

*Eucalyptus camaldulensis* (river red gum)  
**Biogeochemistry: An Innovative Tool for Mineral  
Exploration in the Curnamona Province and  
Adjacent Regions**

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# *E. camaldulensis* (leaves) Biogeochemistry Pine Creek Broken Hill W/NSW - (Cd)

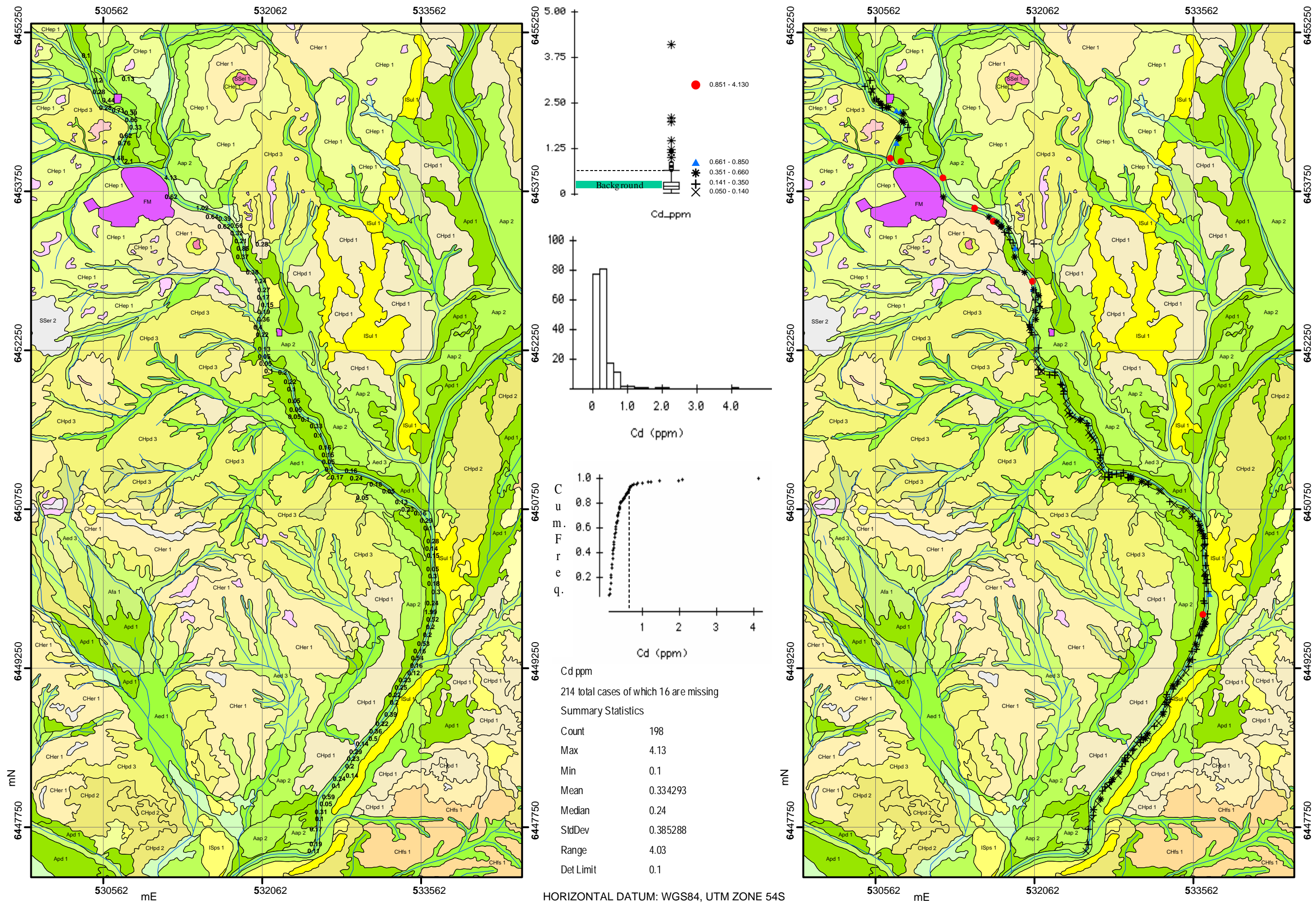


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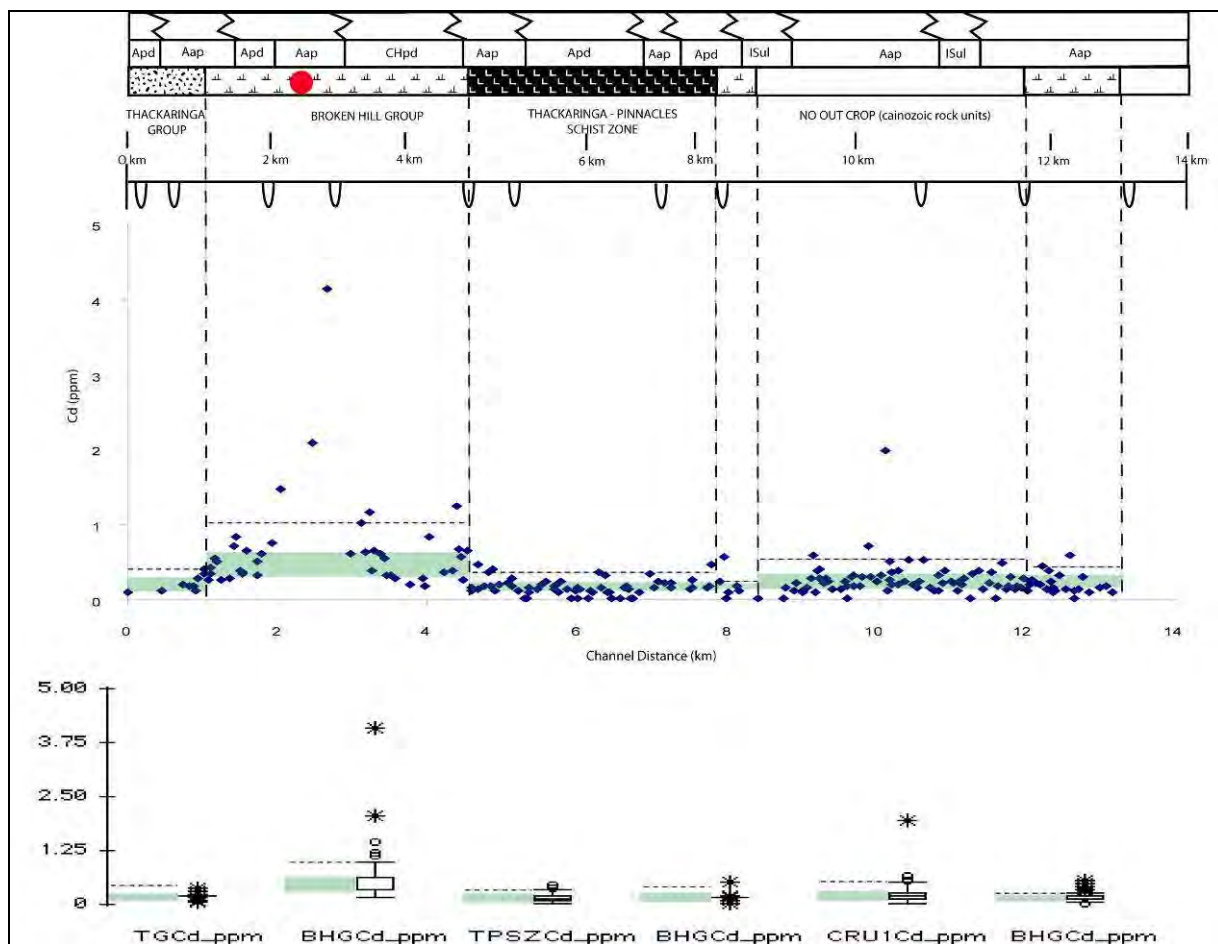
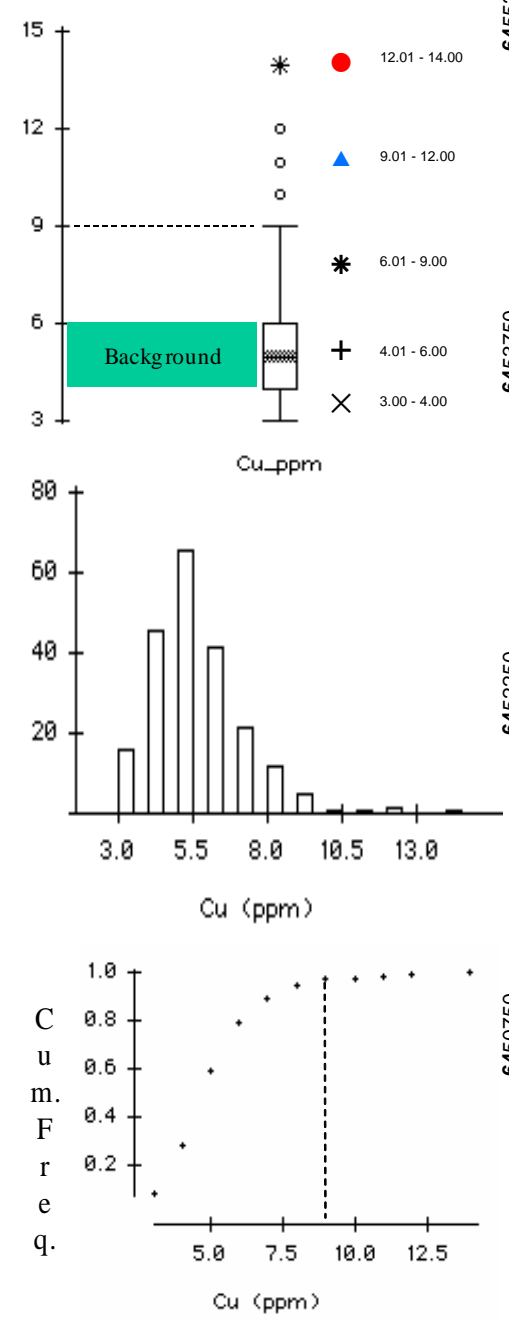
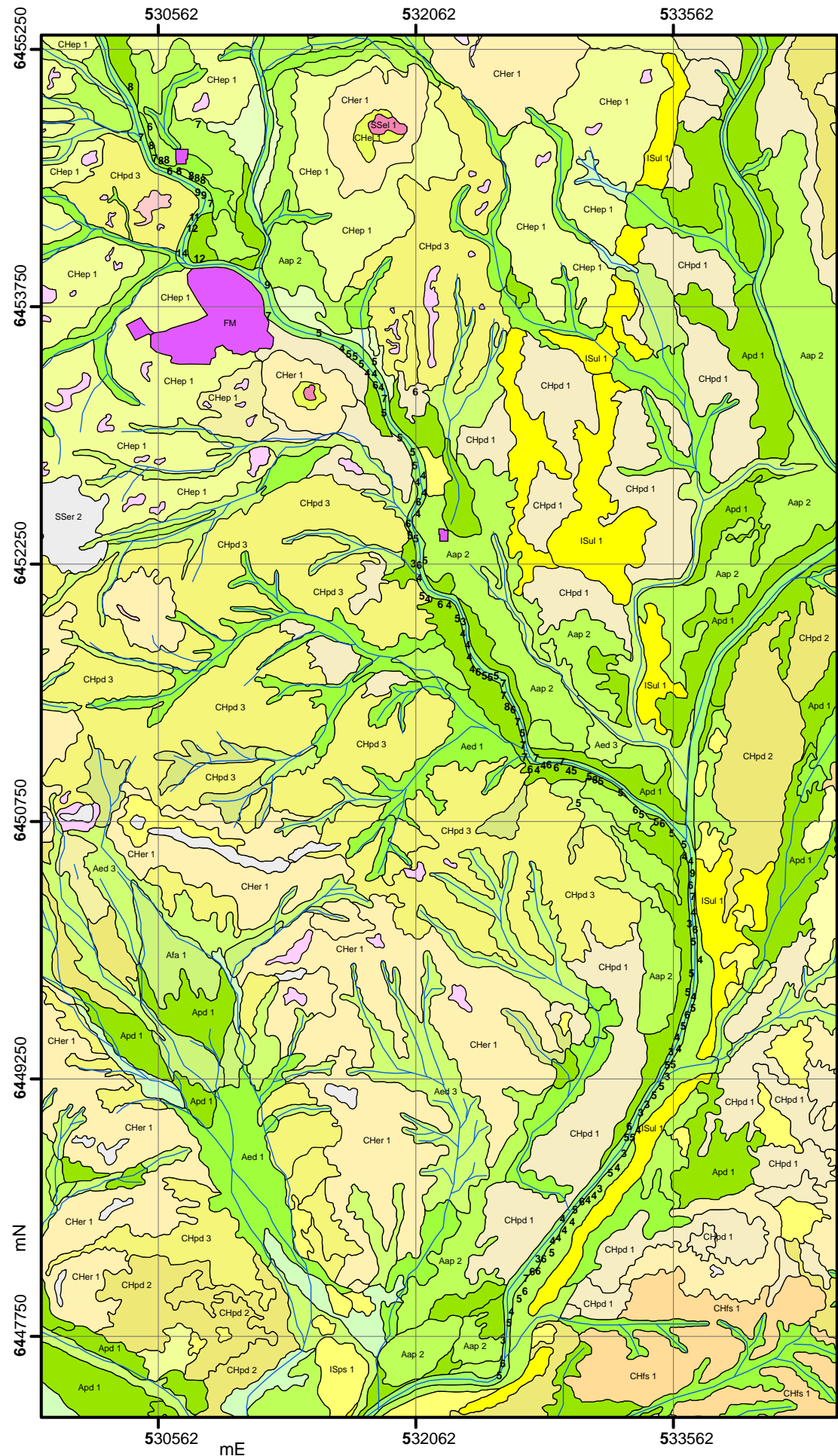


Figure 4.33: Cd concentrations within *E. camaldulensis*, flanking different land-form settings along Pine Creek. Thackaringa Group (TG), Broken Hill Group North (BHGN), Thackaringa-Pinnacles Schist Zone (TP/SZ), Broken Hill Group Central (BHGC), Cainozoic rock units (CRU) and Broken Hill Group South (BHGS). Green region denotes 'values below the mean, red dot the approximate location of the Barrier Pinnacles Mine and the dashed line indicates the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile.

| Element (ppm)<br>[detection<br>limit]<br>Analytical<br>Method | Parameters   | Total data<br>set<br>(C)<br>n=214   | Setting  |   |   |  |  |  |
|---|--|---|--|---|---|--|--|--|
|   |  |   | Thackaringa<br>Group<br>TG<br>(Apd, Aap)<br>n=9  | Broken Hill<br>Group<br>BHGN<br>(Aap, Apd<br>& CHpd)<br>n=42  | Thackaringa-<br>Pinnacles<br>Schist Zone<br>TP/SZ<br>(Aap, Apd)<br>n=60   | Broken Hill<br>Group<br>BHGC<br>(Apd &<br>ISul)<br>n=7   | No outcrop<br>(CRU)<br>(ISul, Aap)<br>n=61   | Broken Hill<br>Group<br>BHGS<br>(Aap)<br>n=35  |
| Cd<br>[0.1]<br>ICP-MS   | Concentration range<br>(Mean)  | *-4.13<br>(0.33)  | 0.1-0.42<br>(0.22)   | 0.19-4.13<br>(0.67)   | *-0.48<br>(0.2)   | *-0.57<br>(0.24)   | *-1.99<br>(0.3)  | *-0.59<br>(0.23)   |
|   | 25 <sup>th</sup> - 75 <sup>th</sup> percentile                             | 0.14-0.35   | 0.13-0.30  | 0.33-0.68   | 0.11-0.22   | 0.12-0.32  | 0.16-0.32  | 0.14-0.28  |
|   | 95% confidence<br>level  | 0.05  | 0.08   | 0.21  | 0.03  | 0.23   | 0.07   | 0.04   |
|   | >90th percentile<br>(outliers), # of<br>samples                            | 0.66-4.13<br>(14)   | No outliers'   | 1.16-4.13<br>(5)  | 0.40-0.48<br>(3)  | No outliers'   | 0.60-1.99<br>(3)   | 0.31-0.59<br>(8)   |
|   | <i>E. camaldulensis</i><br>position with the<br>greatest<br>concentration. | north part of the<br>Pine Creek<br>catchment, and<br>adjacent to the<br>Barrier Pinnacle<br>Mine and<br>depositional<br>regolith-<br>landforms Aap <sub>2</sub> . | southern margin<br>at the interface<br>between TG and<br>BHGC (N). Down<br>stream of an NW<br>intersecting Aed<br>unit. Flanked by<br>regolith-landform<br>units Aap <sub>2</sub> and<br>CHpd <sub>3</sub> . | adjacent to the<br>Barrier<br>Pinnacles<br>Mine, southern<br>margin down<br>stream of<br>intersecting<br>NE Aed unit. | northern and<br>southern margin at<br>the interface<br>between BHGC (N)<br>and TP/SZ and<br>BHGC (CL).<br>Flanked by<br>regolith-landform<br>units Aap <sub>2</sub> and<br>Apd <sub>1</sub> . | northern<br>margin at the<br>interface<br>between BHGC<br>(CL) and<br>TP/SZ.<br>Flanked by<br>regolith-<br>landform unit<br>Apd <sub>1</sub> . | downstream of<br>the confluence<br>of tributary<br>alluvial channel<br>deposits ACar <sub>1</sub><br>(Gum Creek).<br>Flanked by<br>regolith-<br>landform units<br>Apd <sub>1</sub> and ISps <sub>1</sub> . | northern and<br>central region.<br>Down stream<br>of intersecting<br>NW Aed units.<br>Flanked by<br>regolith-<br>landform units<br>Aap <sub>2</sub> and<br>CHpd <sub>1</sub> . |

Table 4.36: Variations of Cd concentrations within *E. camaldulensis* (river red gums), flanking different land-form settings along Pine Creek. Initial values concentration range (mean), 25<sup>th</sup> - 75<sup>th</sup> percentile concentration range, 95 % confidence; level, >90<sup>th</sup> percentile (outliers), C= composite sample, \* signifies values below detection limit.

# *E. camaldulensis* (leaves) Biogeochemistry Pine Creek Broken Hill W/NSW - (Cu)



Cu ppm  
Summary Statistics

|           |         |
|-----------|---------|
| Count     | 214     |
| Max       | 14      |
| Min       | 3       |
| Mean      | 5.45794 |
| Median    | 5       |
| StdDev    | 1.7104  |
| Range     | 11      |
| Det Limit | 0.8     |

HORIZONTAL DATUM: WGS84, UTM ZONE 54S

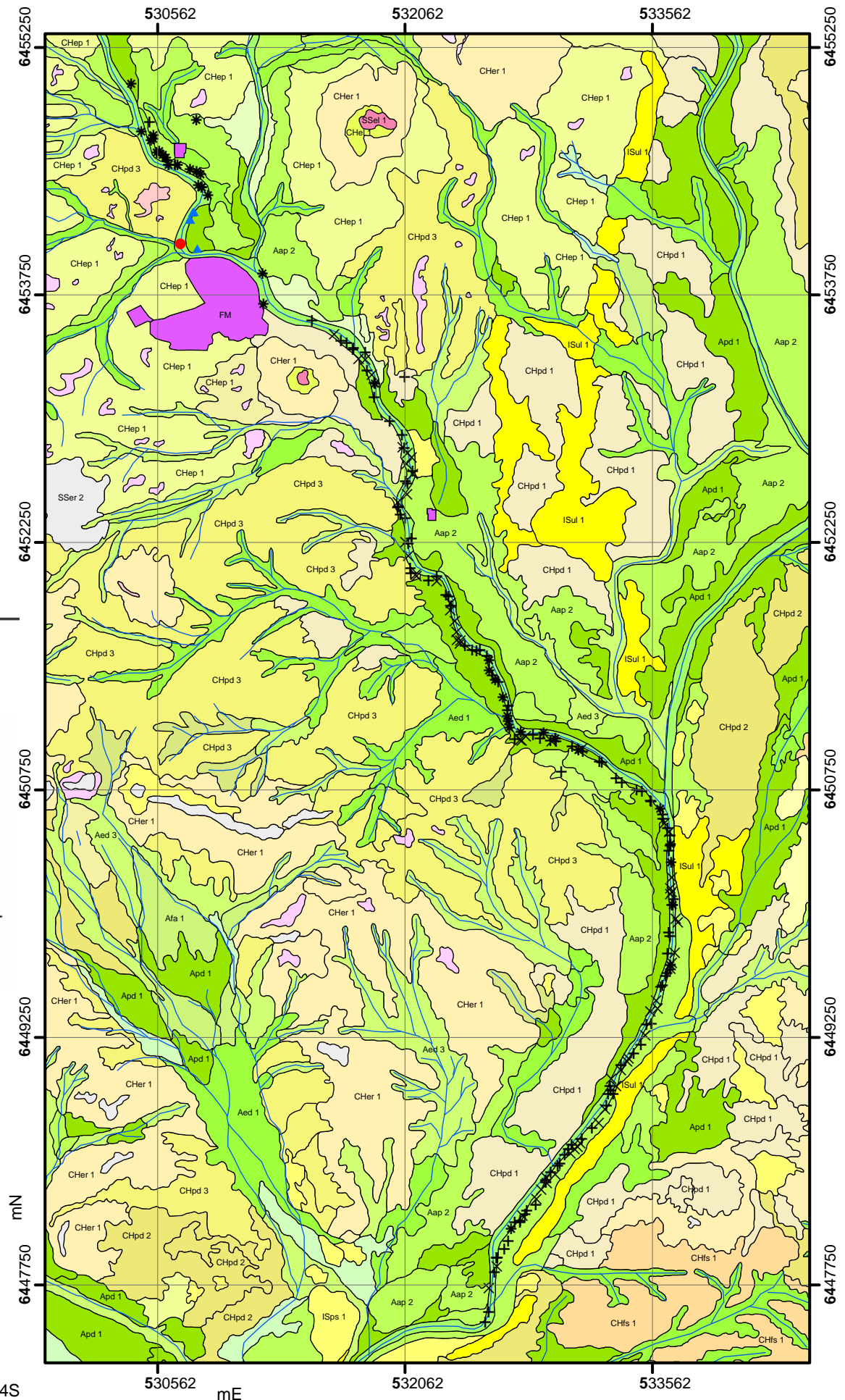


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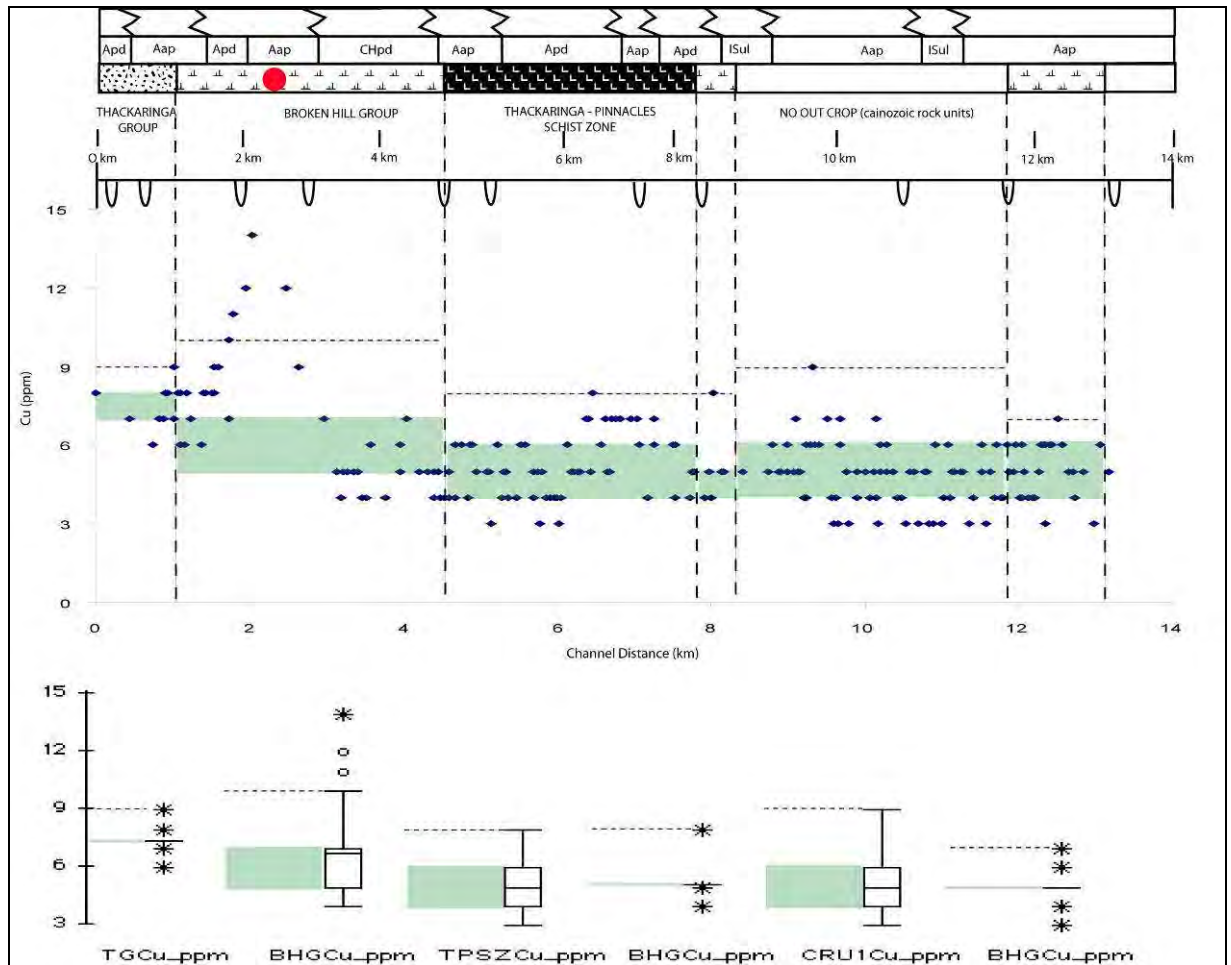


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| Cu<br>[0.8]<br>XRF  | Concentration range<br>(Mean)  | 3-14<br>(5)  | 6-9<br>(7)   | 4-14<br>(7)   | 3-8<br>(5)  | 4-8<br>(5)   | 3-9<br>(5)   | 3-7<br>(5)  |
|   | 25 <sup>th</sup> - 75 <sup>th</sup> percentile                             | 4-6  | 7-8  | 5-7   | 4-6   | 4-5  | 4-6  | 4-6   |
|   | 95% confidence<br>level  | 0.23   | 0.67   | 0.77  | 0.31  | 1.2  | 0.32   | 0.36  |
|   | >90 <sup>th</sup> percentile<br>(outliers), # of<br>samples                | 9-14<br>(4)  | No outliers'   | 11-14<br>(4)  | No outliers'  | No outliers'   | No outliers'   | No outliers'  |
|   | <i>E. camaldulensis</i><br>position with the<br>greatest<br>concentration. | upper part of<br>the Pine Creek<br>catchment,<br>adjacent to the<br>Barrier<br>Pinnacles Mine. | southern margin<br>at the interface<br>between TG and<br>BHGN. Down<br>stream of an NW<br>intersecting Aed<br>unit. Flanked by<br>regolith-landform<br>units Aap <sub>2</sub> and<br>CHpd <sub>3</sub> . | upstream of<br>the Barrier<br>Pinnacles<br>Mine. Flanked<br>by regolith-<br>landform units<br>Apd <sub>1</sub> , and<br>CHpd <sub>3</sub> . | southern margin in<br>a depositional<br>flood out regions.<br>Flanked by<br>regolith-landform<br>units Apd <sub>1</sub> and<br>Aap <sub>2</sub> . | northern<br>margin at the<br>interface<br>between BHGN<br>(CL) and<br>TP/SZ.<br>Flanked by<br>regolith-<br>landform unit<br>Apd <sub>1</sub> . | downstream of<br>the confluence<br>of tributary<br>alluvial channel<br>deposits ACar <sub>1</sub><br>(Gum Creek).<br>Flanked by<br>regolith-<br>landform units<br>Apd <sub>1</sub> and ISps <sub>1</sub> . | central region,<br>flanked by<br>regolith-<br>landform units<br>Aap <sub>2</sub> and<br>CHpd <sub>1</sub> . |

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