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Introduction

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Participant Information Statement

What is this study about?

Where exactly is 'Western Sydney' in Sydney if you drew it on a map? Does it end at the Blue Mountains to the west? Does it include Parramatta? Which suburbs are 'in' and 'out'? And what makes 'Western Sydney' the area that it is – diverse communities, distance from the Sydney CBD, the vibe?

This study is called *"Where in the world is 'Western Sydney'?" An examination and visualisation of regional identity, urban inequality and segregation in metropolitan Sydney in the boundaries of 'Western Sydney'*. This study is being carried out by Jodie Vo (Responsible Researcher) who is doing this for their Masters degree and Associate

Professor Somwrita Sarkar (Lead Investigator / Student Supervisor) from the University of Sydney School of Architecture, Design and Planning.

We are investigating relationships between spatial boundaries, regional identity, and urban inequality and segregation to answer the question 'how do boundaries shape or reflect urban segregation and inequality?' in the case of 'Western Sydney' within Sydney, New South Wales (NSW).

This study looks at spatial boundaries of 'Western Sydney' viewed by residents of Sydney and the boundaries defined by government and non-government bodies to see if they reflect or shape urban inequality and segregation within Sydney. This study is also looking at the extent to which Sydney residents' thoughts and associations with 'Western Sydney' as an area of Sydney - its regional identity - are reflected in differences or similarities in the multiple boundaries of 'Western Sydney'.

As part of this study, we are seeking opinions from residents of Sydney about the boundaries of 'Western Sydney' when shown on a map and what makes it different from the rest of Sydney. Your opinion on the boundaries of 'Western Sydney' will be used by the study as broad sample of views from Sydney residents and will be compared to the boundaries defined by government and non-government bodies to examine similarities and differences between them, and how they relate to urban inequality and segregation in Sydney.

Participating in this study is completely voluntary and you don't have to take part.

Who can take part in this study?

We are seeking participants who currently live in 'metropolitan Sydney' - this includes all areas within the Local Government Areas (local council areas) in [this map from the NSW Department of Planning](#) (selecting this will open a new tab on your device).

You can't participate in this study if you don't currently live in 'metropolitan Sydney'.

What will this study involve for me?

Participating in this study will involve completing this anonymous survey which will take you up to 10 minutes to complete with an option to volunteer for an online or in-person interview (up to 30 minutes) in Q20 of this survey.

This anonymous survey will ask you questions about 'Western Sydney' and your opinions on how it appears on images of maps. The second half of this survey will ask you about personal information in broad terms, such as 'select the Local Government Areas (local council areas) you live in' and 'have you moved to metropolitan Sydney within the last 5 years?'. You must reach the end of survey confirmation message to complete this survey.

The interview part is completely optional and details that may be used to identify you will be removed and not included when the study is published. You can withdraw your

interview participation and responses at any time. Only people aged 18 years old or over can volunteer to participate in an interview.

If you choose to volunteer for an interview through this survey through Q20, you will be directed to a separate form to provide your contact information. If contacted by the Responsible Researcher to check your continued interest in being interviewed, you will be given a separate Participant Information Statement and a Participant Consent Form to read and sign before any interview happens.

If you don't want to participate in this study, please exit this survey now and do not proceed past this page.

Are there any benefits?

You will have the option to complete a separate form in Q21 to enter a raffle for a chance to win one of five gift cards valued at \$200 each as a thank you for your time and effort to complete the survey. There is no financial or non-financial reward for volunteering to participate in the interview.

More broadly, by participating in this study you are contributing to an indication of general public opinion of the broad 'cultural' boundaries of 'Western Sydney' at a point in time. Your inputs in this survey specifically assist this study's comparisons between general public perceptions of where 'Western Sydney' is compared to where government bodies and non-government bodies say it is today. Your inputs may be

considered by non-government bodies (like community groups) and government bodies (including local councils) for further research or policy/program development.

Are there any risks or costs?

Besides from your time to complete this anonymous survey, we don't expect there to be any risks or costs associated with participating.

Can I withdraw once I started?

By submitting your survey, you are consenting to take part in the study. You can withdraw anytime before submitting by exiting the survey now. Once your responses are submitted, we won't be able to tell which one is yours. This means you can't withdraw after submitting the survey.

What will happen to the information that is collected?

Your information will be securely stored, and results may be published. You will not be identifiable in these publications. Sharing research data is important for advancing knowledge and innovation. A de-identified set of the data collected in this study may be available for use in future research.

Will I be told the results of the study?

You have the right to hear about the results of this study. You will have the opportunity to complete a separate form in Q21 to provide your personal contact information to receive a summary report when this study is finished. This report will be provided in

Plain English.

What if you would like more information?

For any questions or further discussions, please email the Responsible Research (Jodie Vo - jovo3537@uni.sydney.edu.au).

What if I have a complaint or concerns?

The ethical aspects of this study have been approved by the Human Research Ethics Committee (HREC) of The University of Sydney **[insert ethics identifier]** according to the National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research.

If you have any concerns about the study procedures or would like to make a complaint to someone not involved in the study, please contact the University's Human Ethics Manager (human.ethics@sydney.edu.au or +61 2 8627 8176).

I consent to my survey responses being used for research purposes

☐ Yes

Q1. Generally, do you think 'Western Sydney' exists as a region of Sydney?

☐ Yes

☐ No - please describe why

Representing 'Western Sydney' as a space on a map

Q2. From the list of administrative borders or limits used by government bodies to draw boundaries on maps of NSW, how many are you aware of?

You can choose more than one option.

- ☐ NSW Local Government Areas (local council areas)
- ☐ Suburbs
- ☐ Postcodes
- ☐ Statistical Areas from the Australian Bureau of Statistics (these reflect location of people and communities and are used for data analysis)
- ☐ Electoral boundaries (these are districts for voting and political representation)
- ☐ None of the above

Q3. By importance to you, rank the list of administrative borders or limits below used by government bodies as important for drawing boundaries of 'Western Sydney' as a space that starts and ends on a map of NSW.

Drag and drop the options below with the option ranked first being the most important and the option ranked last being the least important.

NSW Local Government Areas (local council areas)

Suburbs

Postcodes

Statistical Areas from the Australian Bureau of Statistics

Electoral boundaries

Q4. By importance to you, rank the list of non-administrative options below as important for drawing boundaries of 'Western Sydney' as a space that starts and ends on a map of NSW.

Drag and drop the options below with the option ranked first being the most important and the option ranked last being the least important.

Cultural connections, e.g. showing areas where people and communities share similar beliefs or activities

Social connections, e.g. showing areas where people and communities trust each other

Economic connections, e.g. showing areas where there are similar or connected types of businesses

Natural environmental and geographical features, e.g. rivers, hills, parks

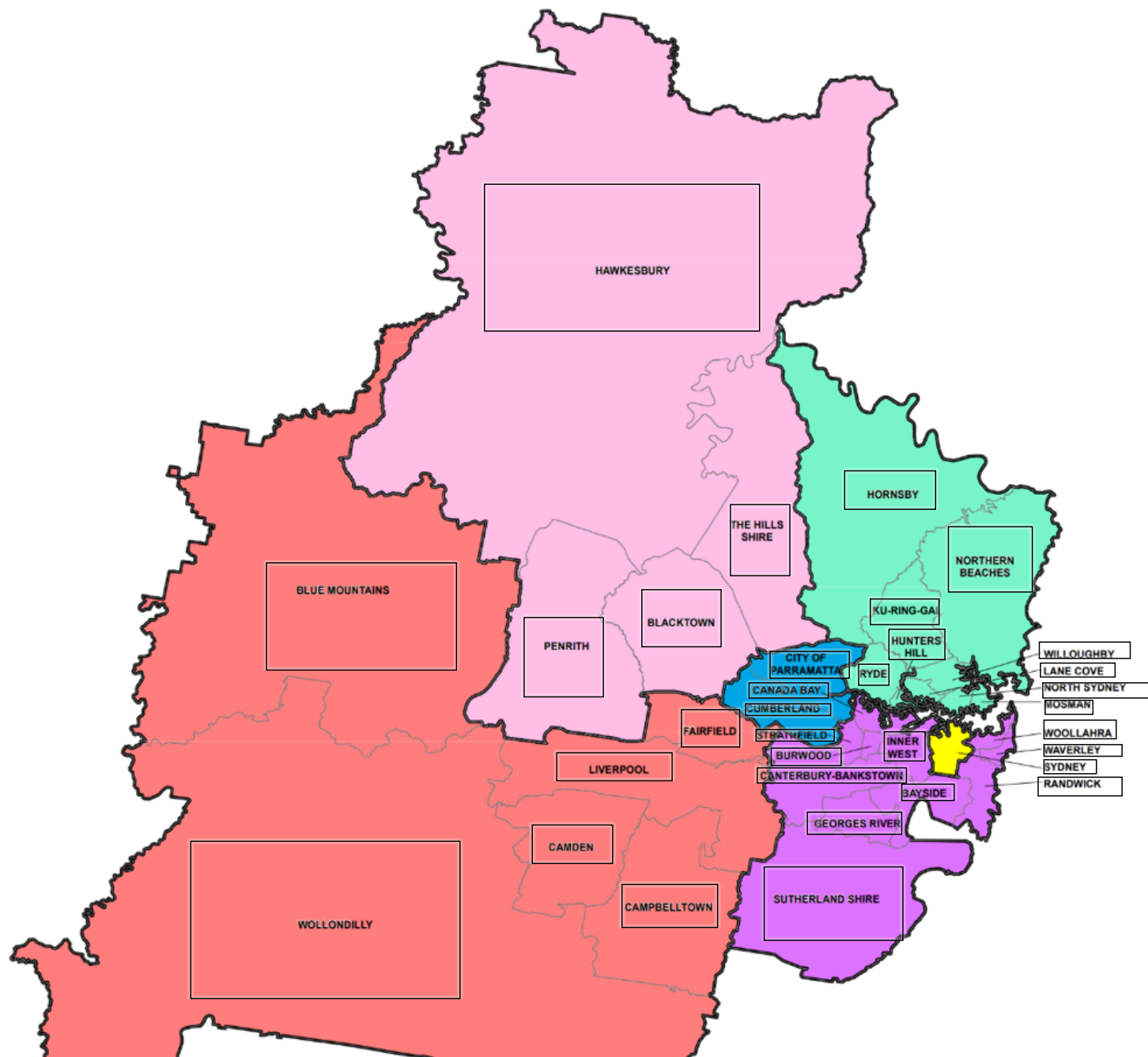
Location of infrastructure, e.g. showing specific roads, hospitals, train lines and stations, bus route stops

Mapping 'Western Sydney' by LGAs

Q5. How would you show 'Western Sydney' as a collection of NSW Local Government Areas (local council areas) containing suburbs from the map below? Select names of the names of the local areas to make your choice.

You can select as many or as few options as you want from the map below.

Zoom into the image by pinching your fingers in and out on your mobile device or use the zoom function on your internet browser if you are using a laptop or computer.



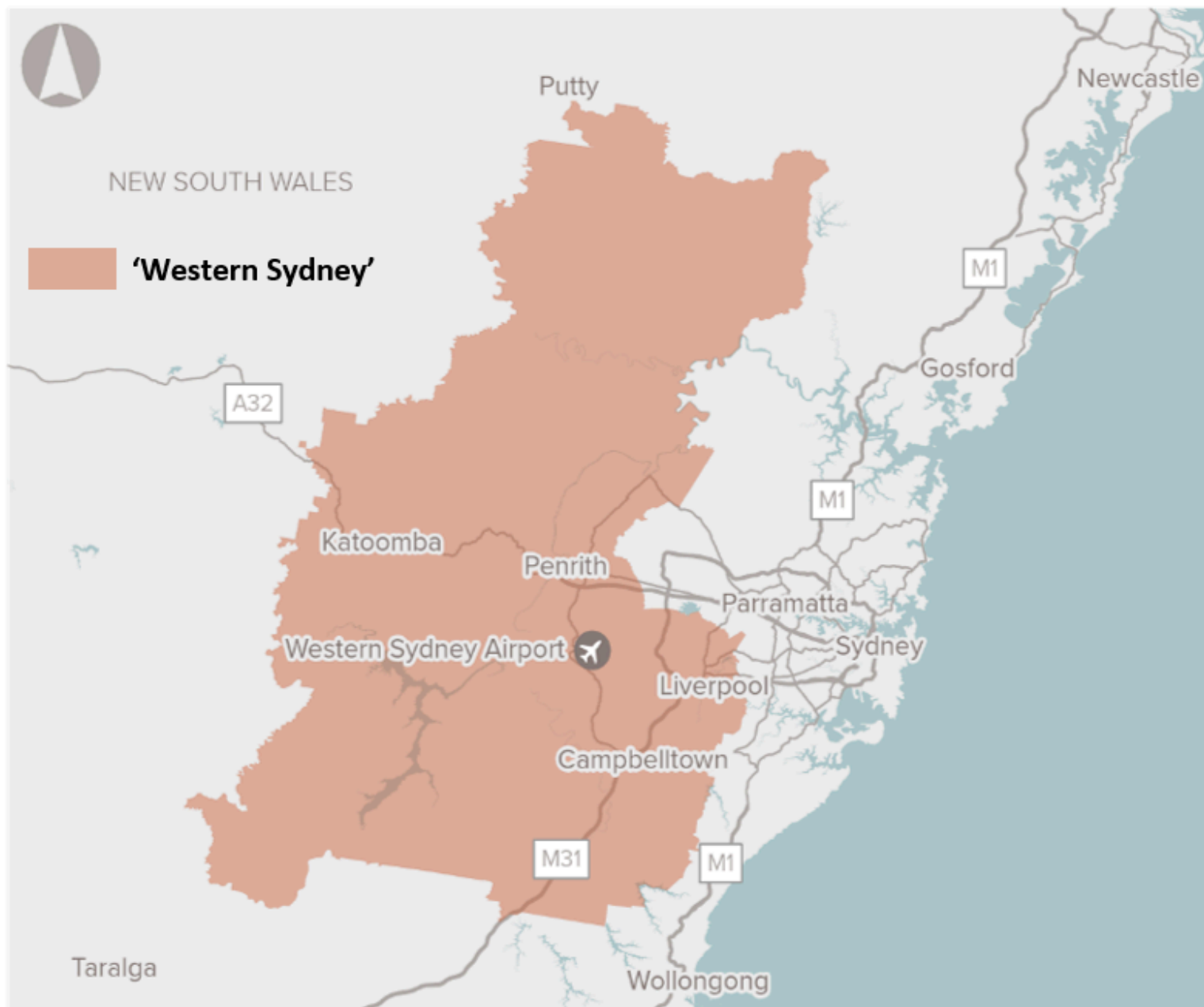
Region/LGA	Color
Hawkesbury	Light Pink
Blue Mountains	Light Red
Wollondilly	Light Red
Penrith	Light Pink
Blacktown	Light Pink
The Hills Shire	Light Pink
Hornsby	Light Green
Northern Beaches	Light Green
Ku-ring-gai	Light Green
Hunters Hill	Light Green
Ryde	Light Green
City of Parramatta	Light Blue
Canada Bay	Light Blue
Cumberland	Light Blue
Strathfield	Light Blue
Burwood	Light Blue
Canterbury-Bankstown	Light Blue
Bayside	Light Blue
Georges River	Light Blue
Sutherland Shire	Light Blue
Camden	Light Red
Campbelltown	Light Red
Liverpool	Light Red
Fairfield	Light Red
Inner West	Yellow
Willoughby	Light Green
Lane Cove	Light Green
North Sydney	Light Green
Rosman	Light Green
Woolahra	Light Green
Waverley	Light Green
Sydney	Light Green
Randwick	Light Green



Reviewing current boundaries (Image 1)

Q6. The next two questions relate to Image 1 below.

Zoom into the image by pinching your fingers in and out on your mobile device or use the zoom function on your internet browser if you are using a laptop or computer.



Q6a. Select the response that best describes how you feel about the statement in the table below.

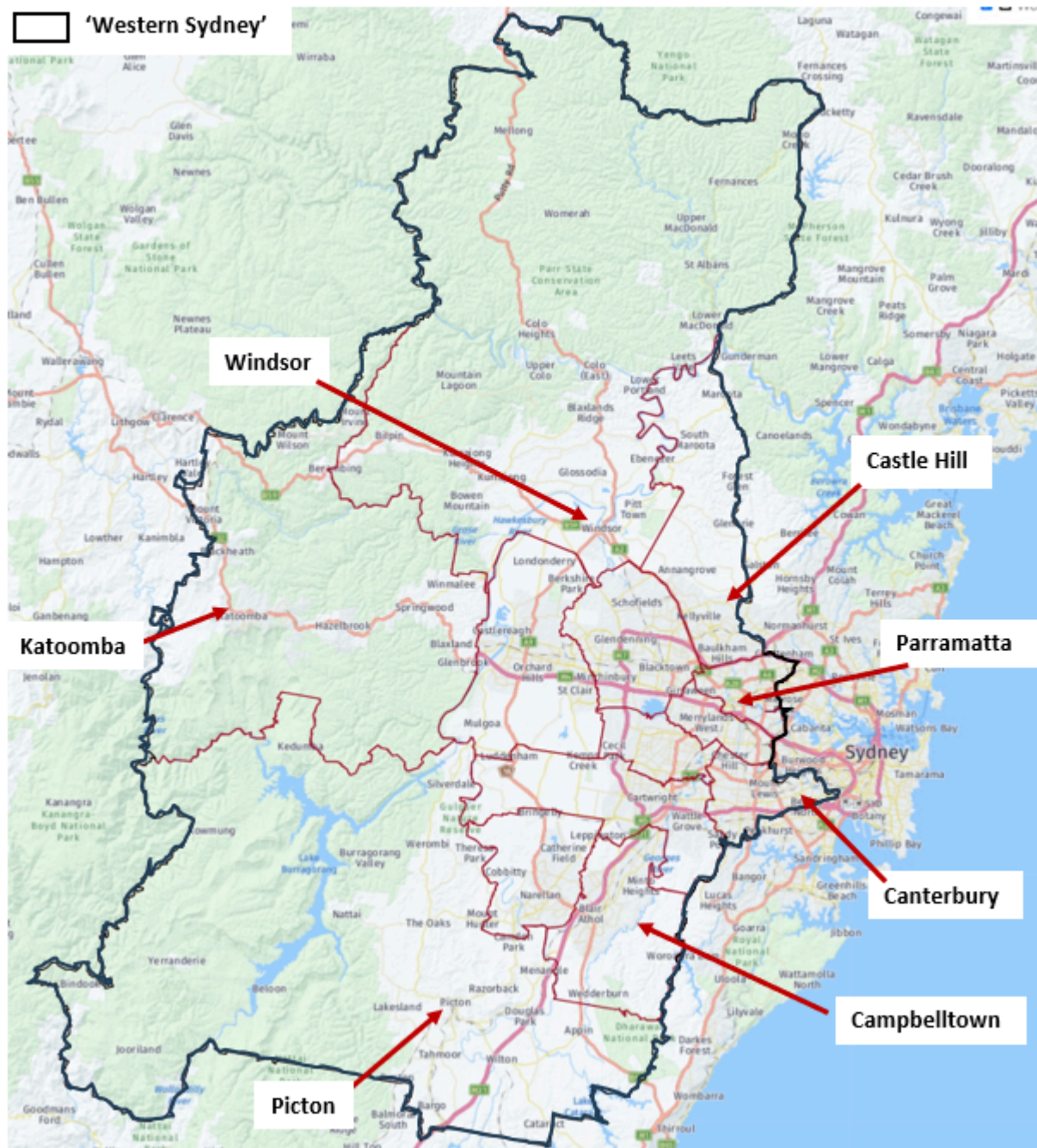
	Strongly disagree	Moderately Disagree	Somewhat Disagree	Somewhat Agree	Moderately Agree	Strongly Agree
Image 1 is an accurate and complete image of 'Western Sydney' today	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Q6b. Do you have any comments on Image 1 representing 'Western Sydney' on a map? For example, are there any suburbs that should be 'in' or 'out'?

Reviewing current boundaries (Image 2)

Q7. The next two questions relate to Image 2 below.

Zoom into the image by pinching your fingers in and out on your mobile device or use the zoom function on your internet browser if you are using a laptop or computer.



Q7a. Select the response that best describes how you feel about the statement below.

	Strongly disagree	Moderately Disagree	Somewhat Disagree	Somewhat Agree	Moderately Agree	Strongly Agree
Image 2 is an accurate and complete image of 'Western Sydney' today	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Q7b. Do you have any comments on Image 2 representing 'Western Sydney' on a map? For example, are there any suburbs that should be 'in' or 'out'?

Demographics

Q8. What is your age group?

- ☐ Under 18
- ☐ 18 - 25
- ☐ 26 - 34
- ☐ 35 - 44

- ☐ 45 - 54
- ☐ 55 - 64
- ☐ 65 and over

Q9. Which of the listed options best describes your current job?

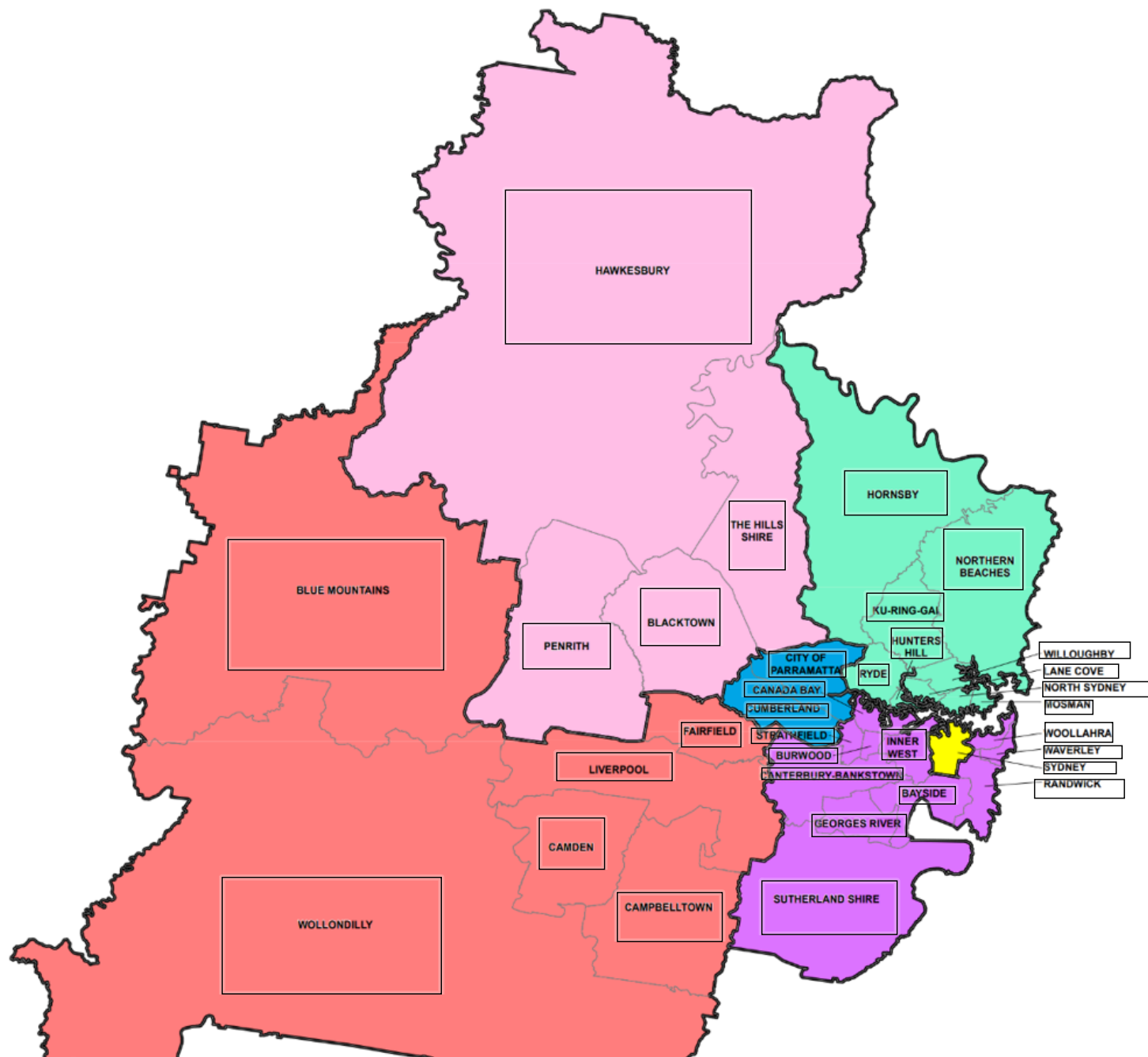
Q10. Which of the listed options best describes the industry you work in?

- ☐ Not Applicable - I am studying, unemployed, retired, or undertake unpaid caring duties
- ☐ Accommodation and Food Services
- ☐ Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing
- ☐ Arts and Recreation
- ☐ Construction
- ☐ Education and Training
- ☐ Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services
- ☐ Financial and Insurance Services
- ☐ Health Care and Social Assistance
- ☐ Information Media and Telecommunications
- ☐ Manufacturing
- ☐ Mining

- ☐ Other (Please describe)
- ☐ Public Administration and Safety
- ☐ Rental, Hiring and Real Estate
- ☐ Retail Trade
- ☐ Transport, Postal and Warehousing
- ☐ Wholesale Trade

Q11. Please select the name of the relevant Local Government Area (local council area) you currently live in. Select only **one** option.

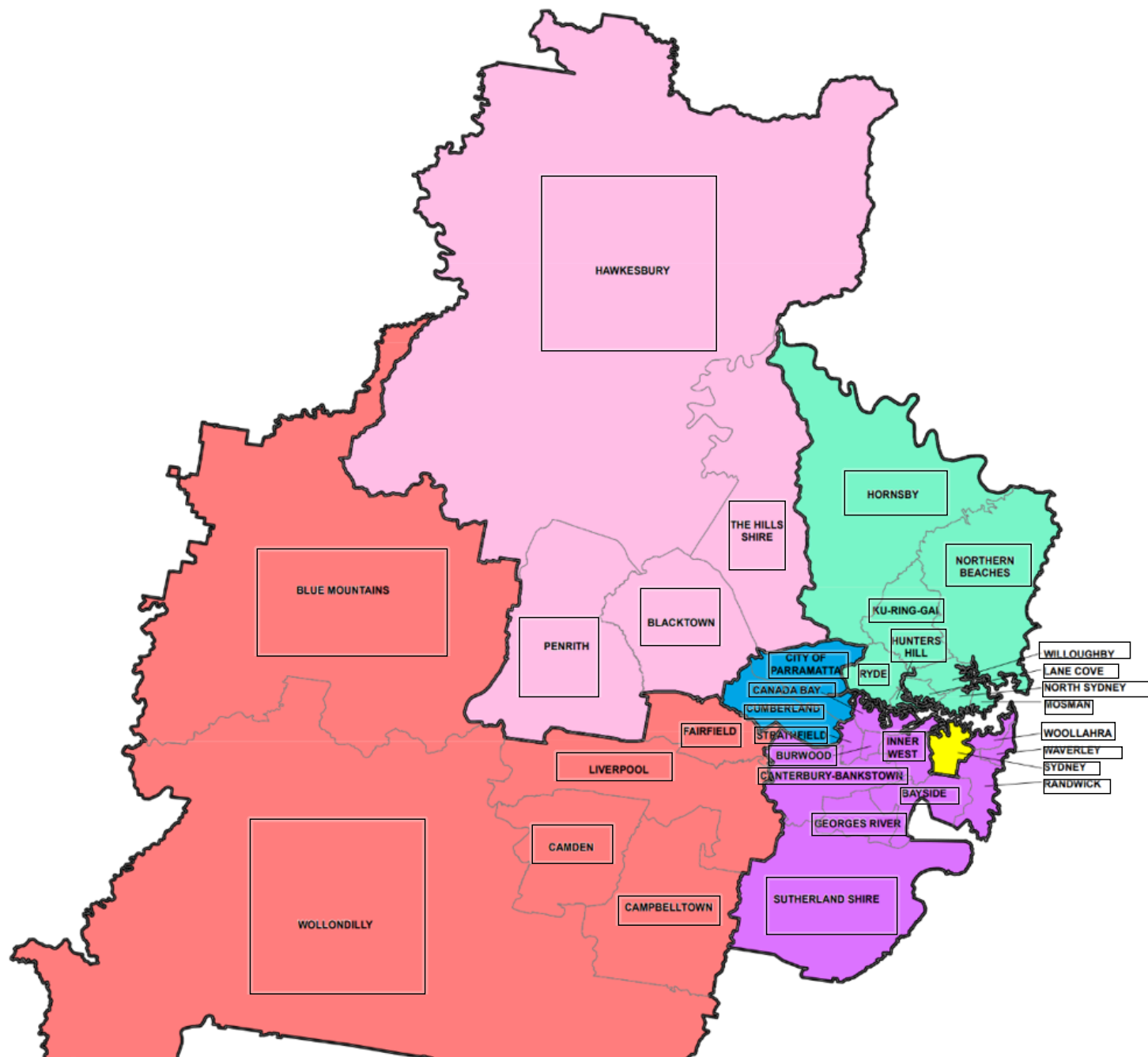
Zoom into the image by pinching your fingers in and out on your mobile device or use the zoom function on your internet browser if you are using a laptop or computer.





Q12. If applicable - please select the relevant Local Government Areas (local council area) where you currently work and/or study. You can select **up to three** options.

Zoom into the image by pinching your fingers in and out on your mobile device or use the zoom function on your internet browser if you are using a laptop or computer.





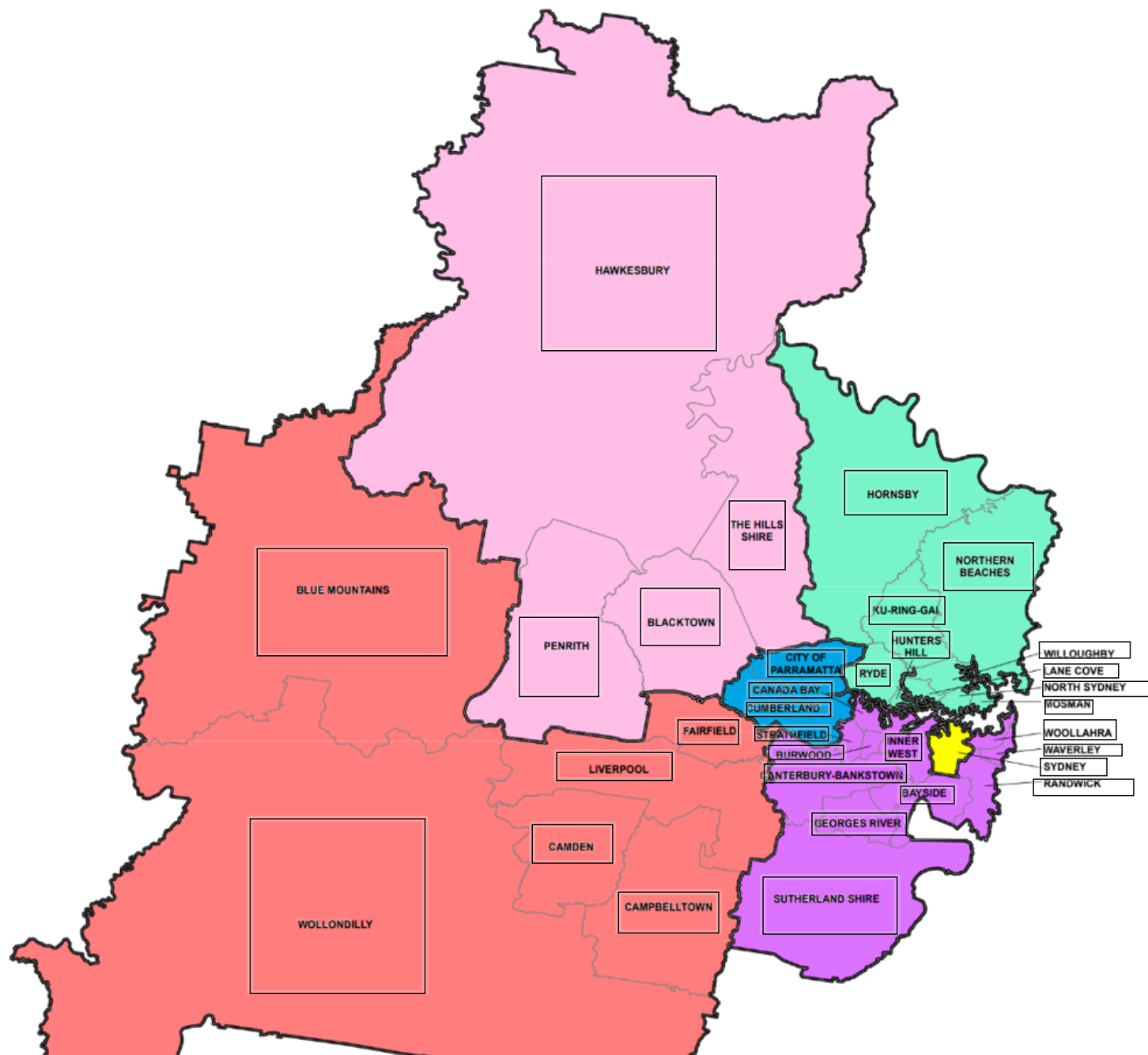
Q13. Do you regularly socialise with family or friends who live in what you consider 'Western Sydney'?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Q14. In your day-to-day life, where are the top three areas you regularly socialise in from the map below? Select **three** names of local areas below to indicate.

Social activities include shopping, visiting, dining out at cafes / restaurants, or playing / watching sports. Zoom into the image by pinching your fingers in and out on your mobile device or use the zoom function on your internet browser if you are using a laptop or computer.





Q15. Do you have a non-English speaking background?

You should select 'yes' if you were:

- Born overseas **and** English was not your first language, or
- Born in Australia **and** English was not your first language

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Prefer not to say

Q16. Have you moved to metropolitan Sydney from another country within the last 5 years?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Q17. Have you moved to metropolitan Sydney from another Australian state or territory
OR an area in NSW outside metropolitan Sydney within the last 5 years?

- ☐ No
- ☐ Yes, I moved from another Australian state or territory
- ☐ Yes, I moved from outside metropolitan Sydney
- ☐ Yes, I moved from another Australian state or territory AND outside metropolitan Sydney

'Western Sydney' and identity

Q18. Do you think 'Western Sydney' and its residents have their own identity compared to the rest of Sydney?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Q19. In your opinion, what makes 'Western Sydney' different from the rest of Sydney?
You can choose as many or as few options as you want.

- ☐ Distance from Sydney CBD
- ☐ Distance from Parramatta CBD
- ☐ Natural environmental and geographical features, e.g. rivers

- ☐ Specific suburbs and postcodes
- ☐ Employment and education opportunities
- ☐ Types of local employment industries, e.g. construction, logistics
- ☐ Types of jobs held by residents, e.g. retail, logistics
- ☐ Diversity in local communities, e.g. languages, cultures, religions
- ☐ Social, cultural or political beliefs of residents
- ☐ Presence of businesses run by specific ethnic / cultural groups
- ☐ Institutions and bodies in it, e.g. football clubs, social / community associations
- ☐ Administrative definitions from government bodies
- ☐ Other (please describe)



Interview Participation

Q20.

Voluntary Interview Participation

If you are interested in participating in an online or in-person interview for your views on 'Western Sydney', please provide your contact information in this separate [Voluntary Interview Participant Form](#) (selecting this will open a new tab on your

device).

You can't participate in the interview part of this study if you're under 18 years old of age.

By completing the separate form, you consent to providing your personal information and acknowledge that you may be contacted by the Responsible Researcher.

Incentive Participation

Q21.

Gift Card Raffle & Study Results

If you would like to enter the raffle for a chance to win one of five gift cards **OR** if you would like to receive a summary of this study when it is finished, please provide your contact information in this separate [Raffle Entry and Study Summary Form](#) (selecting this will open a new tab on your device).

By completing the separate form, you consent to providing your personal information and acknowledge that you may be contacted by the Responsible Researcher. Your responses in this survey will remain anonymous.

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