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**Background**  
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**Due to the random nature of floods, however, a 1:100 year flood need not occur in every 100 years and conversely, several floods which exceed the 1:100 year flood could occur within any one period of 100 years.**

**Storm durations**  
The flooding response of a catchment is dependent on the duration of any given event. Generally, shorter, more intense storms produce the greatest flows from urban areas. Longer storms, but less intense storms, produce the greatest flows from undeveloped hill areas.

**Impact on buildings**  
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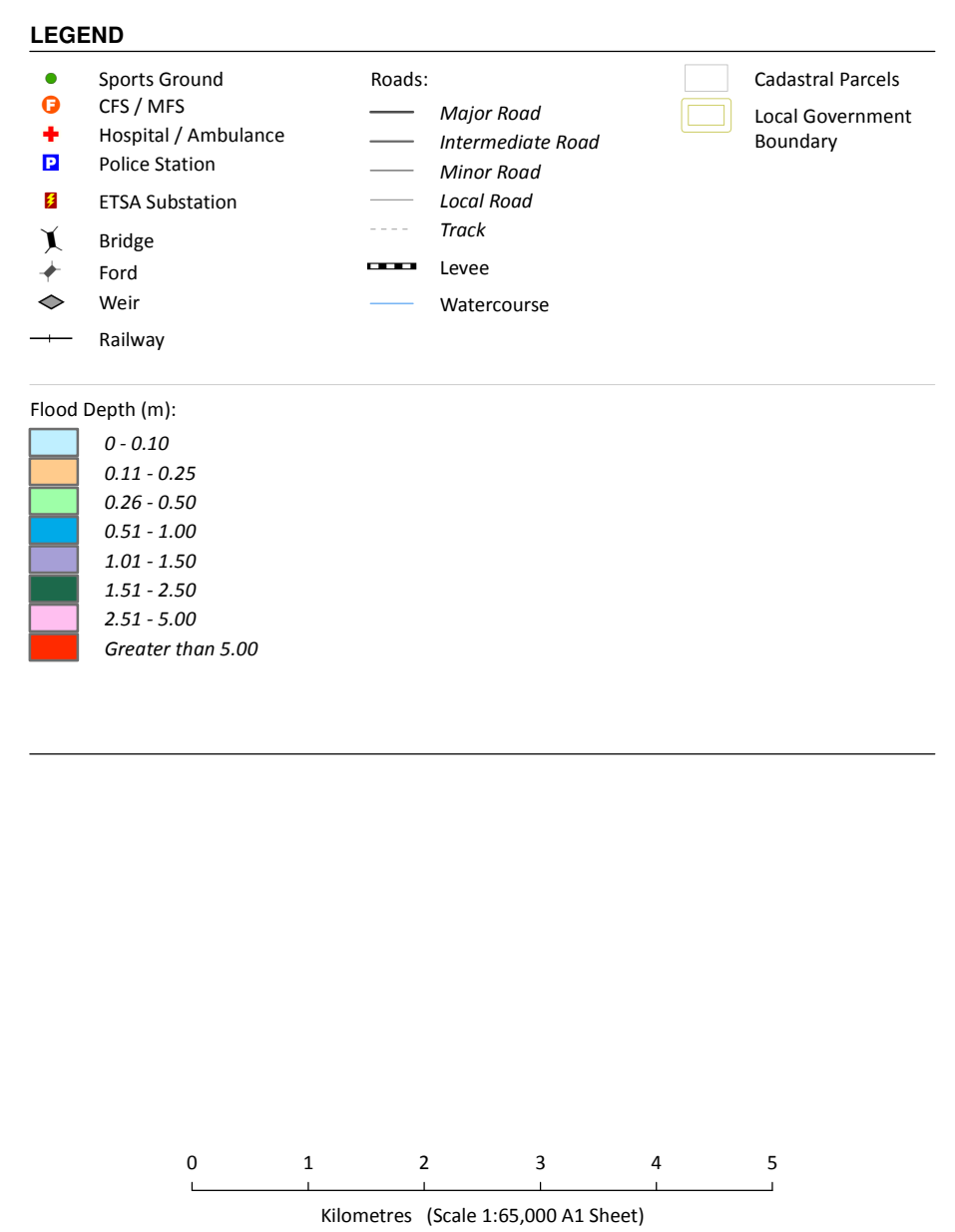
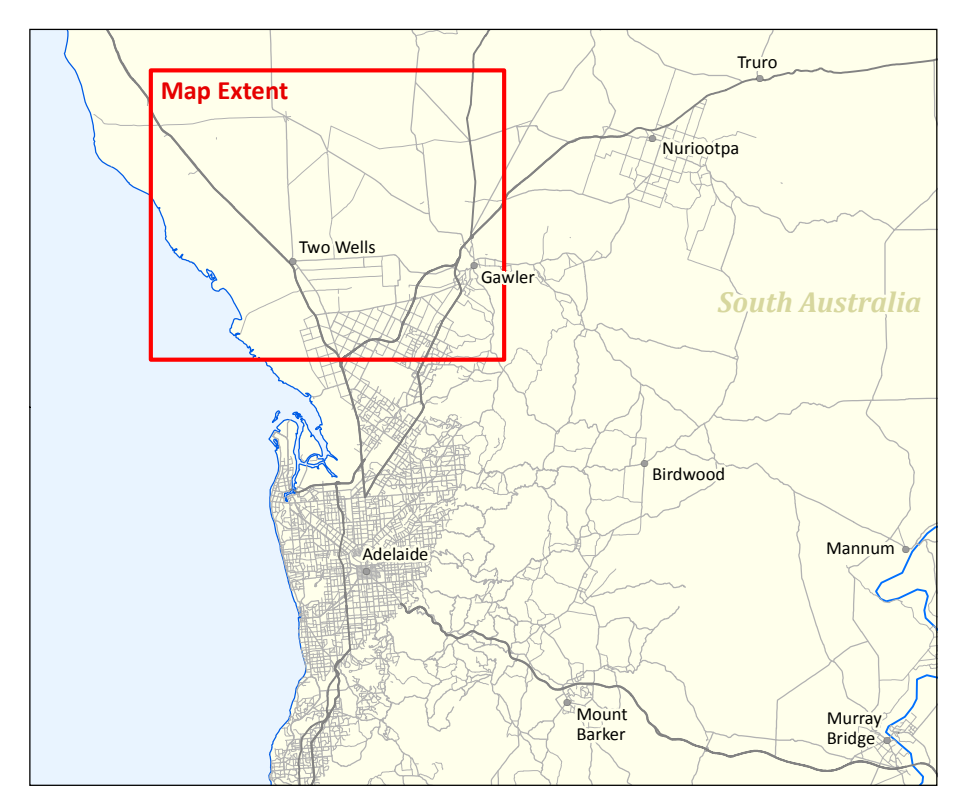
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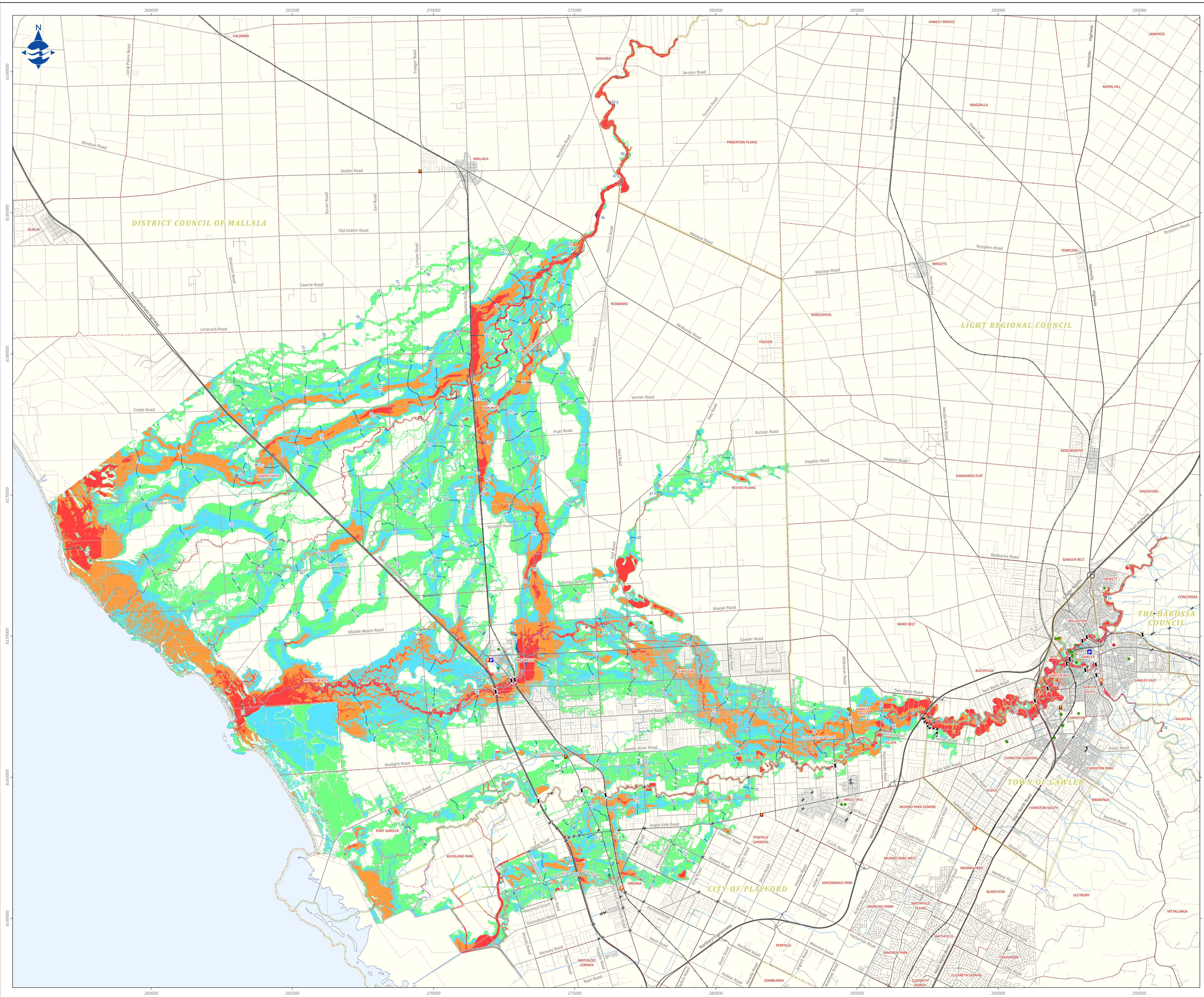
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- Larger storms.
- Flooding from local drainage systems which can occur as a result of localised heavy rainfall or dam blockage.
- Storms with a different annual Exceedance Probability.
- Flooding caused by other river systems, most notably Smith Creek (South of the Gawler River).

The modelling and mapping does not deal with the influence of local underground drainage systems. The effect of these systems will increasingly affect the flood extent as distance from the main creek increases and the depth of flooding reduces.

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