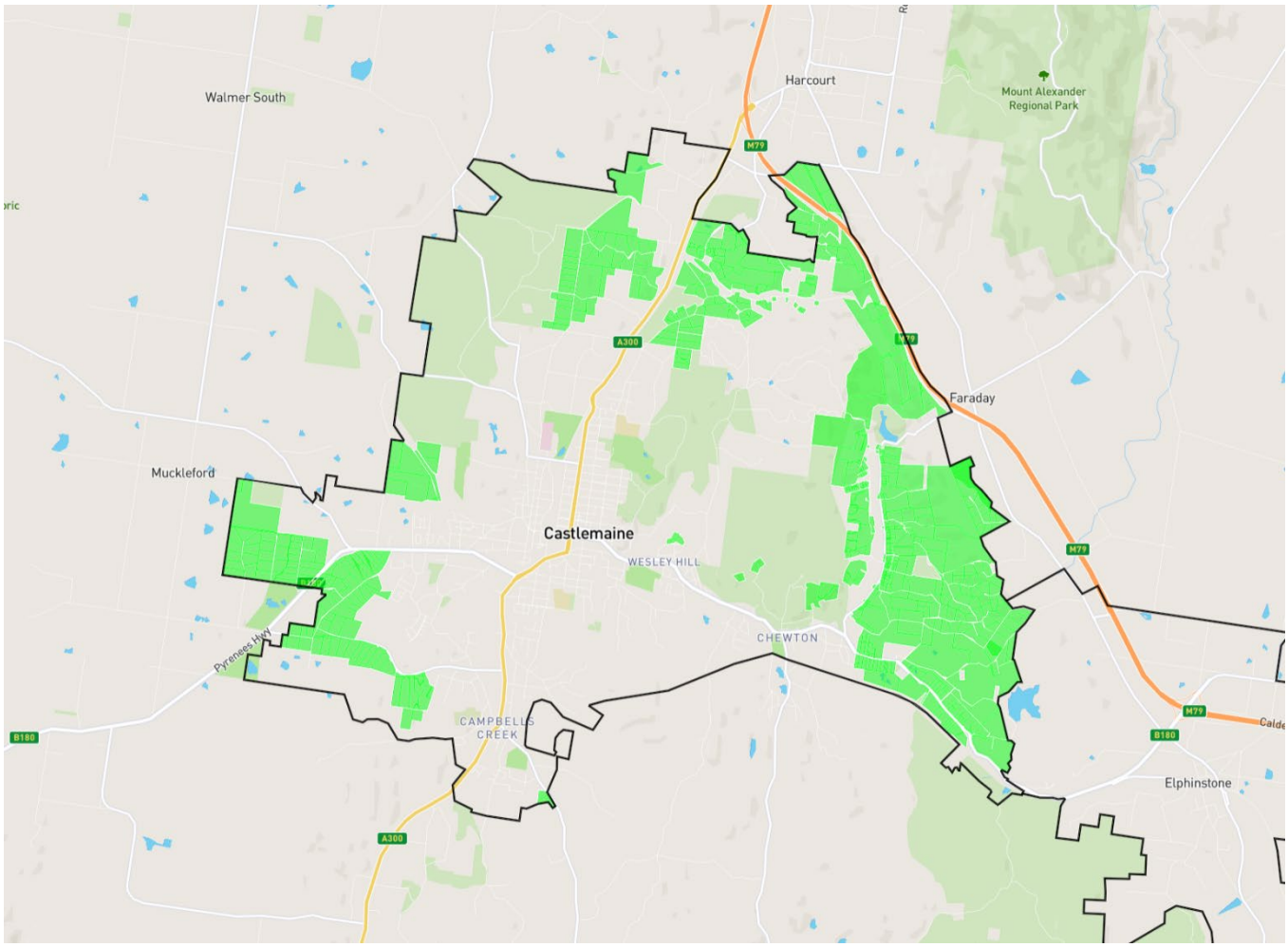
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Frequently Asked Questions

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Precinct 3	
	Proposed to rezone from current zone to Rural Conservation Zone



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Will anything change?

Yes.

What will change?

The main proposed changes are:

- Rezone your land from its current zone to Rural Conservation Zone (RCZ)
- Farming, agricultural activities and living in a rural area can still occur.
- The Rural Conservation Zone provides a stronger balance between sustainable agriculture and the protection of environmental, landscape and cultural values.
- A planning permit will be needed to create lots smaller than 40 hectares.
- A planning permit will be needed to build a house on lots smaller than 40 hectares.
- The current permit requirements for other land uses would remain largely unchanged.

Why is this change happening?

- Protect important native vegetation, wildlife habitat and biodiversity.
- Protect water catchments and environmentally sensitive areas.
- Protect the Shire's natural landscapes and heritage values.
- Support tourism that relies on the area's rural and natural character.
- Better manage development in areas with a higher bushfire risk.

To learn more: Read the draft Rural Land Use Strategy

Important: These are recommendations only. Any proposed rezoning would need to go through a separate planning scheme amendment process, including additional public consultation, before any changes could be made. You can make a submission in support of or against the changes.