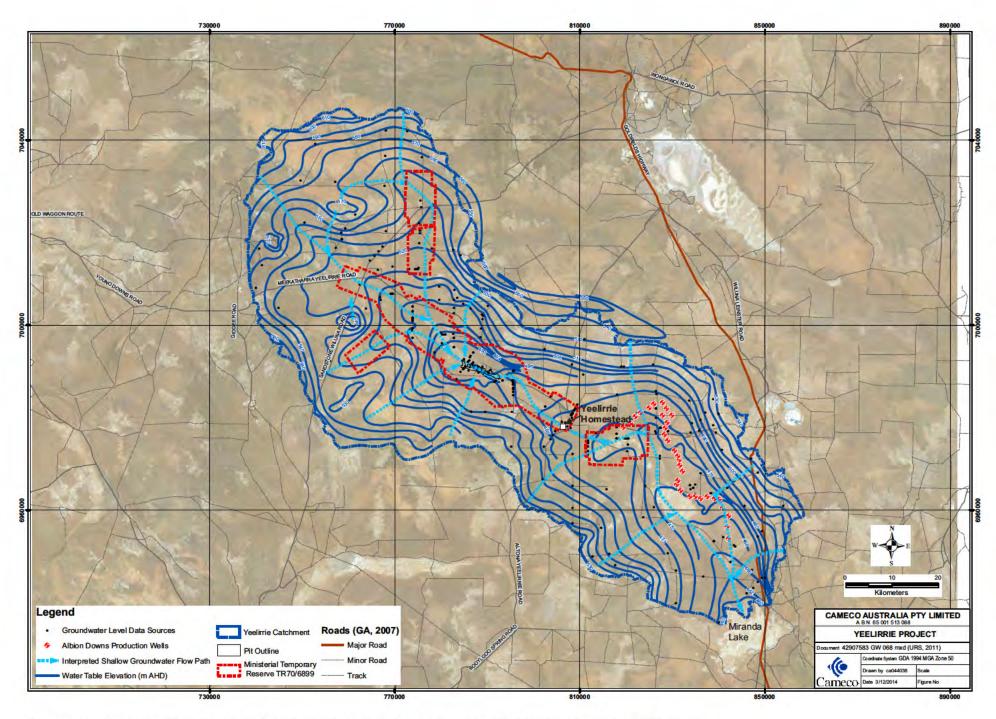


Figure 2.12 Interpreted pre-development (2007) water table elevation in the Yeelirrie catchment

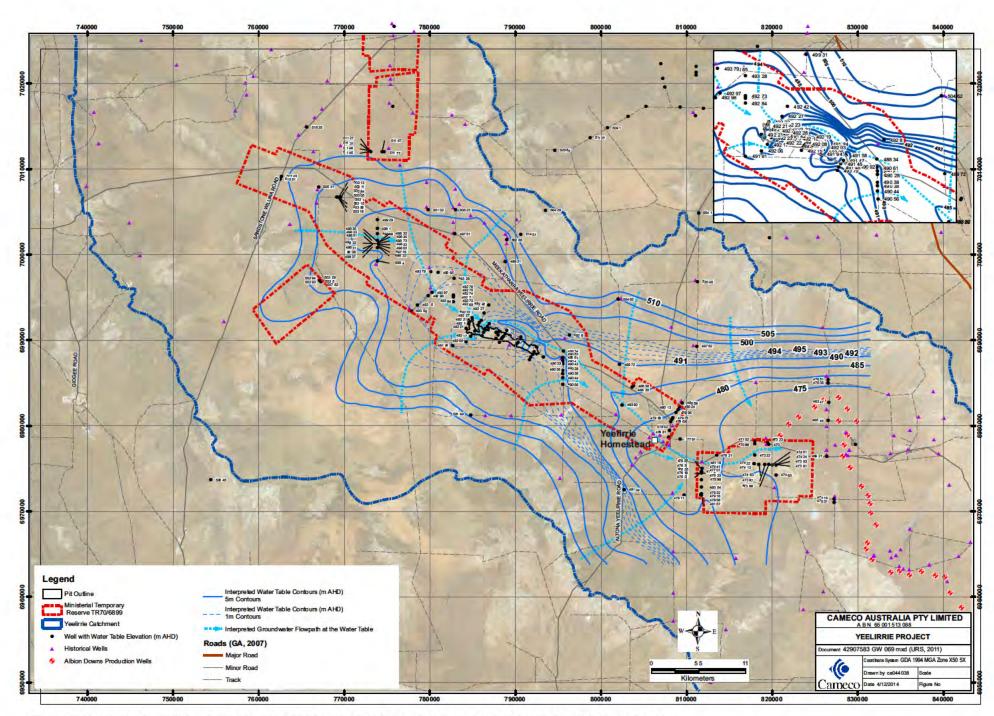


Figure 2.13 Interpreted pre-development water table in the vicinity of the Yeelirrie deposit

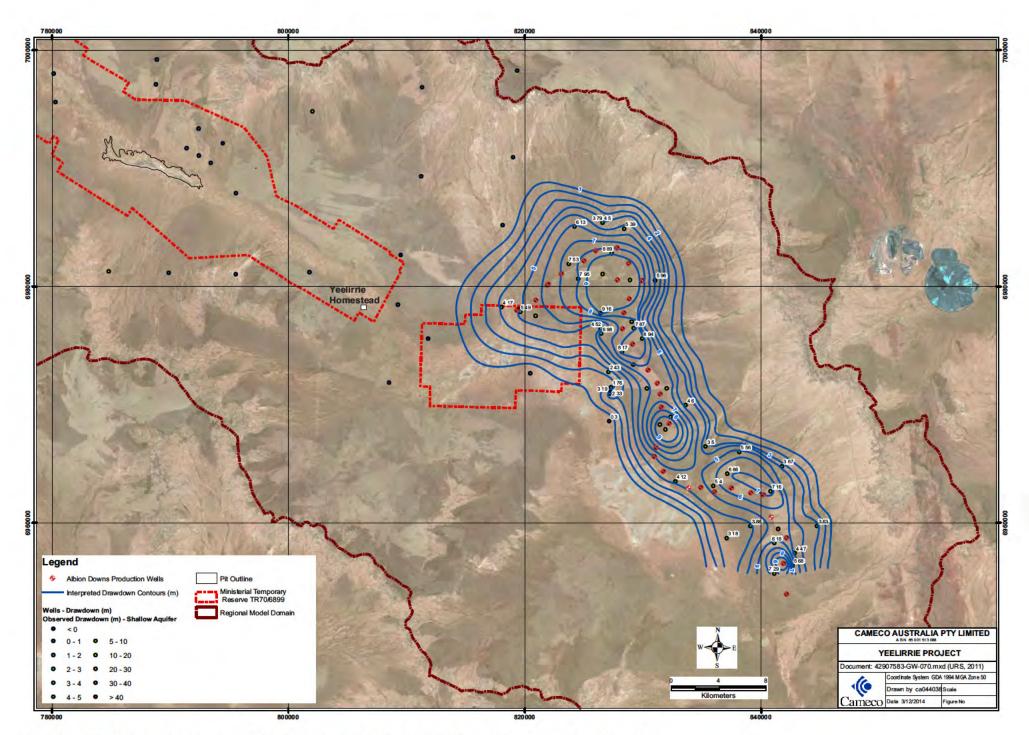


Figure 2.14 Interpreted water table drawdown (end 2007) in the Albion Downs wellfield

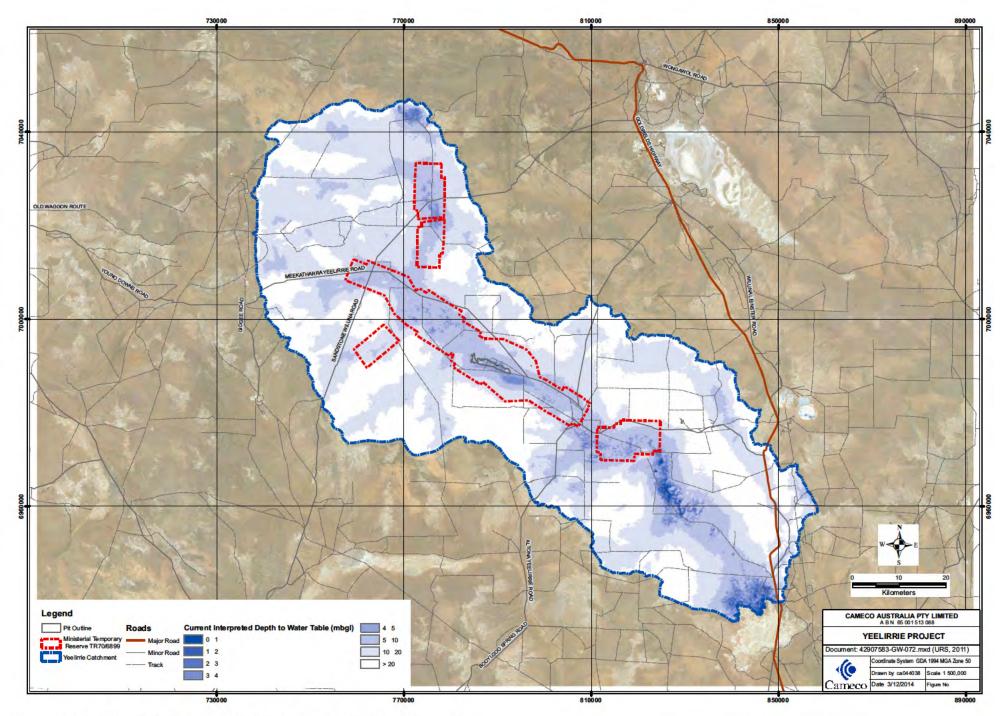


Figure 2.15 Depth to the water table in the Yeelirrie catchment

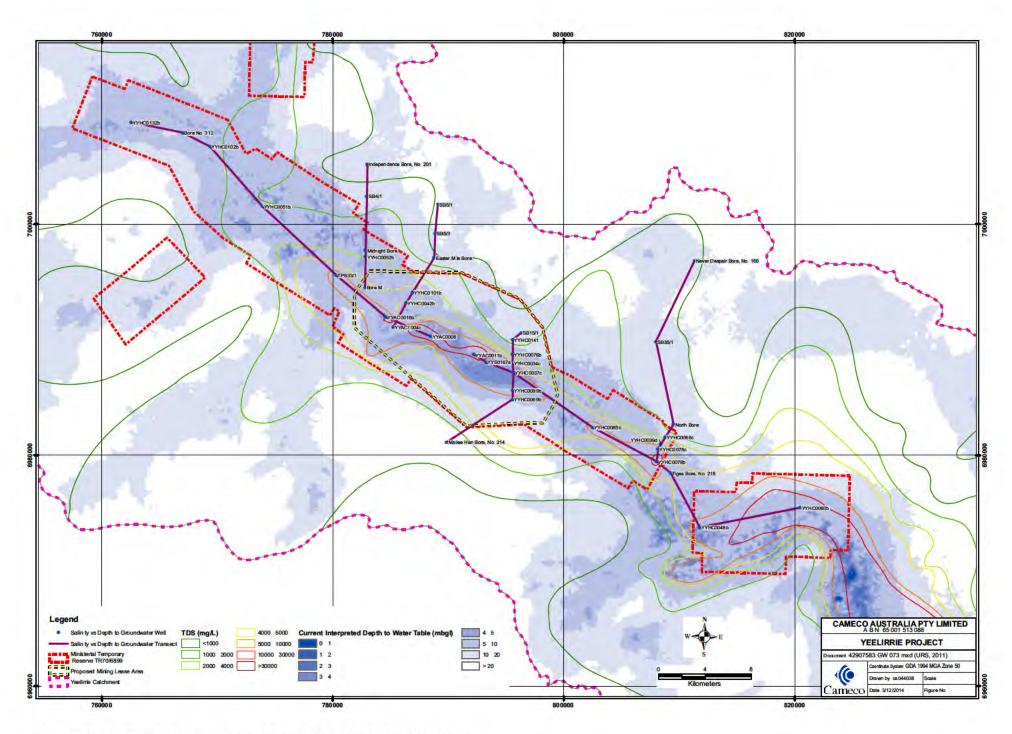


Figure 2.16 Depth to the water table in the Yeelirrie deposit area

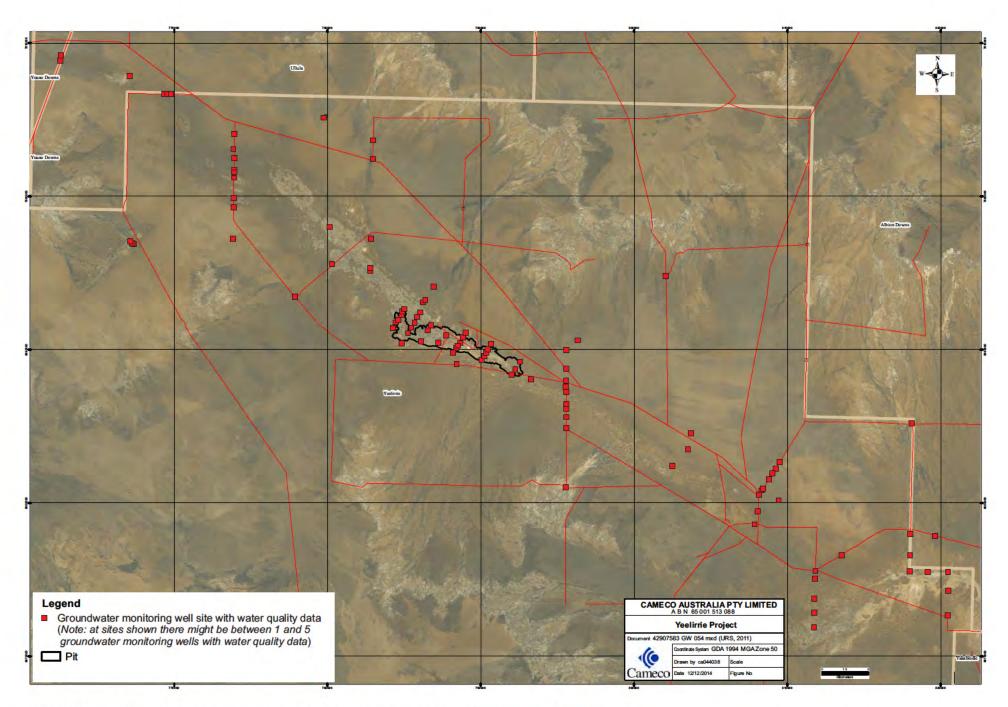


Figure 2.17 Locations of groundwater monitoring wells with water quality data

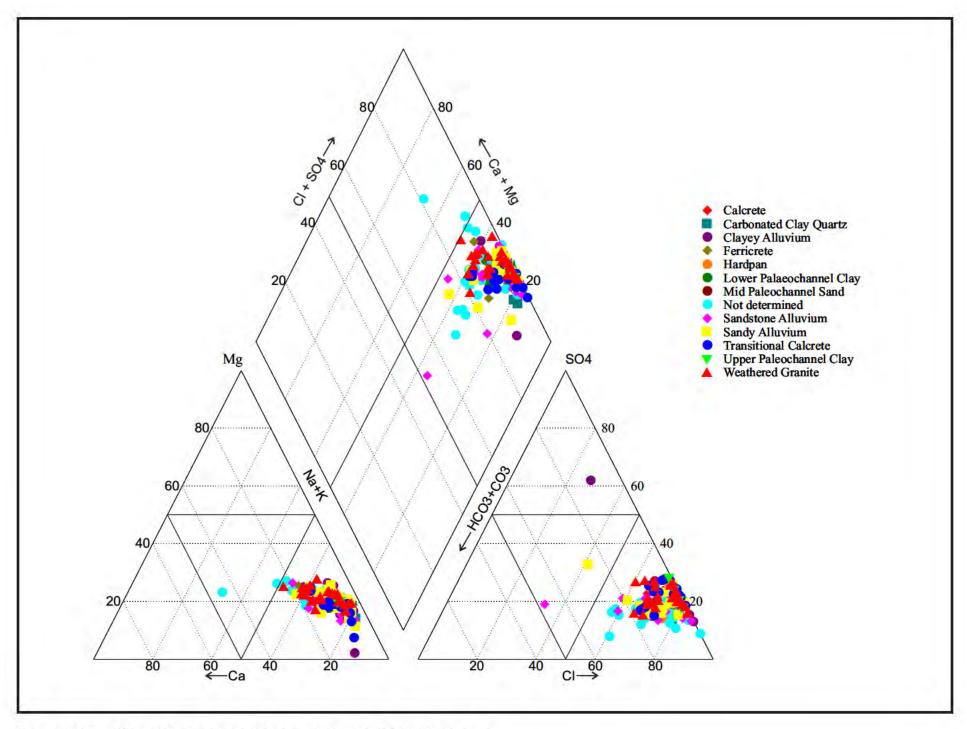


Figure 2.18 Piper-plot of groundwater quality data for Yeelirrie area

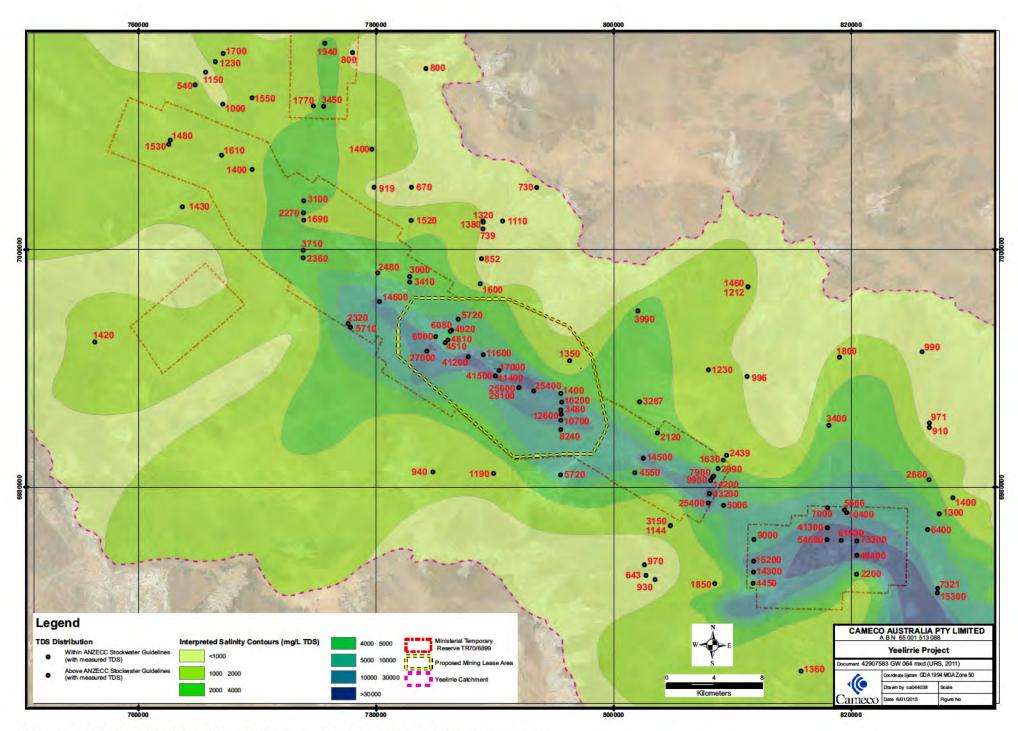


Figure 2.19 Distribution of Total Dissioved Solids (TDS) at the water table

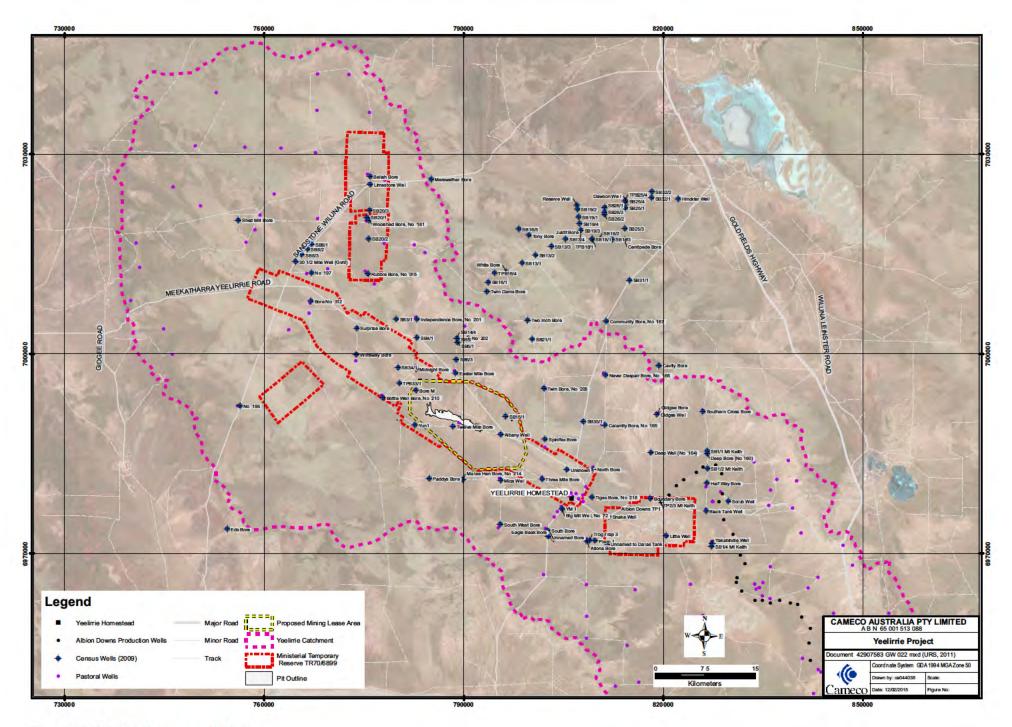


Figure 2.20 Well census 2009

YEAR	DE	EWATERING SCHEDULE	MINING SCHEDULE	MILLING SCHEDULE	TAILINGS DEPOSITION SCHEDULE	COVER
1		DB#1 Strip DB#1 to above the water table, construct trenches, start dewatering				
2	Construction camp and plant	DB#2 Strip DB#2 to above the water table, construct trenches, start dewatering	Mine Block1 MB#1 dewatered and mined			
3		DB#3 Covers MB#3 and part of MB#4 Strip DB#3 to above the water table, construct trenches, start dewatering	Mine Block 2 MB#2 dewatered and mined	_		g w th the ce s of Pond #1
4	End of mining	DB#4 Covers part of MB#4, MB#5 and MB#6, and part of MB#7 Strip DB#4 to above the water table, construct trenches, start dewatering  DB#5 Covers part of MB#7, MB#8 and part of MB#9	Mine Block 3 MB#3 dewatered and mined		Pond #1 Five (5) cells used on a rotating schedule	
5			Mine Block 4 MB#4 dewatered and mined			
6			Mine Block 5 MB#5 dewatered and mined			
7			Mine Block 6 MB#6 dewatered and mined			
8		Strip DB#5 to above the water table, construct trenches, start dewatering	Mine Block 7 MB#7 dewatered and mined			
9		DB#6 Covers part of MB#9, MB#10 and part of MB#11	Mine Block 8 MB#8 dewatered and mined			
10		Strip DB#6 to above the water table, construct trenches, start dewatering	Mine Block 9 MB#9 dewatered and mined			
11		DB#7 Covers part of MB#11, and MB#12 and MB#13 Strip DB#7 to above the water table, construct trenches, start dewatering	Mine Block 10 MB#10 dewatered and mined		Pond #2 Five (5) cells used on a rotating schedule	
12			Mine Block 11 MB#11 dewatered and mined			
13			Mine Block 12 MB#12 dewatered and mined			
14		DB#8 Covers part of MB#14 and MB#15 Strip DB#8 to above the water table, construct trenches, start dewatering	Mine Block 13 MB#13 dewatered and mined			
15			Mine Block 14&15 MB#14&15 dewatered and mined			
16			Mine Block 14&15 MB#14&15 dewatered and mined			
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18				End of milling		Pacing of cover, starting with
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Figure 3.1 Indicative project timeline

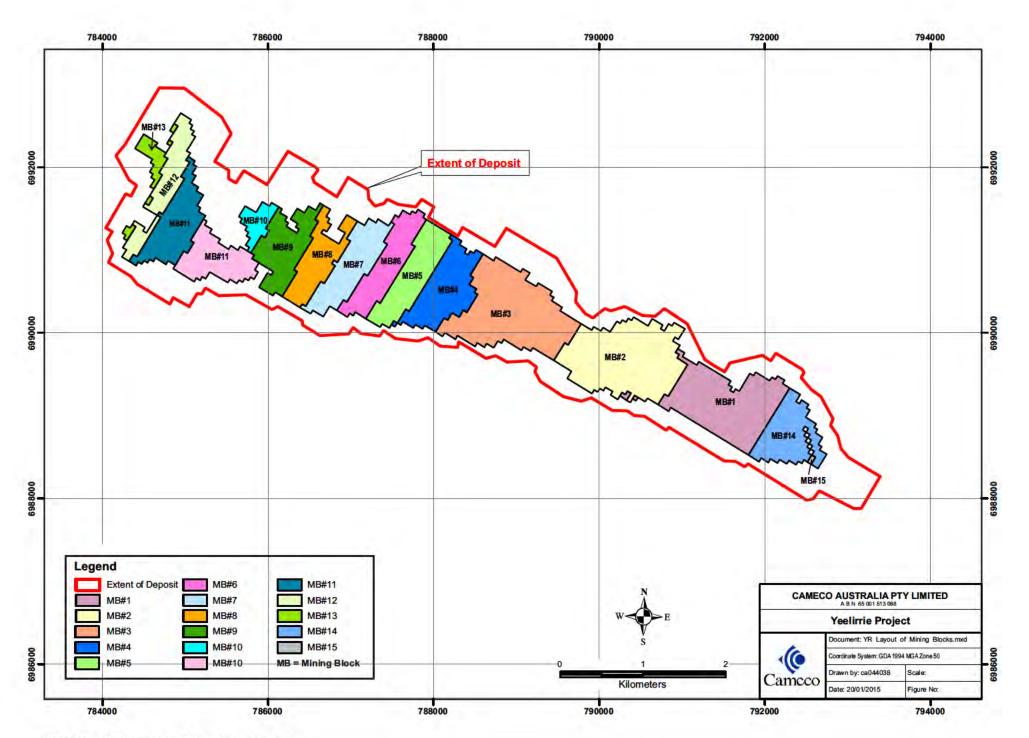


Figure 3.2 Layout of mining blocks

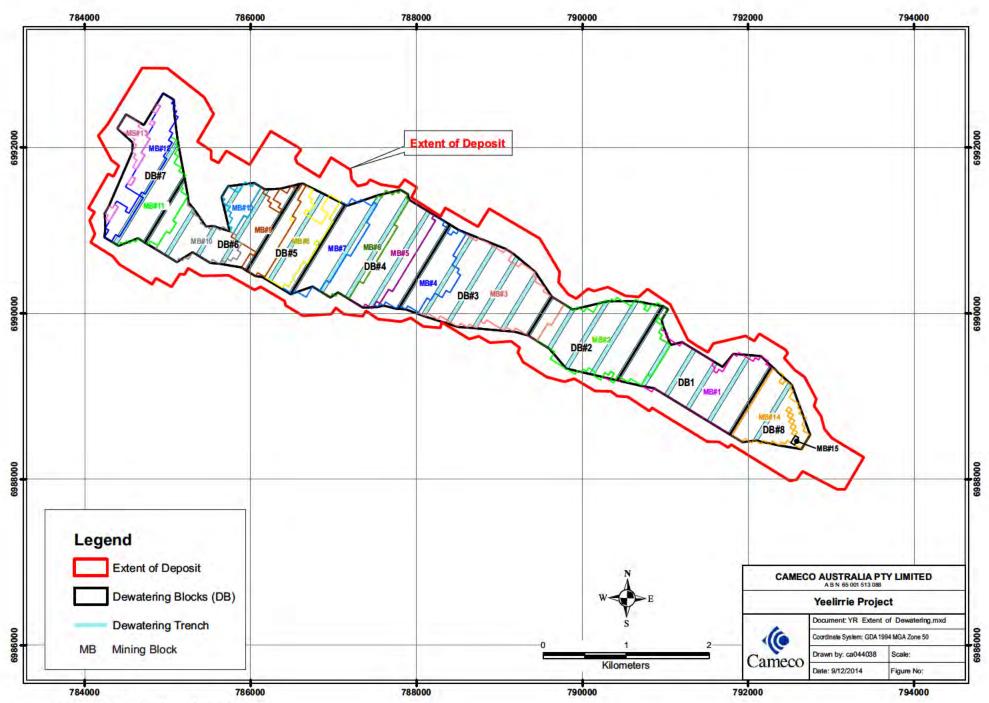


Fig. 3.3 Layout of dewatering blocks

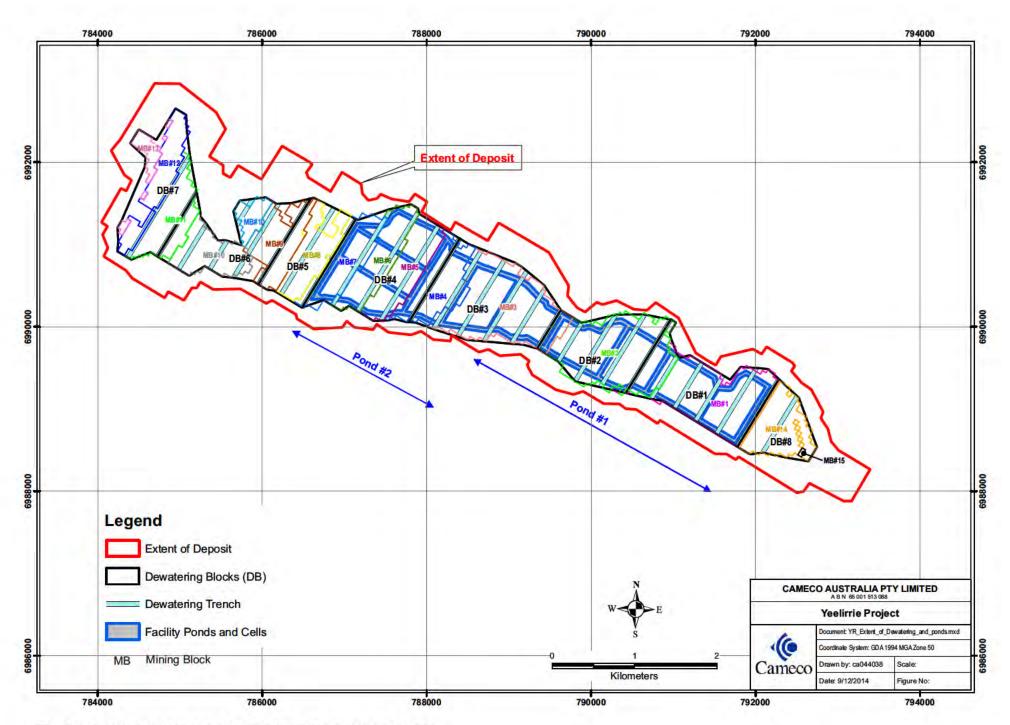


Fig 3.4 Layout of tailings storage facility ponds and cells

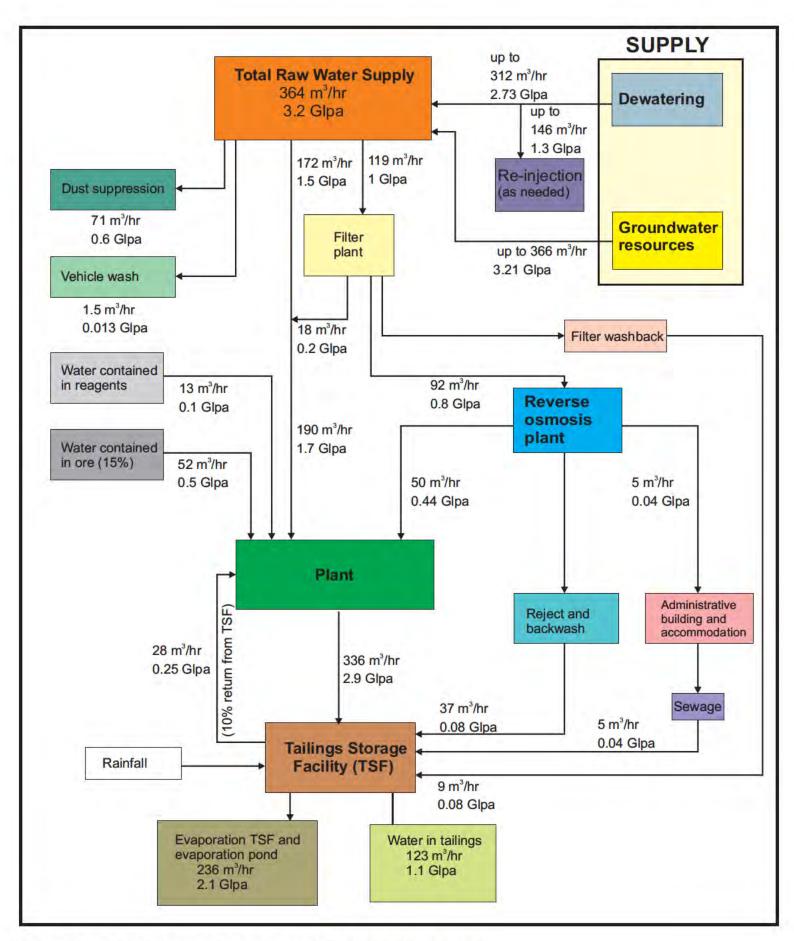


Figure 3.5 Indicative site-wide water balance during milling period

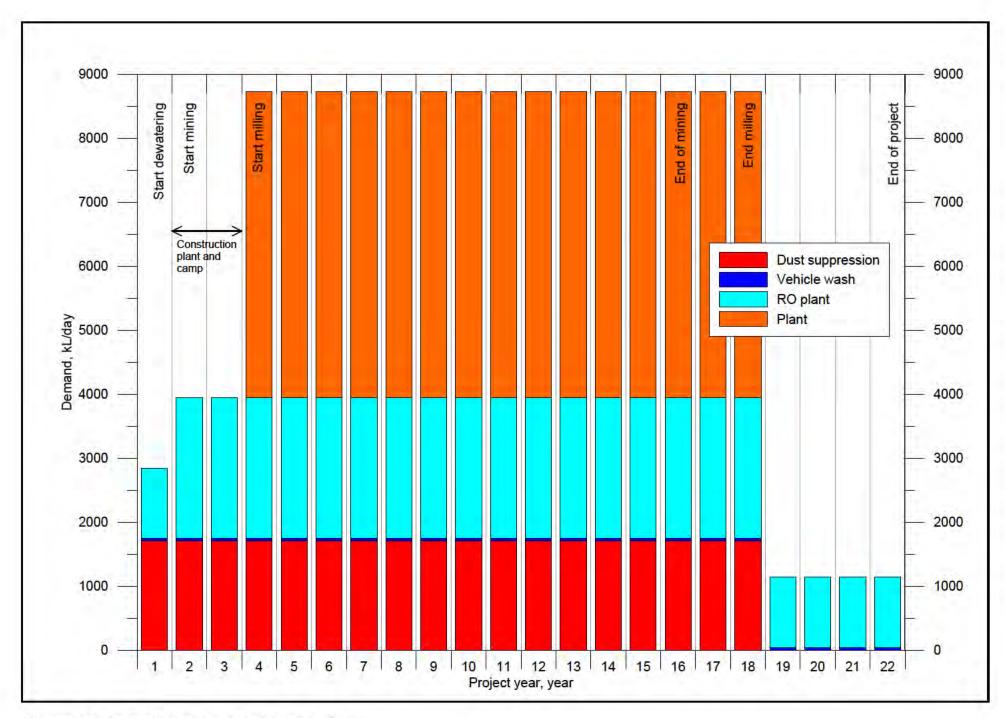


Figure 3.6 Indicative water demand over time

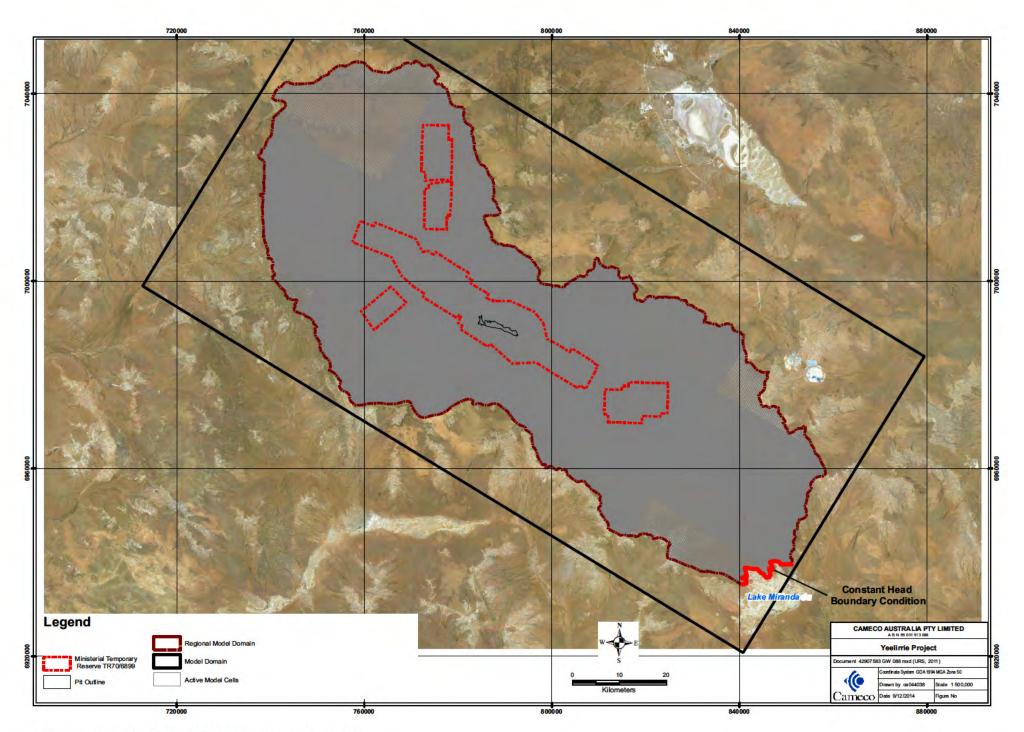


Figure 4.1 Yeelirrie Catchment model domain

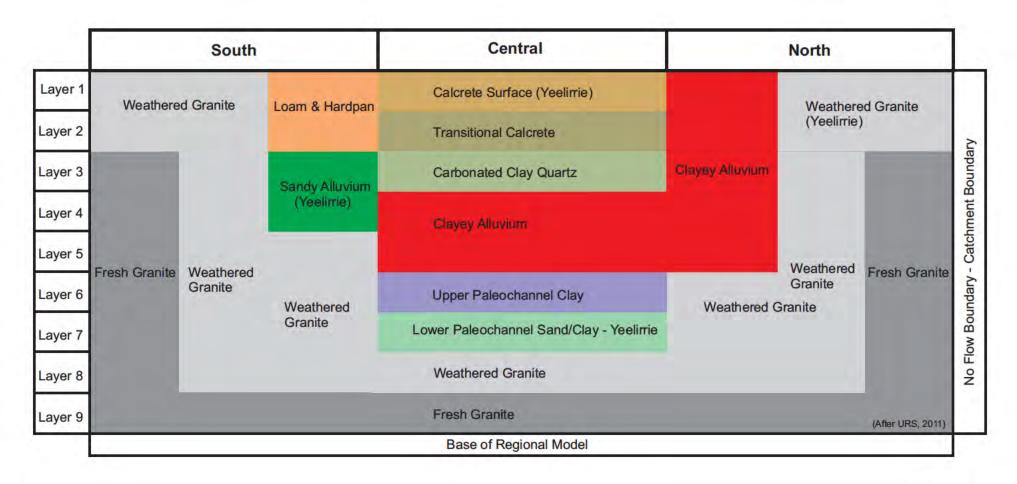


Figure 4.2 Model layout and property zones

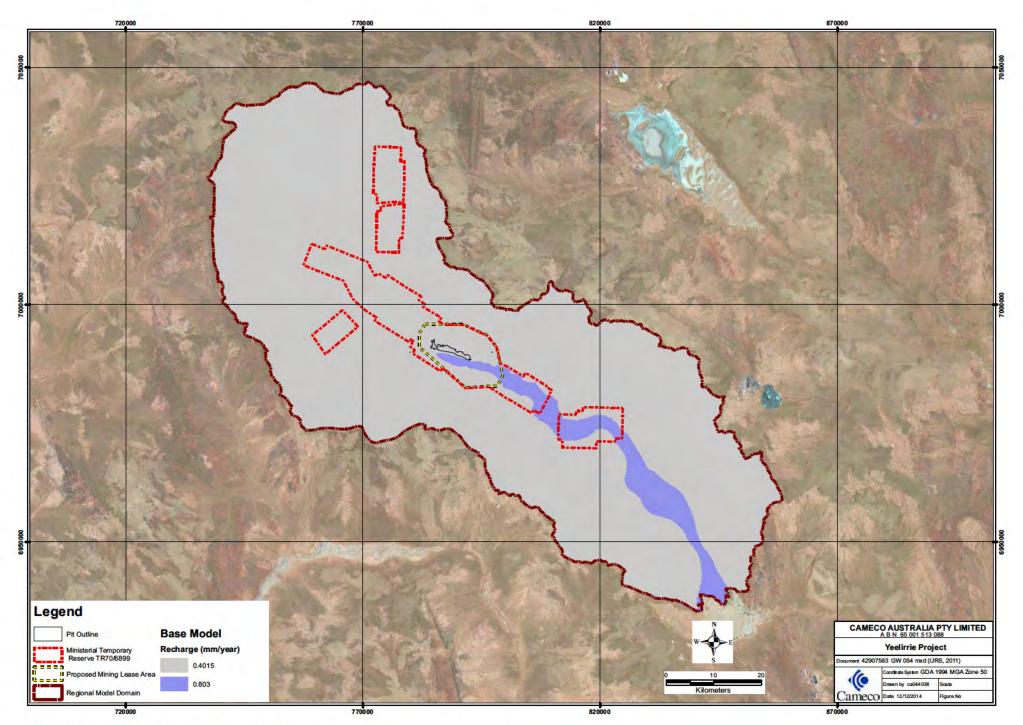


Figure 4.3 Spatial distribution of recharge

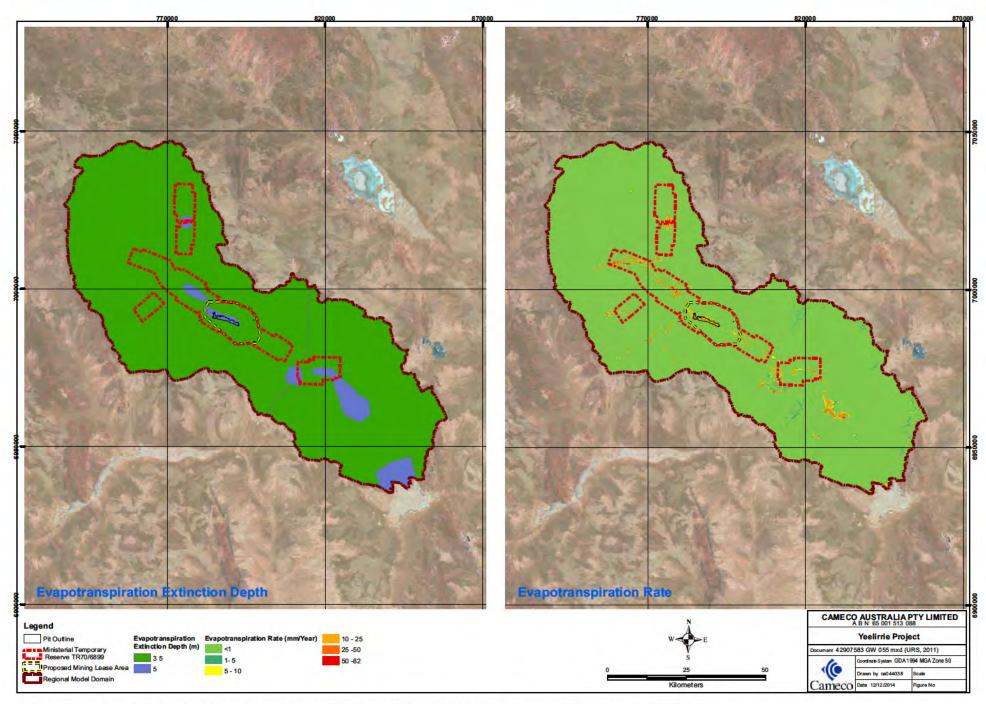


Figure 4.4 Spatial distribution of evapotranspiration extinction depth and evapotranspiration rates