



PROPOSED WIND FARM TOWERS  
CENTRAL HIGHLANDS TASMANIA

RECONNAISSANCE  
LANDSLIDE RISK ASSESSMENT





### Cover

View north towards proposed turbine tower T1 (centre), at an elevation of about 975mASL on an un-named hill bordering St. Patricks Plains and about one kilometre east of the Highlands Lake Road. In-situ Jurassic-age high strength dolerite bedrock is fully exposed over the site, showing well-developed exfoliation and columnar jointing.

All of the ten sites visited are underlain by dolerite bedrock.  
Photo 21 June 2022

### Refer to this report as

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## SUMMARY

In June 2022, reconnaissance inspections were done at ten proposed wind farm tower sites in Tasmania's Central Highlands, to assess landslide risk against E3.0 *Landslide Code* in the Central Highlands *Interim Planning Scheme 2015*, and also with C15.0 *Landslip Hazard Code* in the *Tasmanian Planning Scheme*.

One of the ten sites abuts a Low landslide hazard area; the other nine are outside landslide hazard areas, but adjacent to them.

With appropriate risk management, all ten sites comply with the planning requirements for landslide hazard areas.





# 1 INTRODUCTION

## 1.1 Background

In April 2022 William C Cromer Pty Ltd (WCCPL) was commissioned by ERA Planning on behalf of client Epuron to conduct a reconnaissance geotechnical survey of ten proposed wind farm tower sites in Tasmania's Central Highlands (Figure 1).

Seven of the sites are located on *Christian Marsh*, a property owned by S. and K. Bowden straddling the Highlands Lakes Road near Bakers Tier. Three sites are located on *The Ripple*, a property owned by D. and A. Campbell on the eastern side of the Highlands Lake Road adjacent to St. Patricks Plains.

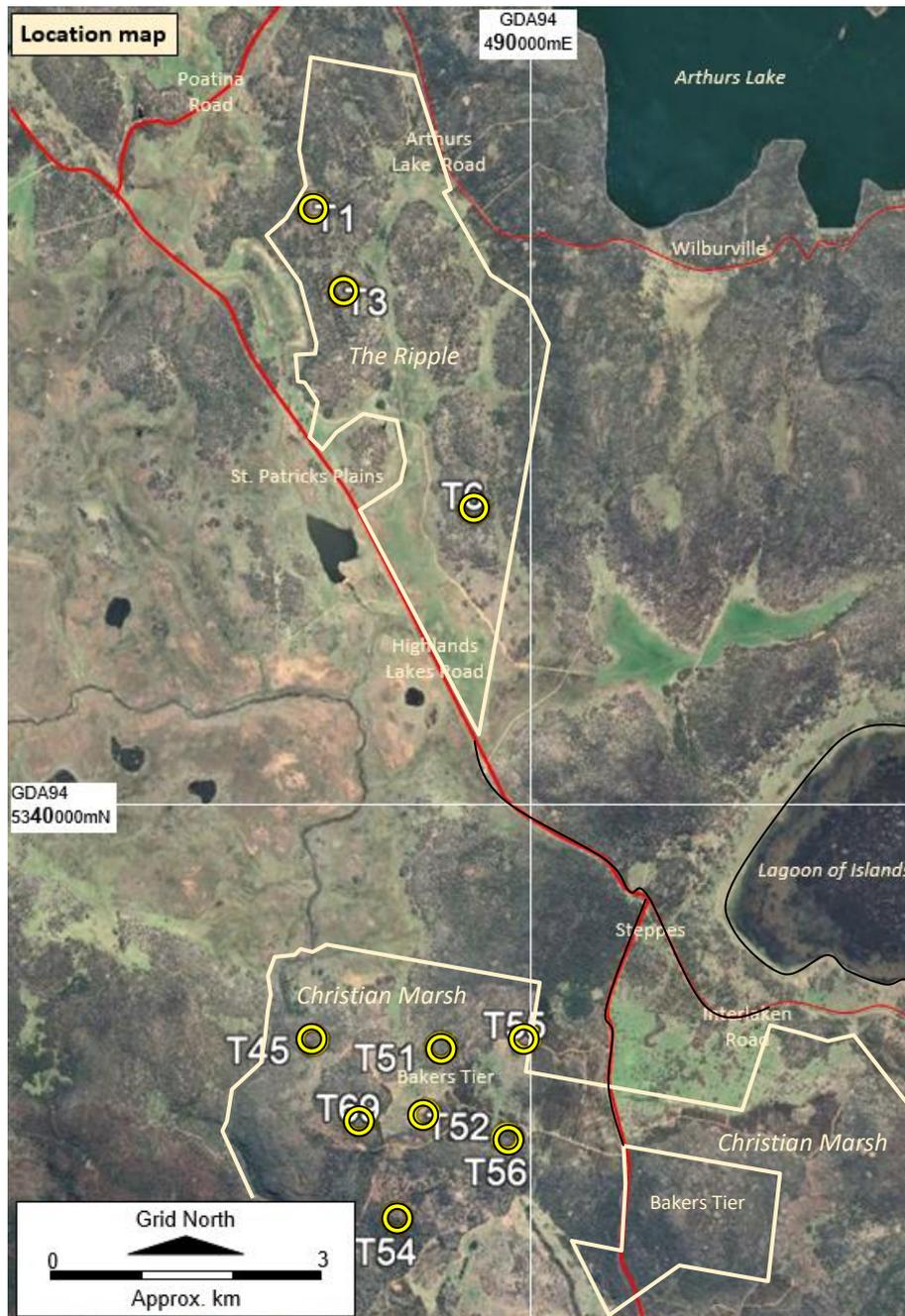


Figure 1. Locations of the ten proposed wind farm towers (T1, T3....) investigated in this report.





## 1.2 Planning issues

All ten proposed tower sites are within the Central Highlands Council local government area, and all are within or adjacent to Landslide Hazard Bands<sup>1</sup> as depicted on [www.thelist.tas.gov.au](http://www.thelist.tas.gov.au).

It is understood that planning approval for the towers is currently subject<sup>2</sup> to E3.0 *Landslide Code* in Council’s *Interim Planning Scheme 2015*, and specifically Section E3.7.1 *Buildings and Works, other than Minor Extensions*, and/or (depending on the scale of works) *Section E3.7.3 Major Works* (Figure 2).

However, Council is in the process of changing to the *Tasmanian Planning Scheme (TPS)*, and Epuron’s proposed development may instead be subject Code C15.0 *Landslip Hazard Code*, and particularly Section C15.6 *Development Standards for Buildings and Works* (Figure 3).

E3.7.1 Buildings and Works, other than Minor Extensions	
<b>Objective:</b>	
To ensure that landslide risk associated with buildings and works for buildings and works, other than minor extensions, in Landslide Hazard Areas, is:	
(a) acceptable risk; or	
(b) tolerable risk, having regard to the feasibility and effectiveness of measures required to manage the landslide hazard.	
Acceptable Solutions	Performance Criteria
<b>A1</b>	<b>P1</b>
No acceptable solution.	Buildings and works must satisfy all of the following:
	(a) no part of the buildings and works is in a High Landslide Hazard Area;
	(b) the landslide risk associated with the buildings and works is either:
	(i) acceptable risk; or
	(ii) capable of feasible and effective treatment through hazard management measures, so as to be tolerable risk.

E3.7.3 Major Works	
<b>Objective:</b>	
To ensure that landslide risk associated with major works in Landslide Hazard Areas, is:	
(a) acceptable risk; or	
(b) tolerable risk, having regard to the feasibility and effectiveness of any measures required to manage the landslide hazard.	
Acceptable Solutions	Performance Criteria
<b>A1</b>	<b>P1</b>
No acceptable solution.	Major works must satisfy all of the following:
	(a) no part of the works is in a High Landslide Hazard Area;
	(b) the landslide risk associated with the works is either:
	(i) acceptable risk; or
	(ii) capable of feasible and effective treatment through hazard management measures, so as to be tolerable risk.

Figure 2. Sections E3.7.1 (top) and E3.7.3 (bottom) of E3.0 *Landslide Code* in Central Highlands Council Interim Planning Scheme 2015. This report assesses each of the ten tower proposed sites against E3.7.1 P1 and E3.7.3 P1. Source: <https://iplan.tas.gov.au/pages/plan/book.aspx?exhibit=chiips>

<sup>1</sup> Low and Medium Landslide Hazard Bands occur in the district. An area designated as Low Landslide Hazard “has no known landslides; however, it has been identified as being susceptible to landslide by Mineral Resources Tasmania (MRT).” An area designated as Medium Landslide Hazard “has known landslides features, or is within a landslide susceptibility zone, or has legislated controls to limit disturbance of adjacent unstable areas.” The purpose of the Landslip Hazard Code is to: “ensure that a tolerable risk can be achieved and maintained for the type, scale and intensity and intended life of use of development on land within a landslip hazard area.” Source: C15.0 Landslip Hazard Code in Guideline No. 1 Local Provisions Schedule (LPS): zone and code application. Tasmanian Planning Commission, June 2018.

<sup>2</sup> At the date of this report, Council’s *Interim Planning Scheme 2015* is applicable to Epuron’s proposed development. However, Council is in the process of changing to the *Tasmanian Planning Scheme (TPS)*.





<b>C15.6 Development Standards for Buildings and Works</b>	
C15.6.1 Building and works within a landslip hazard area	
Objective:	That building and works on land within a landslip hazard area can: (a) minimise the likelihood of triggering a landslip event; and (b) achieve and maintain a tolerable risk from a landslip.
Acceptable Solutions	Performance Criteria
<p><b>A1</b> No Acceptable Solution.</p>	<p><b>P1.1</b> Building and works within a landslip hazard area must minimise the likelihood of triggering a landslip event and achieve and maintain a tolerable risk from landslip, having regard to: (a) the type, form, scale and intended duration of the development; (b) whether any increase in the level of risk from a landslip requires any specific hazard reduction or protection measures; (c) any advice from a State authority, regulated entity or a council; and (d) the advice contained in a landslip hazard report.</p> <p><b>P1.2</b> A landslip hazard report also demonstrates that the buildings and works do not cause or contribute to landslip on the site, on adjacent land or public infrastructure.</p> <p><b>P1.3</b> If landslip reduction or protection measures are required beyond the boundary of the site the consent in writing of the owner of that land must be provided for that land to be managed in accordance with the specific hazard reduction or protection measures.</p>

Figure 3. Section C15.6 of C15.0 *Landslip Hazard Code*, a State Planning Provision in the *Tasmanian Planning Scheme*. The current report assesses each of the ten proposed tower sites against C15.6 P1.1, P1.2 and P1.3.

Source: Tasmanian Planning Scheme State Planning Provisions, Amendment 01-2018; Effective date 19 February 2020.

### 1.3 Scope, field dates and personnel for this report, and reporting

#### 1.3.1 Scope

This report is based on:

Desk-top reviews and data compilation, including:

- a review of published geological maps of the study area, and





- the preparation of detailed maps (satellite imagery, slope angle, and hillshading/flow concentration maps) of each site incorporating the latest LiDAR survey<sup>3</sup>

Field work, including:

- discussions with the owners of *The Ripple* and *Christian Marsh*, and
- reconnaissance inspections/photography of each tower site.

### **1.3.2 Field dates and personnel**

The field work was undertaken on 20 and 21 June 2022, by WCCPL Principal and consulting engineering geologist Bill Cromer, aided by technical assistant Richard Mackintosh.

### **1.3.3 Reporting**

This report assesses the landslide risk at each of the ten proposed tower sites against Code E3.0 of *Council's Interim Planning Scheme 2015*, and Code C15 of the *State Planning Provisions* in the TPS.

### **1.3.4 Limitations of this report**

Refer to the general limitations on page 2 of this report. Also, note that this is a reconnaissance report, with only brief field inspections, and no subsurface investigations.

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<sup>3</sup>Tasmanian Flood Recovery 2019 Central Highlands Rural (Jan-March 2019). Vertical accuracy 0.30m; horizontal accuracy 1.00m. Source: [www.thelist.tas.gov.au](http://www.thelist.tas.gov.au)





## 2 RESULTS

### 2.1 Published regional geology

The area of the Central Highlands including all ten tower sites is predominantly underlain by Jurassic-age dolerite (Figure 4). Tertiary-age basalt occupies lower areas including the valley of the Shannon River. Quaternary-age alluvium and marsh deposits occur – principally along watercourses.

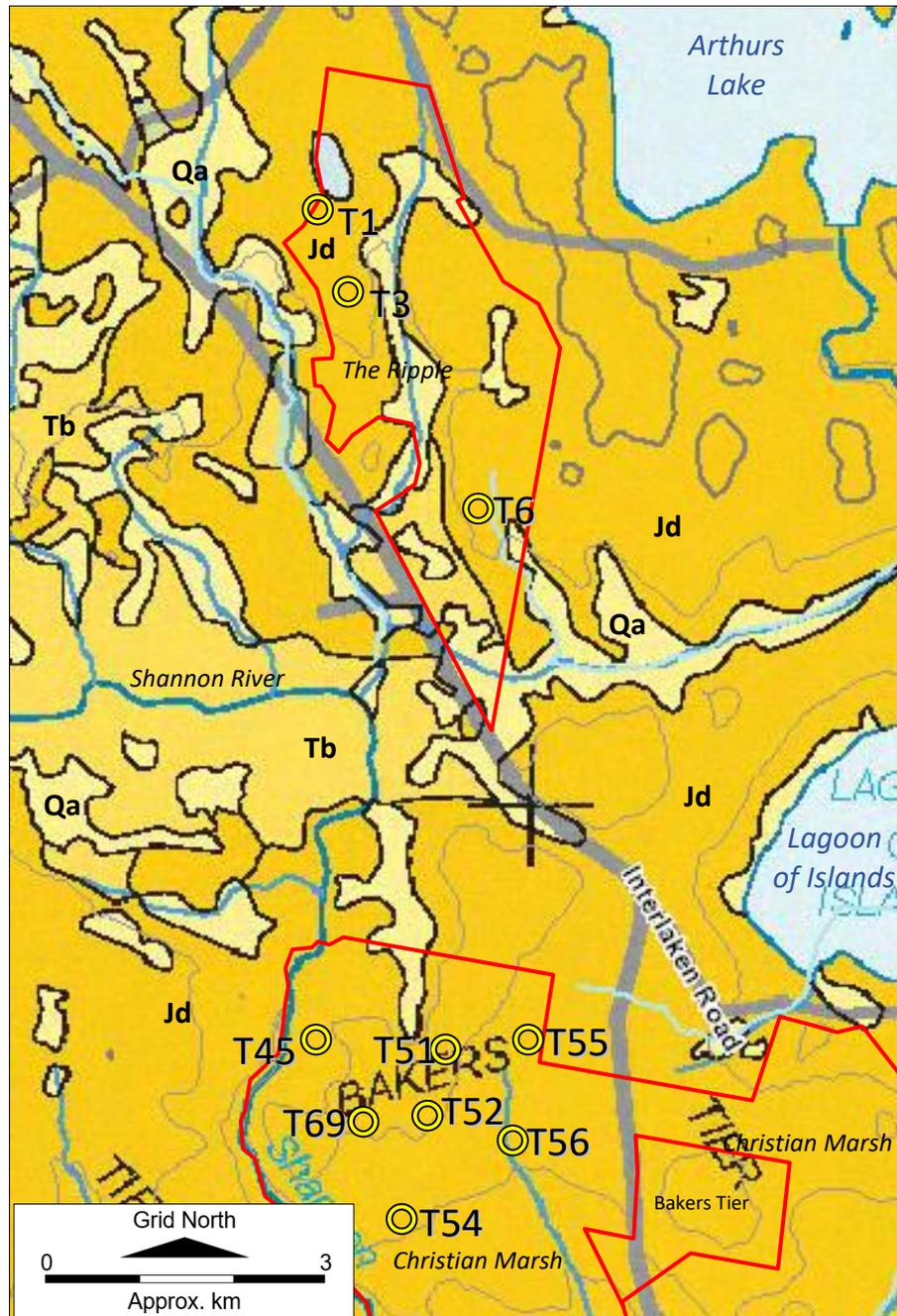


Figure 4. Published geology of the district near Arthurs Lake and Lagoon of Islands, and the ten tower sites investigated for this report.

Source: Forsyth, S. M. *et. al.* (comp.) 2005. Geology of Southeast Tasmania. Edition 2012.1. Digital Geological Atlas 1:250,000 Series. Mineral Resources Tasmania.

Key to colours and symbols

Light yellow (symbol Qa) = Quaternary-age alluvium; Orange (symbol Tb) = Tertiary-age basalt; Dark orange (symbol Jd) = Jurassic-age dolerite





## 2.2 Observed geology

During the course of investigations, the observed geology corresponded with the published geology.

Jurassic dolerite (and no other rock type) is present at each of the ten tower sites (see the images and photographs in Attachment 1).

### 2.2.1 Dolerite forms

At the ten tower sites, dolerite variously occurs as:

- surface scatter of cobbles and boulders (float<sup>4</sup>), and
- subcrops<sup>5</sup> and outcrops.

### 2.2.2 Dolerite jointing

At the ten tower sites, subcrops and outcrops are typically jointed, and of one or more types:

- subvertical and planar, trending roughly north – south, with spacings ranging from less than 0.1m, to more than a metre,
- subvertical or steeply dipping polygonal jointing, forming columns which are inferred to potentially extend to considerable depths, and
- shallowly dipping, curved exfoliation joints parallel to the land surface, with vertical spacings from 2 – 5cm; this jointing tends to create smooth-sided knolls and hillsides, with or without float.

### 2.2.3 Dolerite weathering and strength

At all visited sites, subcrops and outcrops are typically fresh and unweathered, and of high strength. This is probably due to the alpine climate, where rainfall, snow and freeze-and-thaw action tends to remove weathered material as it develops.

## 2.3 Published potential or actual slope instability in the district

### 2.3.1 Landslide hazard bands

Areas of potential unstable ground occur as scattered occurrences of Low and (rarely) Medium Hazard Bands near all ten tower sites. However, apart from site T54 on the boundary between a Low Landslide Hazard Band and no landslide banding, all other actual tower sites are in non-landslide hazard areas and 40 – 100m away from them.

### 2.3.2 Recorded landslides

The Mineral Resources Tasmania landslide database ([www.thelist.tas.gov.au](http://www.thelist.tas.gov.au)) shows no known landslides in the district.

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<sup>4</sup> *Float* is loose rock scattered on a land surface and not attached to bedrock. It is typically cobble or boulder size.

<sup>5</sup> *Subcrop* is an exposure of rock which may or may not be continuous with bedrock, but which appears to be more contiguous than float. Use of the term implies uncertainty.





## 2.4 Observed and inferred slope instability at tower sites

Table 1 and Figure 5 lists generally recognised types of slope instability (landslide), and Table 2 describes the size ranges and rates of movement of landslides adopted for this report.

Table 3 summarises the forms of actual and/or potential slope instability (in red type) observed or inferred during the site investigations at the ten sites. The three types were rock falls, rock topples and rock slides.

No other forms of landsliding depicted in Table 1 and Figure 5 are regarded as credible at and in the immediate vicinity of the ten sites.

Table 1. Main types of landslide movement

Source: From Appendix B of AGS (2007c). Practice Notes Guidelines for Landslide Risk Management. Australian Geomechanics Vol 42 No 1 March 2007

TYPE OF MOVEMENT		TYPE OF MATERIAL		
		BEDROCK	ENGINEERING SOILS	
			Predominantly Coarse	Predominantly Fine
FALLS		Rock fall	Debris fall	Earth fall
TOPPLES		Rock topple	Debris topple	Earth topple
SLIDES	ROTATIONAL	Rock slide	Debris slide	Earth slide
	TRANSLATIONAL			
LATERAL SPREADS		Rock spread	Debris spread	Earth spread
FLOWS		Rock flow (Deep creep)	Debris flow (Soil creep)	Earth flow
COMPLEX		Combination of two or more principle types of movement		

Table 2. Definitions used in this report for landslide size and rate of movement

Description	Size (m <sup>2</sup> )	Description	Typical velocity (mm/sec)	Typical velocity
Very small	0.01	Extremely rapid	5 x 10 <sup>3</sup>	5m/sec
Small	10	Very rapid	5 x 10 <sup>1</sup>	3m/min
Medium	1,000	Rapid	5 x 10 <sup>-1</sup>	1.8m/hour
Large	100,000	Moderate	5 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>	13m/month
Very large	1,000,000	Slow	5 x 10 <sup>-5</sup>	1.6m/year
		Very slow	5 x 10 <sup>-7</sup>	15mm/year
		Extremely slow		

Size is areal extent of failure zone  
After: van Schalkwyk, A and Thomas, M.A. (1991). Slope failures associated with the floods of September 1987 and February 1988 in Natal and Kwa-Zulu, Republic of South Africa. Geotechnics in the African Environment, Blight et al. (Eds), pp. 57-63

From Figure B3 of AGS (2007c)



**PRACTICE NOTE GUIDELINES FOR LANDSLIDE RISK MANAGEMENT 2007**

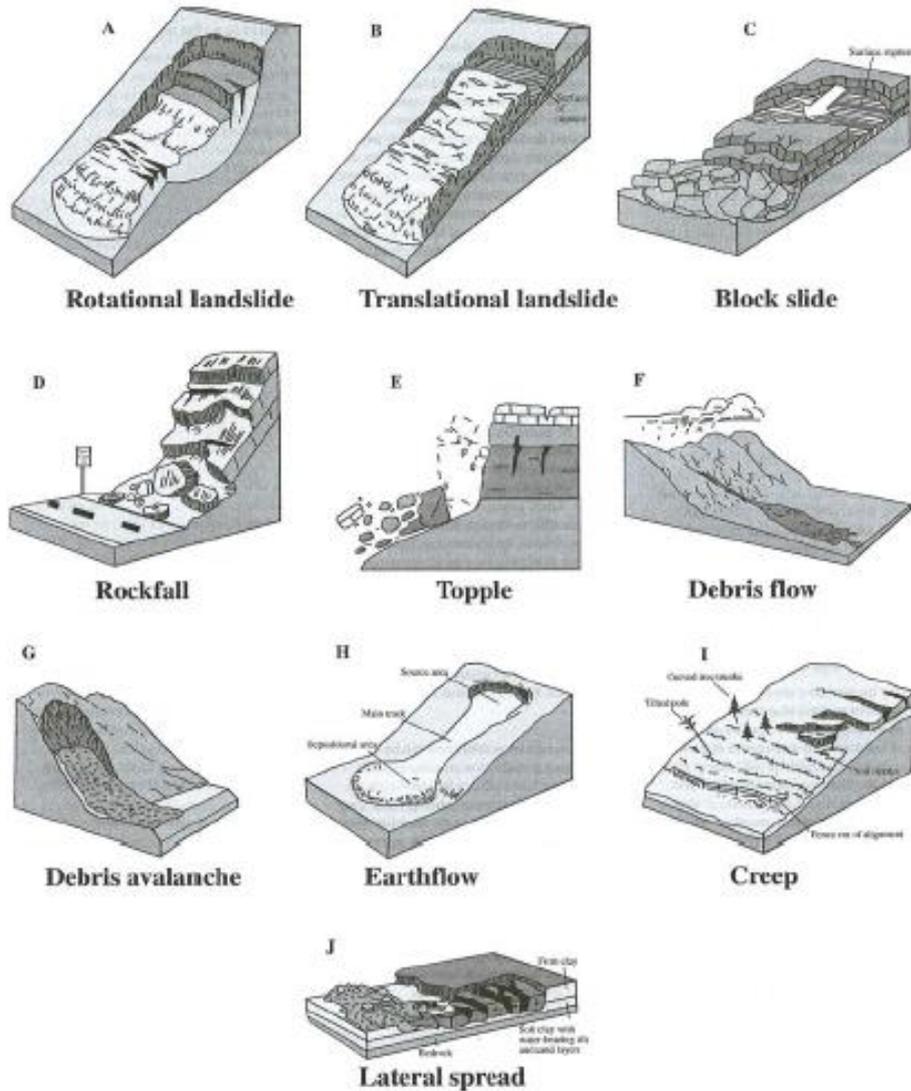


Figure B1: These schematics illustrate the major types of landslide movement.  
(From US Geological Survey Fact Sheet 2004-3072, July 2004, with kind permission for reproduction.)

The nomenclature of a landslide can become more elaborate as more information about the movement becomes available. To build up the complete identification of the movement, descriptors are added in front of the two-term classification using a preferred sequence of terms. The suggested sequence provides a progressive narrowing of the focus of the descriptors, first by time and then by spatial location, beginning with a view of the whole landslide, continuing with parts of the movement and finally defining the materials involved. The recommended sequence, as shown in Table B2, describes activity (including state, distribution and style) followed by descriptions of all movements (including rate, water content, material and type). Definitions of the terms in Table B2 are given in Cruden & Varnes (1996).

Figure 5 Main types of landslide movement

Source: From Appendix B of AGS (2007c). Practice Notes Guidelines for Landslide Risk Management. Australian Geomechanics Vol 42 No 1 March 2007



Table 3. Summary of observed types of slope instability (red font) at the ten tower sites

Site	GDA94		Elevation (approx. mASL)	Potential or actual slope instability of site and immediate surrounds**	Reference in Attachment 1
	Easting*	Northing*			
T1	487523	5346922	975	Small scale, very rapid to extremely rapid <b>rock falls and rock topples</b> , and very slow to very rapid <b>rock slides</b> , on 30 – 40° exfoliated outcrops on western and to a lesser extent eastern side of site; no credible issue within 30m of site.	Plate T1-4
T3	487875	5345968	953	Very small scale, very rapid to extremely rapid <b>rock falls and rock topples</b> on 30 – 40° outcrops on eastern side of site; no credible issue within 50m of site.	
T6	489373	5343489	942	Very small scale, very rapid to extremely rapid <b>rock falls and rock topples</b> on 45+° outcrops/small cliffs on western and southern sides of site; no credible issue within 30m of site.	Plates T6-2 and T6-3
T45	487556	5337348	900	Small scale, very rapid to extremely rapid <b>rock falls and rock topples</b> on 45+° outcrops/small cliffs on all sides of site; no credible issue within 15 – 20m of site.	T45-4
T51	489025	5337283	935	Small scale, very rapid to extremely rapid <b>rock falls and rock topples</b> , and very slow to very rapid <b>rock slides</b> , on 45+° outcrops/knolls on all sides of site; no credible issue within 10 – 15m of site.	T51-2
T52	488850	5336501	915	Small scale, very rapid to extremely rapid <b>rock falls and rock topples</b> on 45+° slopes on southeastern side of site; no credible issue within 50m of site.	T52-4
T54	488526	5335267	850	Very small scale, very rapid to extremely rapid <b>rock falls and rock topples</b> on 30 – 35° slopes on eastern and northern sides of site; no credible issue within 30m of site.	
T55	490000	5337390	884	Very small scale, very rapid to extremely rapid <b>rock falls and rock topples</b> on knoll and localised 30 – 35° slopes on eastern and northern sides of site; no credible issue within 30m of site.	
T56	489789	5336214	860	Small scale, very rapid to extremely rapid <b>rock falls and rock topples</b> on knoll and localised 30 – 45° slopes on eastern side of site; no credible issue within 30m of site.	Plate T56-5 and T56-6
T69	488093	5336443	933	Very small scale, very rapid to extremely rapid <b>rock falls and rock topples</b> on 30 – 35° slopes on eastern approach to site; no credible issue within 50m of site.	Plate T69-1

\*Tower grid coordinates were provided by ERA Planning

\*\* "Immediate surrounds" is within a 50 – 100m radius of site





## 3 DISCUSSION

### 3.1 Landslide likelihoods, consequences and risks

Arising from the observed and/or potential landslide types (rock falls, topples and slides) described in Table 3, Table 4 assigns subjective likelihoods, consequences and risks to each type at each of the ten sites, for (a) the tower itself, and (b) related infrastructure (mainly access roads to the tower)<sup>6</sup>.

Assuming development proceeds at each site, the landslide risks in Table 4 are rated before and after risk treatment (management).

In summary, Table 4 shows:

- before treatment, risks to the towers are in the Low to Very Low range at all sites, and remain in the Low to Very Low range after a recommended range of treatments, and
- before treatment, risks to access roads and related infrastructure are in the Very Low to Moderate range, but reduce to Very Low to Low after treatment.

### 3.2 Compliance of proposed tower developments with E3.0 and C15.0

Tables 5, 6 and 7 demonstrate that the proposed towers at each of the ten sites described in this report comply with E3.0 Landslide Code performance criteria in Sections E3.7.1 and E3.7.3 of the Central Highlands Interim Planning Scheme 2015, and also with performance criteria in Section C15.6 of the forthcoming Landslip Hazard Code C15.0.

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**Principal**

6 July 2021

### **This report is and must remain accompanied by the following Attachment**

Attachment 1. Aerial images and landslide hazard bands, slope angles, hillshading and flow concentration lines, and site photographs (53 pages)

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<sup>6</sup> Landslide risk assessment and management (LRM) in Australia is usually done in accordance with the Australian Geomechanics Society (AGS) *Landslide Risk Management* documents and guidelines (2007). At the reconnaissance level of this report, it was deemed unnecessary to do a detailed LRM in strict accordance with AGS (2007). [The five documents AGS are: AGS (2007a). Guideline for Landslide Susceptibility, Hazard and Risk Zoning. Australian Geomechanics, Vol 42 No 1 March 2007  
AGS (2007b). Commentary on Guideline for Landslide Susceptibility, Hazard and Risk Zoning. Australian Geomechanics, Vol 42 No 1 March 2007  
AGS (2007c). Practice Notes Guidelines for Landslide Risk Management. Australian Geomechanics Vol 42 No 1 March 2007  
AGS (2007d). Commentary on Practice Notes Guidelines for Landslide Risk Management. Australian Geomechanics Vol 42 No 1 March 2007  
AGS (2007e). The Australian Geoguides for Slope Management and Maintenance. Australian Geomechanics Vol 42 No 1 March 2007]





Table 4. Likelihoods, consequences and risks assigned to each of the observed or potential landslide types at each of the ten proposed tower sites, before and after recommended risk treatment.

Landslide type	Tower site	Before treatment						Recommended risk treatments	After treatment																		
		Likelihood of occurrence at tower	Consequences to tower	Risk to tower	Likelihood of occurrence at other infrastructure (eg access road)	Level of risk to other infrastructure	Risk to other infrastructure		Likelihood of occurrence at tower	Consequences to tower	Risk to tower	Likelihood of occurrence at other infrastructure (eg access road)	Level of risk to other infrastructure	Risk to other infrastructure													
Rock falls and rock topples	T1	Barely credible	Medium	Very Low	Likely	Minor	Moderate	Before construction, (a) select actual tower sites based on site-specific geotechnical investigations as appropriate, and (b) select routes for access roads which minimise geotechnical risk [eg in general, and where appropriate and/or feasible, avoid (i) steep slopes, (ii) avoid proximity to rocky knolls, particularly with loose joint blocks, (iii) minimise cut and fill and/or adopt appropriate batter angles or embankment support, (iv) manage stormwater at site and along access roads.]. See AGS (2007e). The Australian Geoguides for Slope Management and Maintenance. Australian Geomechanics Vol 42 No 1 March 2007]. Other unlisted treatments may also be appropriate, and any or all of these listed or unlisted management techniques may be varied depending on site-specific conditions provided they mitigate existing Moderate risks and do not increase existing Low or Very Low risks. Post construction, maintain regular inspections of tower site and all other infrastructure.	Barely credible	Medium	Very Low	Unlikely	Minor	Low													
	T3																										
	T6																										
	T45																										
	T51	Rare		Low						Rare	Low																
	T52	Barely credible		Very Low	Rare				Barely credible	Very Low	Low	Barely credible	Unlikely	Medium	Very Low	Rare	Barely credible	Minor	Low								
	T54																										
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	T69																										
Rock slides	T1	Unlikely	Medium	Low	Likely	Minor	Moderate	Before construction, (a) select actual tower sites based on site-specific geotechnical investigations as appropriate, and (b) select routes for access roads which minimise geotechnical risk [eg in general, and where appropriate and/or feasible, avoid (i) steep slopes, (ii) avoid proximity to rocky knolls, particularly with loose joint blocks, (iii) minimise cut and fill and/or adopt appropriate batter angles or embankment support, (iv) manage stormwater at site and along access roads.]. See AGS (2007e). The Australian Geoguides for Slope Management and Maintenance. Australian Geomechanics Vol 42 No 1 March 2007]. Other unlisted treatments may also be appropriate, and any or all of these listed or unlisted management techniques may be varied depending on site-specific conditions provided they mitigate existing Moderate risks and do not increase existing Low or Very Low risks. Post construction, maintain regular inspections of tower site and all other infrastructure.	Unlikely	Medium	Low	Unlikely	Minor	Low													
	T3																										
	T6	Rare													Possible			Rare									
	T45														Likely												
	T51	Unlikely																									
	T52	Rare													Rare	Very Low		Rare	Very Low								
	T54	Barely credible													Very Low	Possible	Barely credible	Very Low	Mod	Barely credible	Unlikely	Medium	Very Low	Barely credible	Rare	Minor	Low
	T55																										
	T56																										
	T69																										

Note: Geotechnical risk assessment – particularly assigning likelihood to landslide types – is a subjective process. Accordingly, it is acknowledged that landslide practitioners may assign different values to likelihood and consequence, and may arrive at different levels of risk.





Table 5. Compliance of the proposed tower developments with Landslide Code E3.7.1 P1 in the Central Highlands Council *Interim Planning Scheme 2015*.

**EPURON**

**Address**

Various wind farm tower sites, Central Highlands

**E3 Landslide Code**

OBJECTIVE: To ensure that landslide risk associated with buildings and works for buildings and works, other than minor extensions, in Landslide Hazard Areas, is: (a) acceptable risk; or (b) tolerable risk, having regard to the feasibility and effectiveness of measures required to manage the landslide hazard. Section E3.7.1 states that there is no acceptable solution for A1, and for Performance Criteria P1 Buildings and works must satisfy all of the following:

	Buildings and works other than Minor Extensions must satisfy all of the following Performance Criteria: E3.7.1 (P1)	Compliance	Is management required?	Management Plan
(a)	no part of the buildings and works is in a High Landslide Hazard Area;	Complies. Except for site T54, no other proposed tower site is within 40m of a Low landslide hazard band. (Site T54 lies on the boundary between no landslide hazard band, and a Low landslide hazard band.) See Attachment 1.		
(b)	the landslide risk associated with the buildings and works is either:  (i) acceptable risk; or  (ii) capable of feasible and effective treatment through hazard management measures, so as to be tolerable risk.	Development at each tower site will comply with P1(b) (ii). See Table 4.	Yes	<u>Before construction</u> , (a) select actual tower sites based on site-specific geotechnical investigations as appropriate, and (b) select routes for access roads which minimise geotechnical risk [eg in general, and where appropriate and/or feasible, avoid (i) steep slopes, (ii) avoid proximity to rocky knolls, particularly with loose joint blocks, (iii) minimise cut and fill and/or adopt appropriate batter angles or embankment support, (iv) manage stormwater at site and along access roads.]. See AGS (2007e). The Australian Geoguides for Slope Management and Maintenance. Australian Geomechanics Vol 42 No 1 March 2007]. Other unlisted treatments may also be appropriate, and any or all of these listed or unlisted management techniques may be varied depending on site-specific conditions provided they mitigate existing Moderate risks and do not increase existing Low or Very Low risks. <u>Post construction</u> , maintain regular inspections of tower site and all other infrastructure.





Table 6. Compliance of the proposed tower developments with Landslide Code E3.7 3 P1 in the Central Highlands Council *Interim Planning Scheme 2015*.

**EPURON**

**Address**

Various wind farm tower sites, Central Highlands

**E3 Landslide Code**

OBJECTIVE: To ensure that landslide risk associated with Major Works in Landslide Hazard Areas, is: (a) acceptable risk; or (b) tolerable risk, having regard to the feasibility and effectiveness of measures required to manage the landslide hazard. Section E3.7.3 states that there is no acceptable solution for A1, and for Performance Criteria P1 for Major works must satisfy all of the following:

	Buildings and works other than Minor Extensions must satisfy all of the following Performance Criteria: E3.7.3 (P1)	Compliance	Is management required?	Management Plan
(a)	no part of the buildings and works is in a High Landslide Hazard Area;	Complies. Except for site T54, no other proposed tower site is within 40m of a Low landslide hazard band. (Site T54 lies on the boundary between no landslide hazard band, and a Low landslide hazard band.) See Attachment 1.		
(b)	the landslide risk associated with the buildings and works is either:  (i) acceptable risk; or  (ii) capable of feasible and effective treatment through hazard management measures, so as to be tolerable risk.	Development at each tower site will comply with P1(b) (ii). See Table 4.	Yes	<u>Before construction</u> , (a) select actual tower sites based on site-specific geotechnical investigations as appropriate, and (b) select routes for access roads which minimise geotechnical risk [eg in general, and where appropriate and/or feasible, avoid (i) steep slopes, (ii) avoid proximity to rocky knolls, particularly with loose joint blocks, (iii) minimise cut and fill and/or adopt appropriate batter angles or embankment support, (iv) manage stormwater at site and along access roads.]. See AGS (2007e). The Australian Geoguides for Slope Management and Maintenance. Australian Geomechanics Vol 42 No 1 March 2007]. Other unlisted treatments may also be appropriate, and any or all of these listed or unlisted management techniques may be varied depending on site-specific conditions provided they mitigate existing Moderate risks and do not increase existing Low or Very Low risks. <u>Post construction</u> , maintain regular inspections of tower site and all other infrastructure.

**Major Works** means any of the following: (i) excavation of 100m<sup>3</sup> or more in cut volume; (ii) excavation or soil disturbance of an area of 1,000m<sup>2</sup> or more; (iii) clearance of vegetation involving an area of more than 1,000m<sup>2</sup>; (iv) water storages or swimming pools with a volume of 45,000 litres or more





Table 7. Compliance of the proposed tower developments with Landslip Hazard Code C15.6 P1.1, P1.2 and P1.3 in the Tasmanian Planning Scheme *State Planning Provisions*.

**EPURON**

**Address**

Various wind farm tower sites, Central Highlands

**C15.0 Landslip Hazard Code**

**C15.6 Development Standards for Buildings and Works**

**OBJECTIVE:**

That building and works on land within a landslip hazard area can:

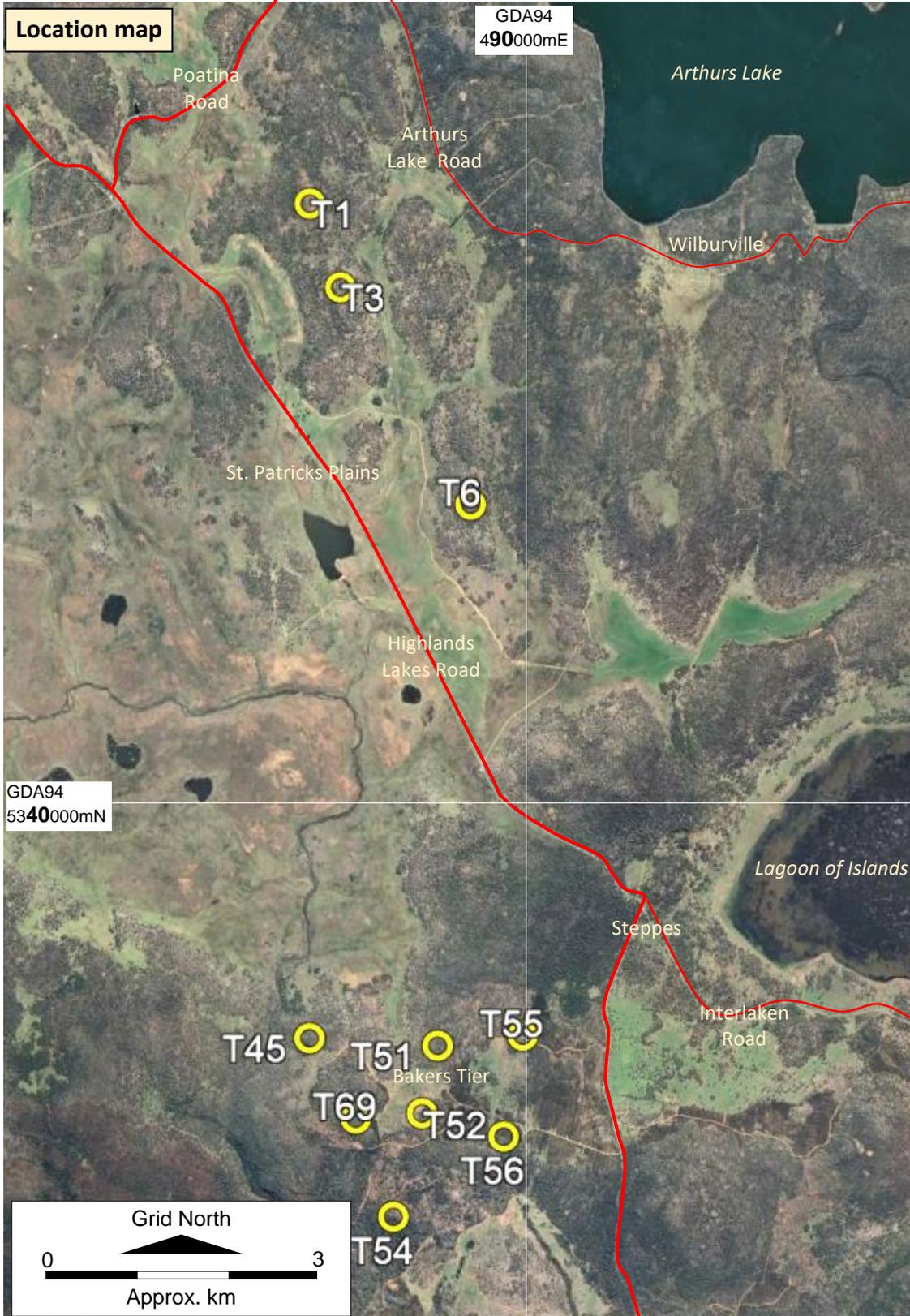
- (a) minimise the likelihood of triggering a landslip event, and
- (b) achieve and maintain a tolerable risk from a landslip.

<b>There are no Acceptable Solutions for C15.6 A1. Instead,</b>	<b>Comment</b>	<b>Is management required?</b>	<b>Management Plan</b>
<p><b>P1.1</b> Building and works within a landslip hazard area must minimise the risk of triggering a landslip event and achieve and maintain a tolerable risk</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) the type, form, scale and intended duration of the development;</li> <li>(b) whether any increase in the level of risk from a landslip requires any specific hazard reduction or protection measures;</li> <li>(c) any advice from a State authority, regulated entity or a council; and</li> <li>(d) the advice contained in a landslip hazard report.</li> </ul>	<p>The proposed development at each tower site complies with P1.1 (a) – (d). See Table 4 .</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Before construction, (a) select actual tower sites based on site-specific geotechnical investigations as appropriate, and (b) select routes for access roads which minimise geotechnical risk [eg in general, and where appropriate and/or feasible, avoid (i) steep slopes, (ii) avoid proximity to rocky knolls, particularly with loose joint blocks, (iii) minimise cut and fill and/or adopt appropriate batter angles or embankment support, (iv) manage stormwater at site and along access roads.]. See AGS (2007e). The Australian Geoguides for Slope Management and Maintenance. Australian Geomechanics Vol 42 No 1 March 2007]. Other unlisted treatments may also be appropriate, and any or all of these listed or unlisted management techniques may be varied depending on site-specific conditions provided they mitigate existing Moderate risks and do not increase existing Low or Very Low risks. Post construction, maintain regular inspections of tower site and all other infrastructure.</p>
<p><b>P1.2</b> A landslip hazard report also demonstrates that the buildings and works do not cause or contribute to landslip on the site, on adjacent land or public infrastructure.</p>	<p>The proposed development at each tower site complies with P1.2. See this report. Other site specific reports may be produced as required.</p>		
<p><b>P1.3</b> If landslip reduction or protection measures are required beyond the boundary of the site the consent in writing of the owner of that land must be provided for that land to be managed in accordance with the specific reduction or protection measures.</p>	<p>Landowner/developer agreements are or will be in place to comply with P1.3.</p>		

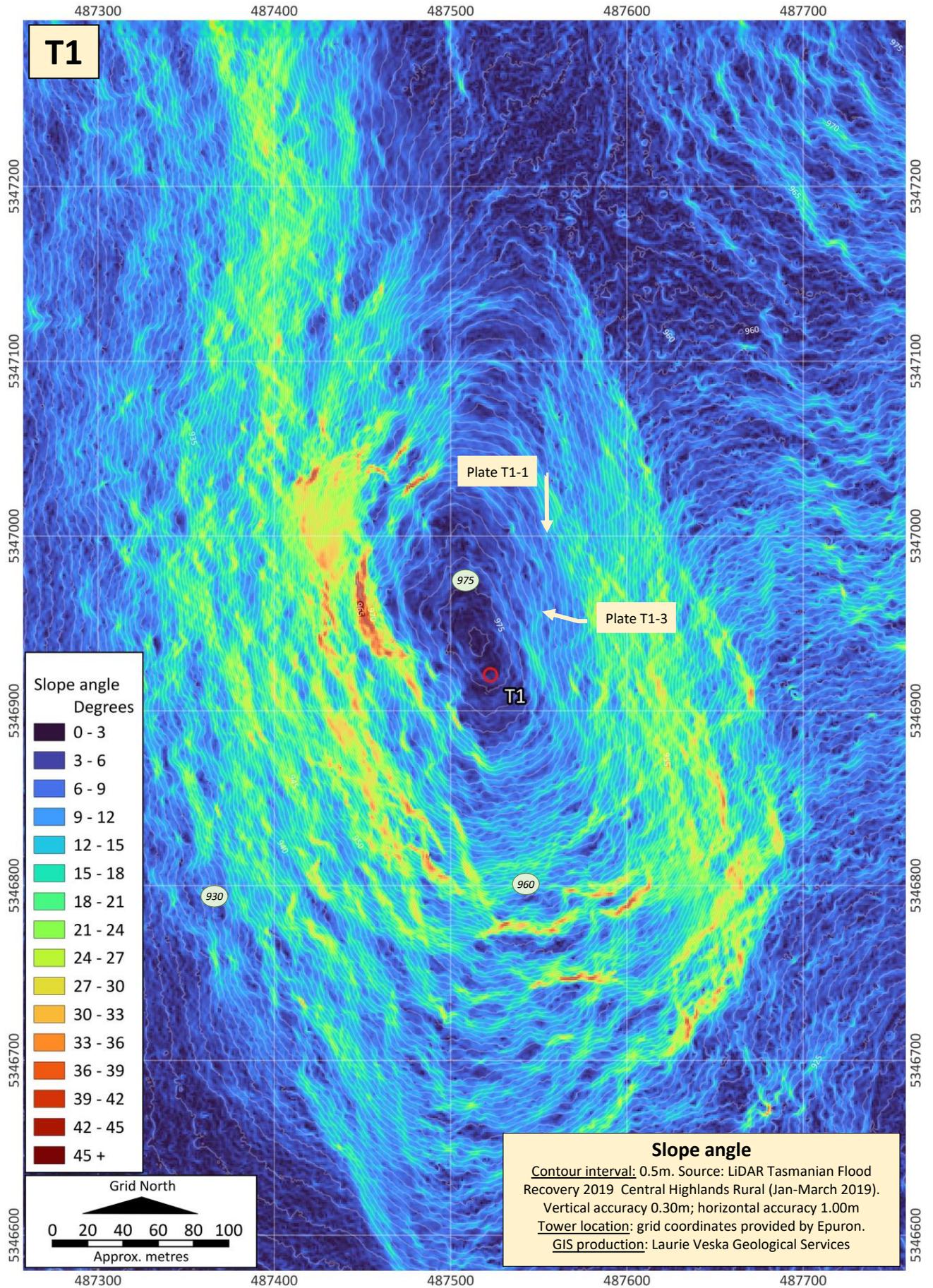


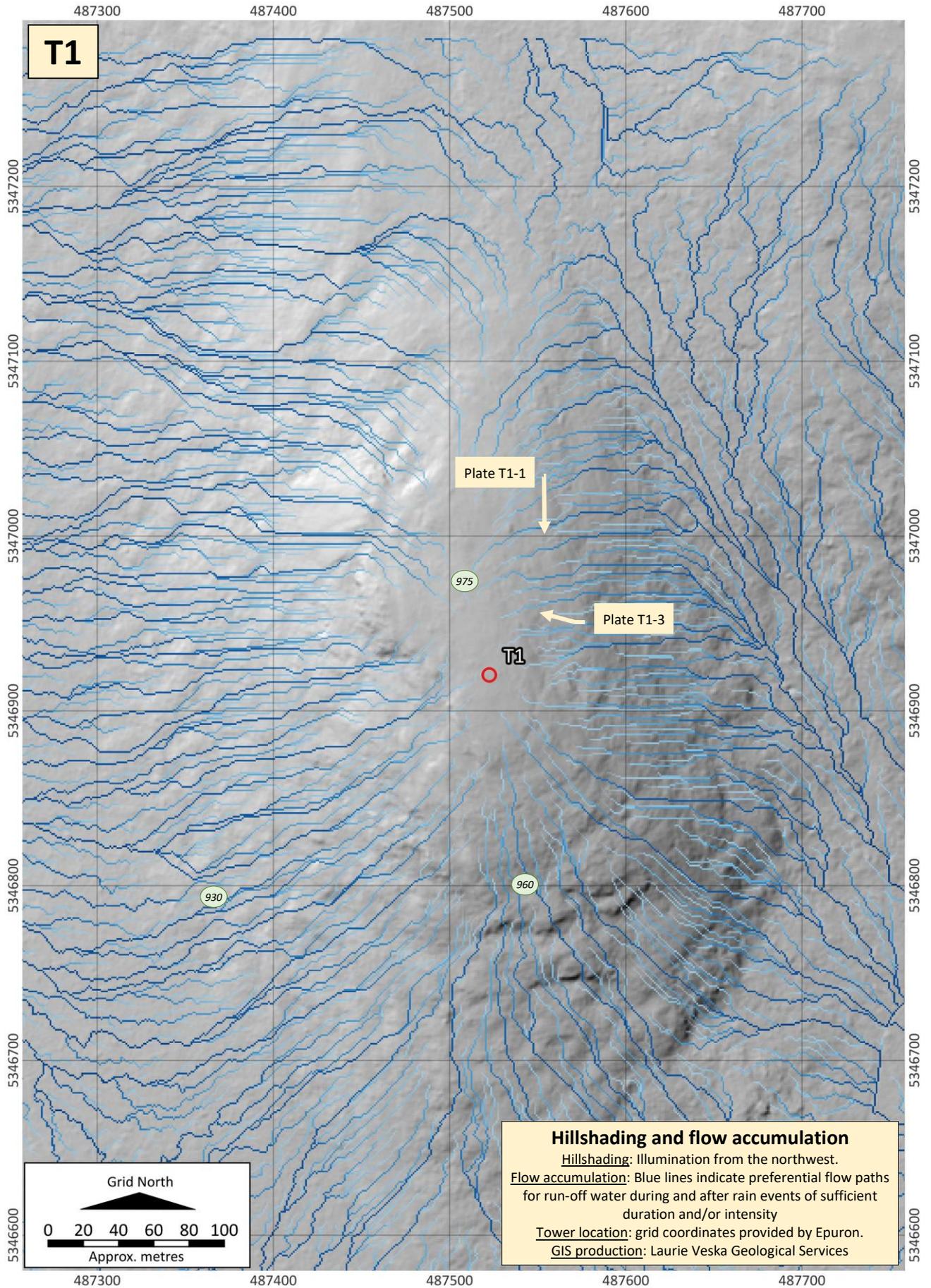


**Attachment 1**  
(53 pages)  
**Proposed tower locations**  
**Aerial images and landslide hazard bands, slope angles, hillshading and flow concentration lines, and site photographs**  
Tower sites are prefixed "T", and are arranged here in numerical order.











**Plate T1-1 (above).** View south near proposed tower T1 (at right), showing in-situ, high-strength Jurassic dolerite bedrock with well-developed curved exfoliation joints parallel to land surface (vertical spacing c. 0.02 – 0.2m).

**Plate T1-2 (below).** View southwest near proposed tower T1 (at centre left), showing in-situ high strength Jurassic dolerite bedrock with (a) well-developed curved exfoliation joints parallel to land surface (vertical spacing c. 0.02 – 0.2m), and (b) subvertical polygonal joints (red arrows). These polygons are the eroded tops of subvertical dolerite columns. The jointing may extend for considerable depths into the bedrock., and columns may be cut by subhorizontal joints. The staff is 2m high.



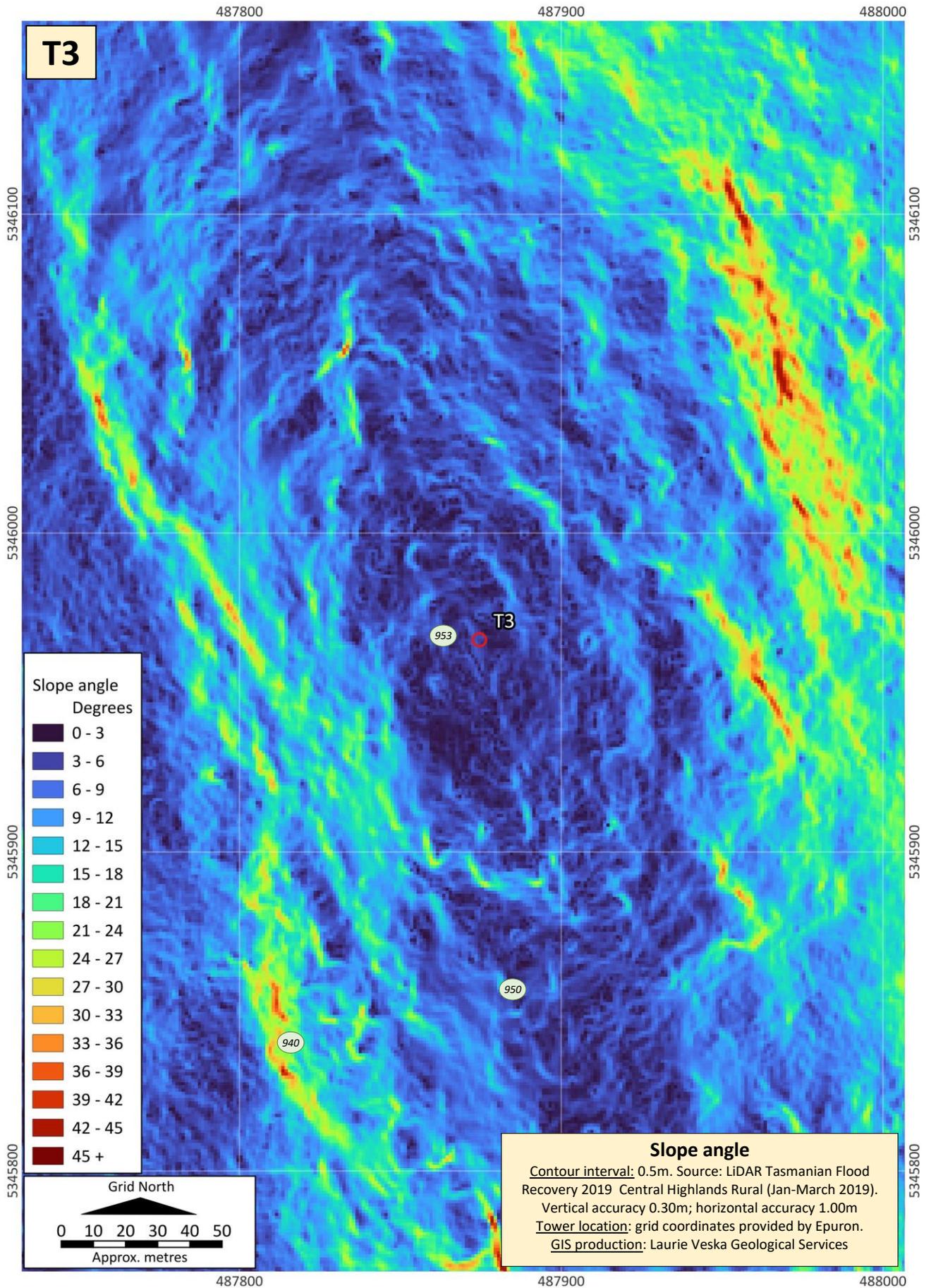


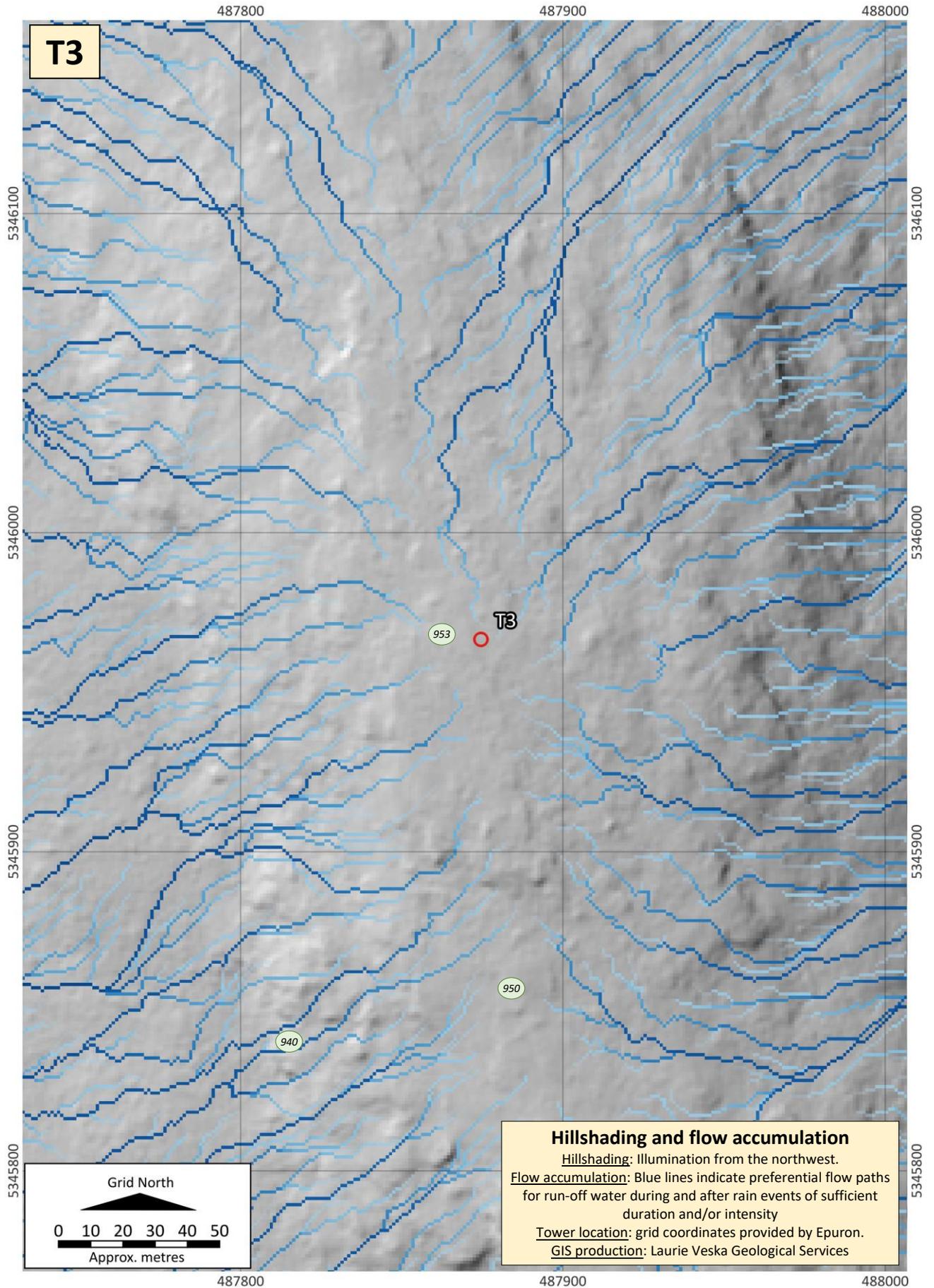
**Plate T1-3 (above).** Detail of polygonal jointing near T1.

**Plate T1-4 (below).** View southwest from near T1, over a large exfoliated outcrop of high strength dolerite. St. Patricks Plains are in the background.











**Plate T3-1 (above).** View north near proposed tower T3, on the almost flat crest of a broad spur trending NNW – SSE; the ground slopes gently in these directions at angles in the 0–5° range. Slopes steepen to up to 30° and more along the sides of the ridge. The staff is 3m high.

**Plate T3-2 (below).** View north towards T3. Dolerite cobbles and boulders float litter the ground, and subcrops of bedrock are common.

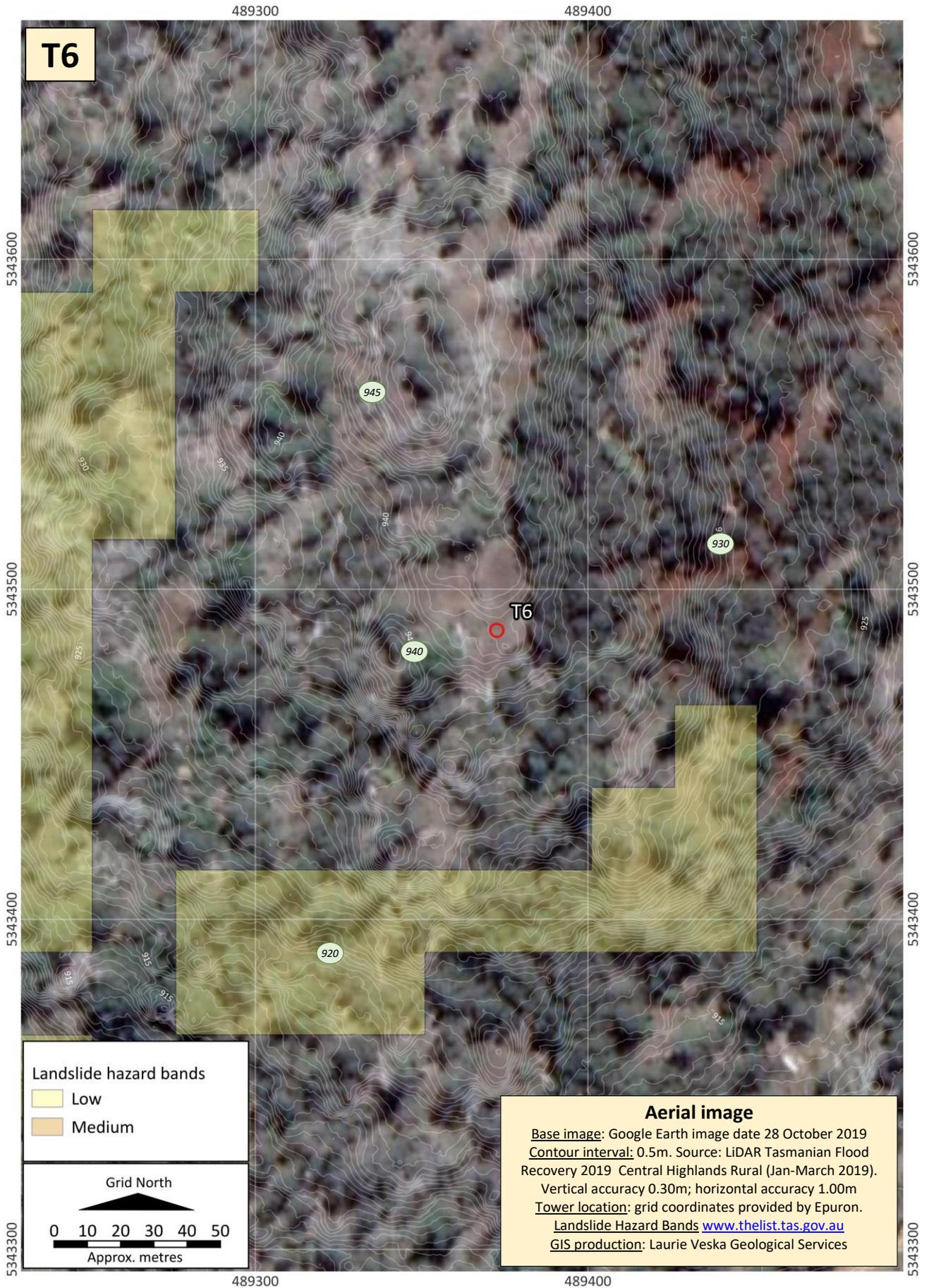


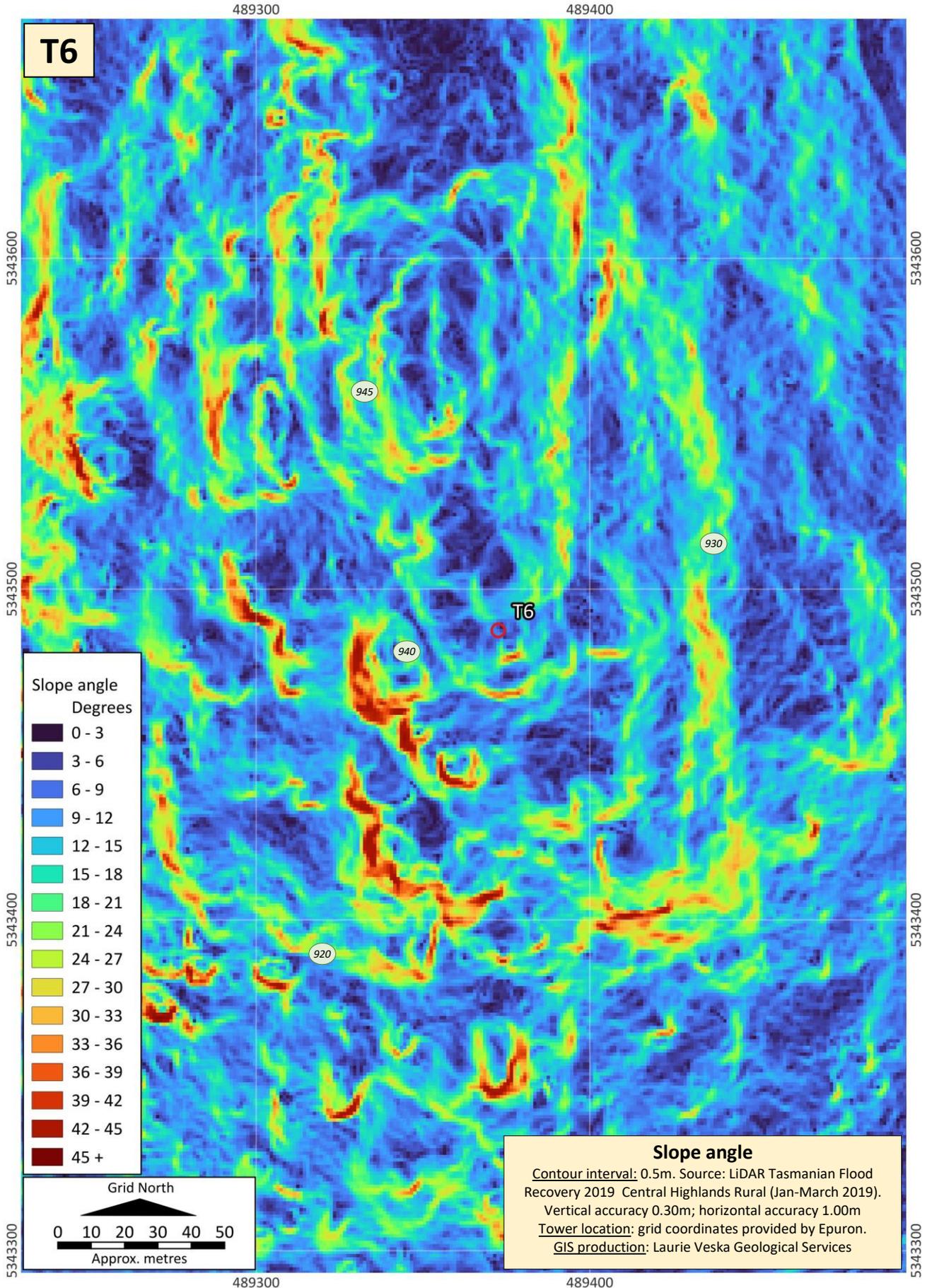


**Plate T3-3 (above).** View south southeast from near T3. Well-developed exfoliated joint surfaces in high-strength Jurassic-age dolerite. The staff is 3m high.

**Plate T3-4 (below).** View north towards T3 (off-camera to right). Dolerite cobbles and boulders float litter the ground, and outcrops of exfoliated high-strength bedrock are common. The staff is 3m high.







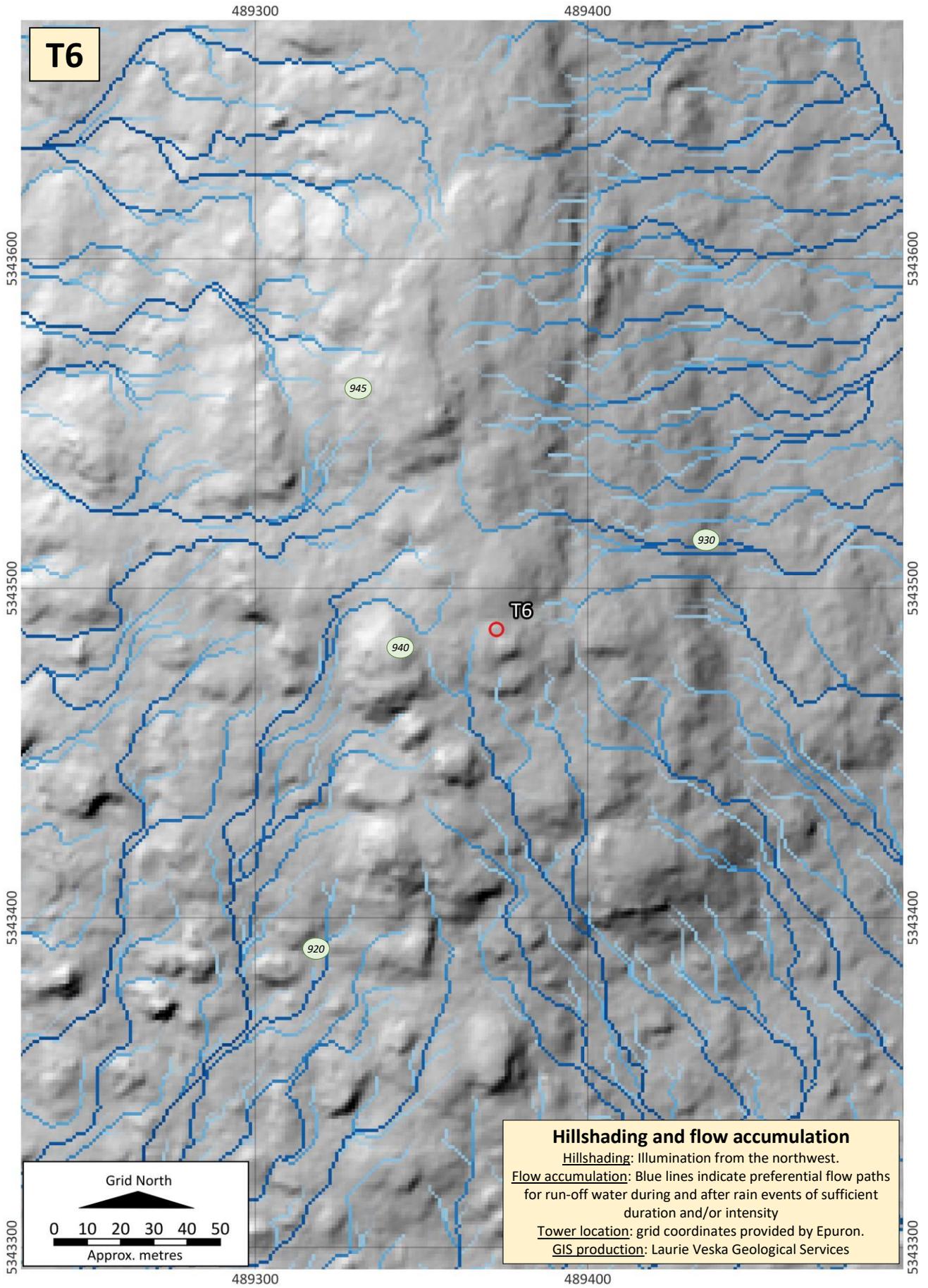




Plate T6-1 (above) and Plate T6-2 (below). View south to T6. Dolerite cobbles and boulders float litter the ground, and outcrops of exfoliated high-strength bedrock are common. The staff is 3m high.



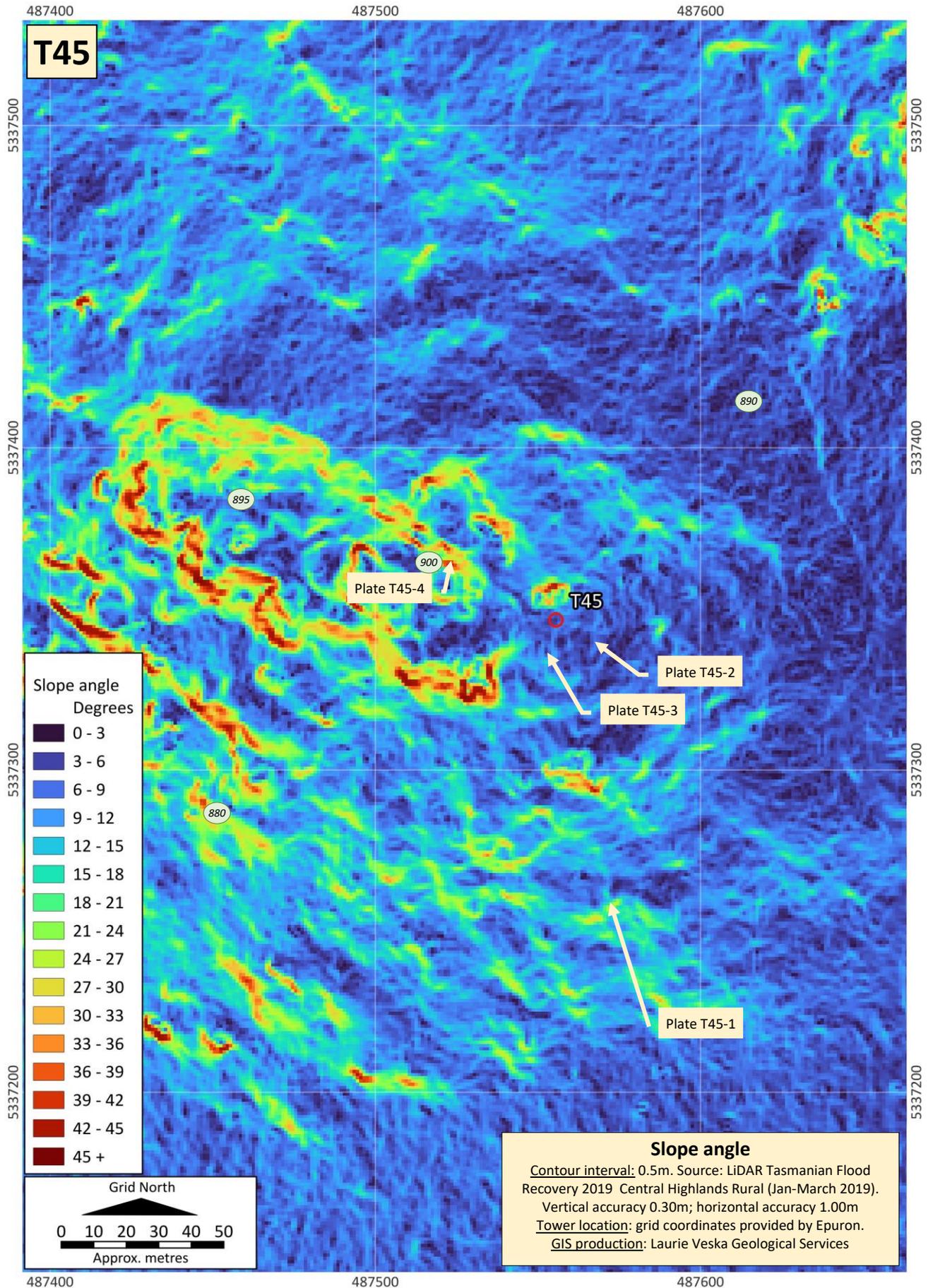


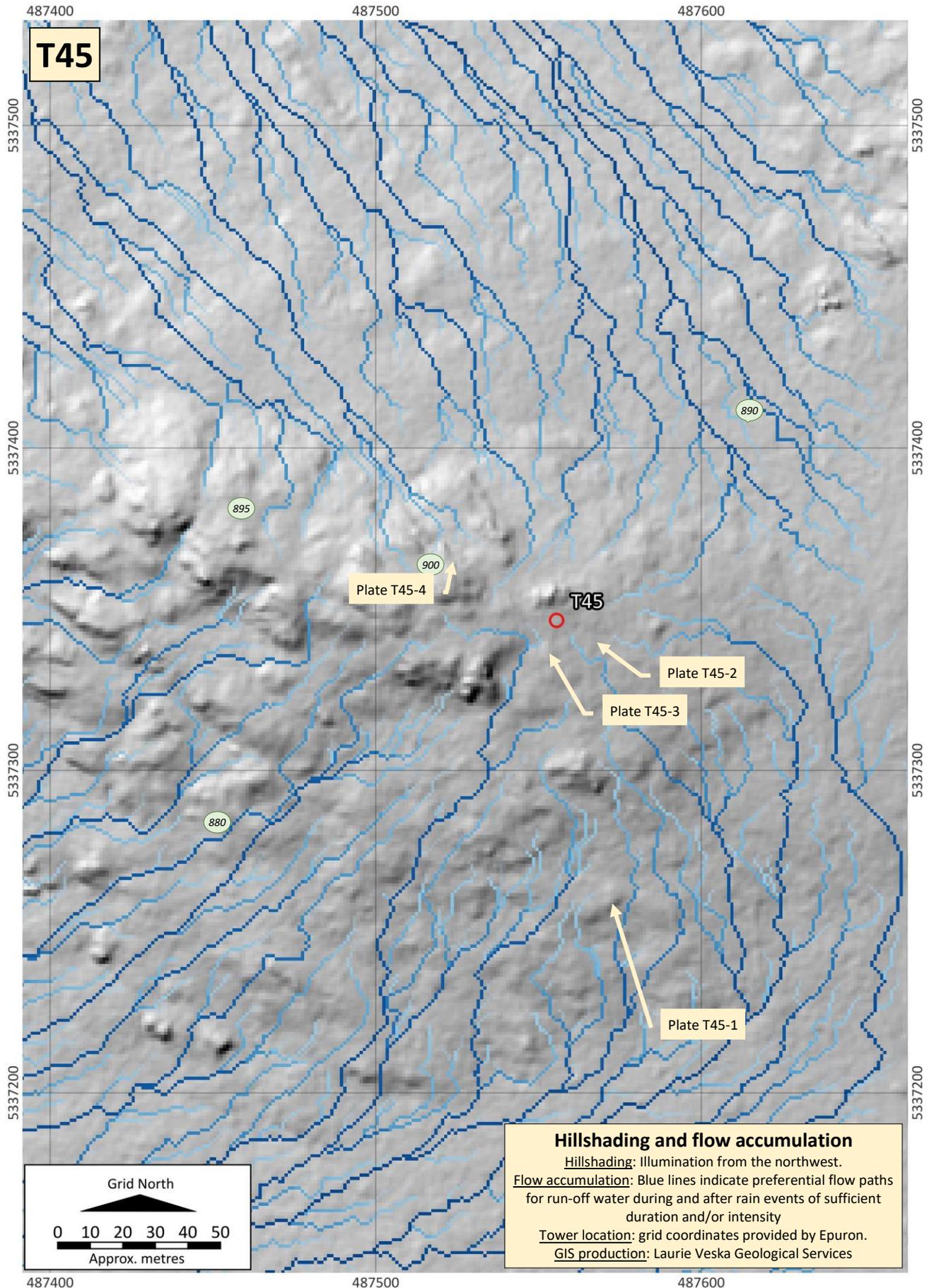
**Plate T6-3 (above).** View north and slightly upslope towards T6. Dolerite cobbles and boulders float litter the ground, and outcrops of exfoliated high-strength bedrock are common. The staff is 3m high.

**Plate T6-4 (below).** Exfoliated, high-strength Jurassic dolerite (curved joints parallel to land surface) with subvertical polygonal joints (red arrows). These polygons are the eroded tops of subvertical dolerite columns. The jointing may extend for considerable depths into the bedrock., and columns may be cut by subhorizontal joints.











**Plate T45-1 (above).** View north northwest and slightly upslope towards T45 about 120m away. Dolerite cobbles and boulders litter the ground.

**Plate T45-2 (below).** View west northwest and slightly upslope. T45 is characterised by numerous subcrops and outcrops of high-strength dolerite. The main subvertical joint directions are north-south.



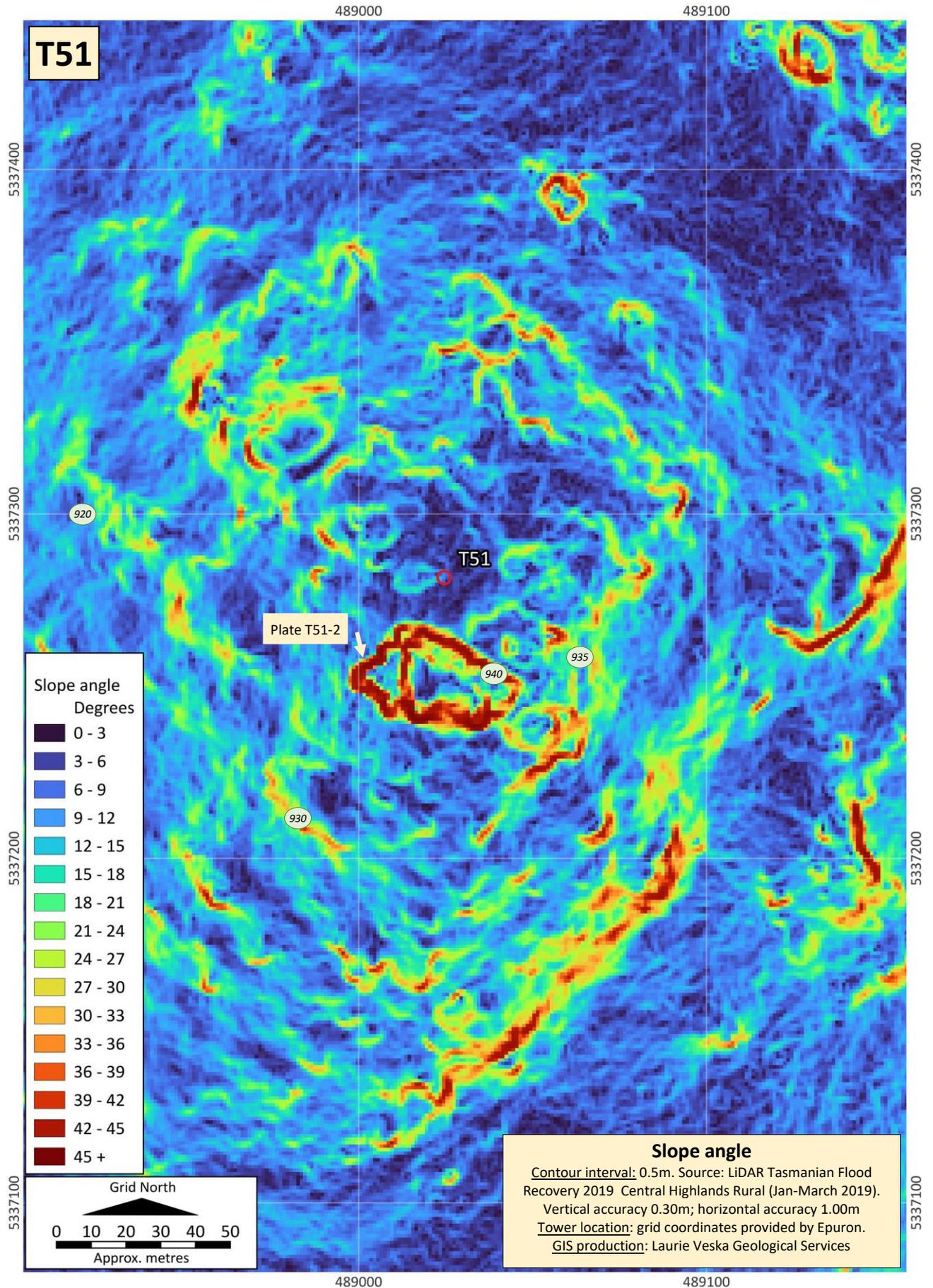


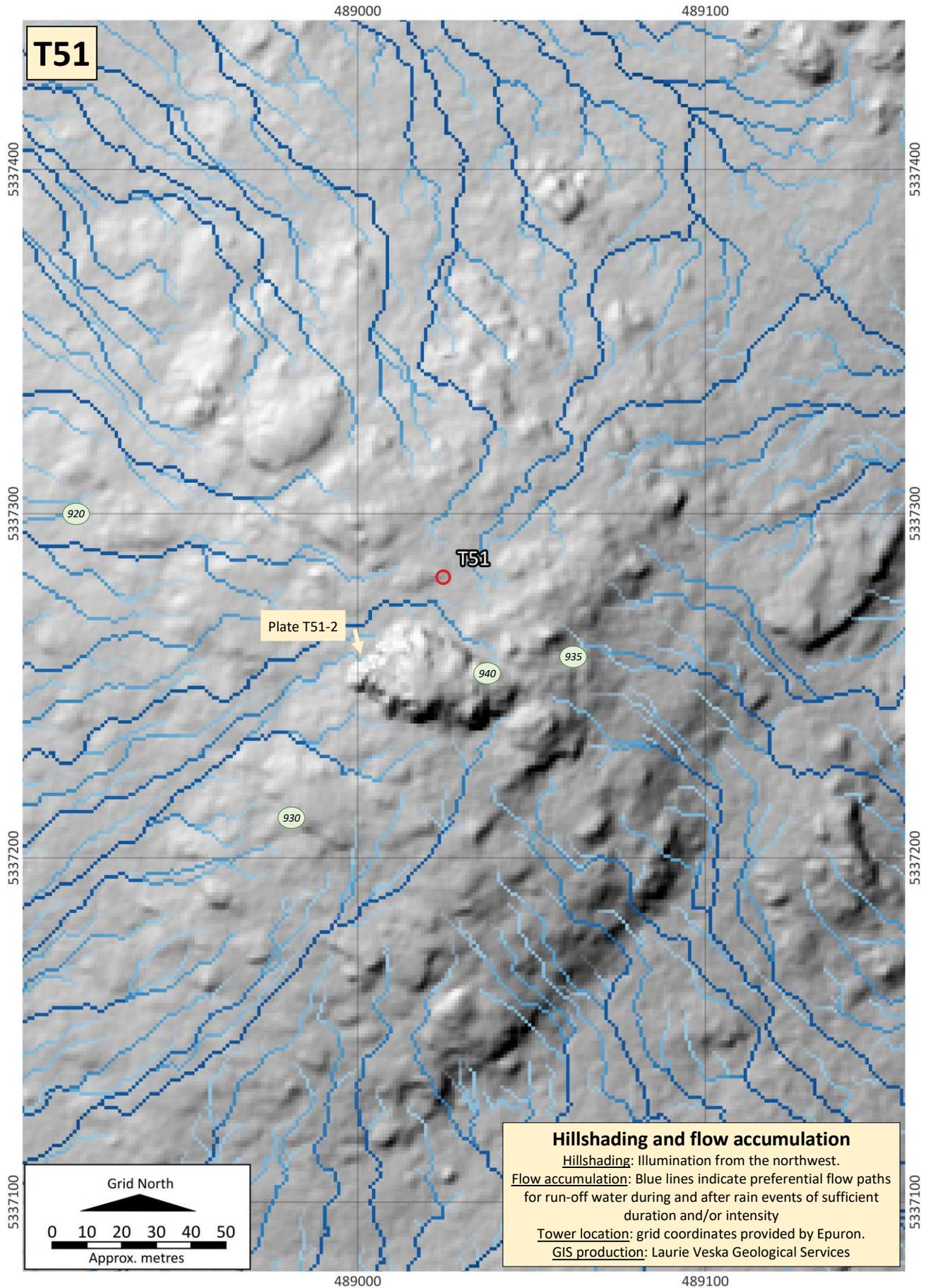
**Plate T45-3 (above).** View north northwest and slightly upslope. Dolerite cobbles and boulders float litter the ground.

**Plate T45-4 (below).** View north and steeply downslope. Site T45 is behind the camera. The main subvertical joint directions are north-south.











**Plate T51-1 (above).** View south towards T51, a slightly lower area between two raised dolerite outcrops [a subdued one at camera (see Plates T51-3 and T51-4); the second, higher one in background; see below].

**Plate T51-2 (below).** View south (site T51 is behind the camera). This outcrop of high strength dolerite shows prominent subvertical north-south jointing. The blocks have slid west (to right) and slightly downslope (yellow arrow), with some topples (red arrows). The staff is 5m high.

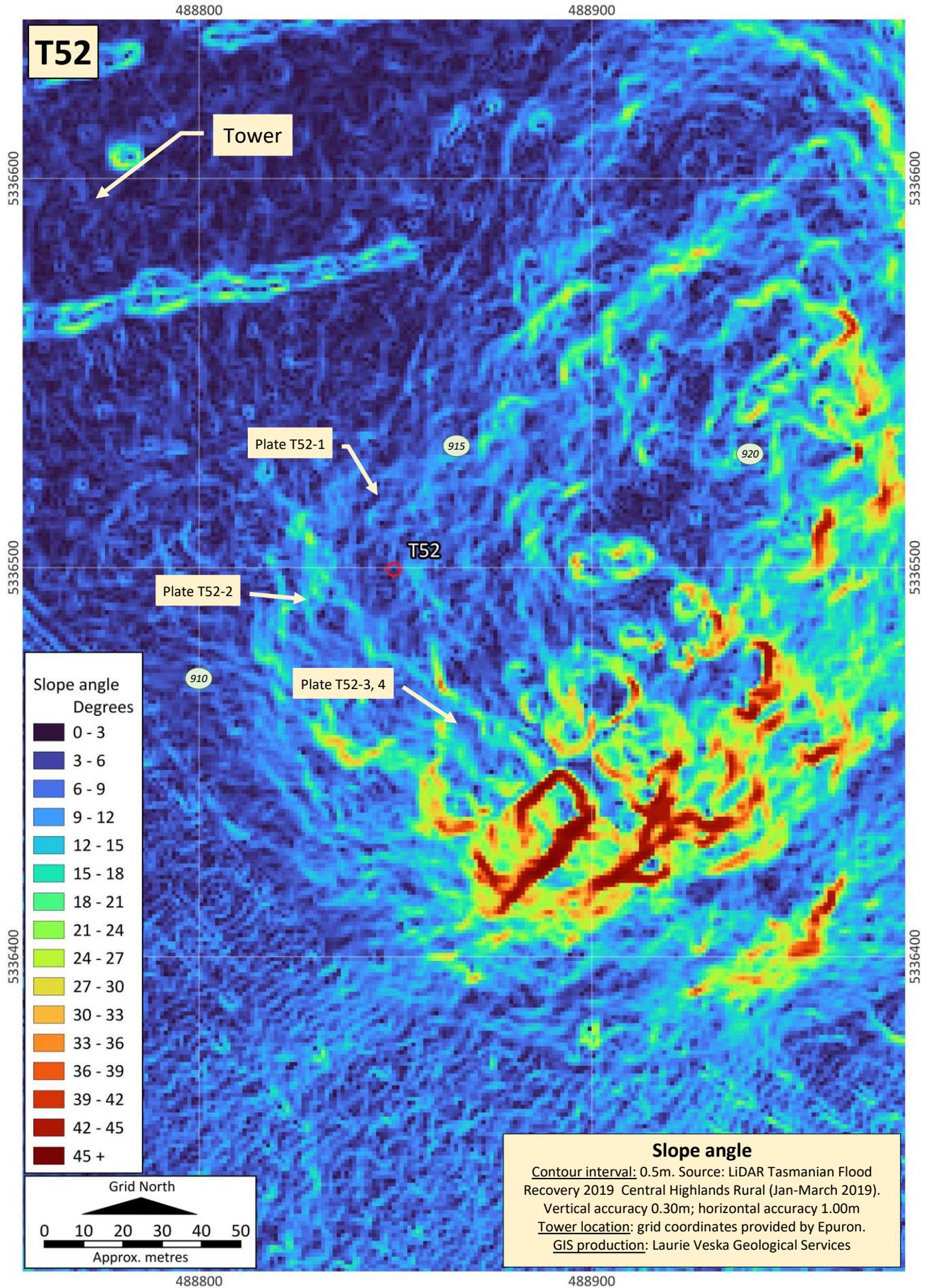


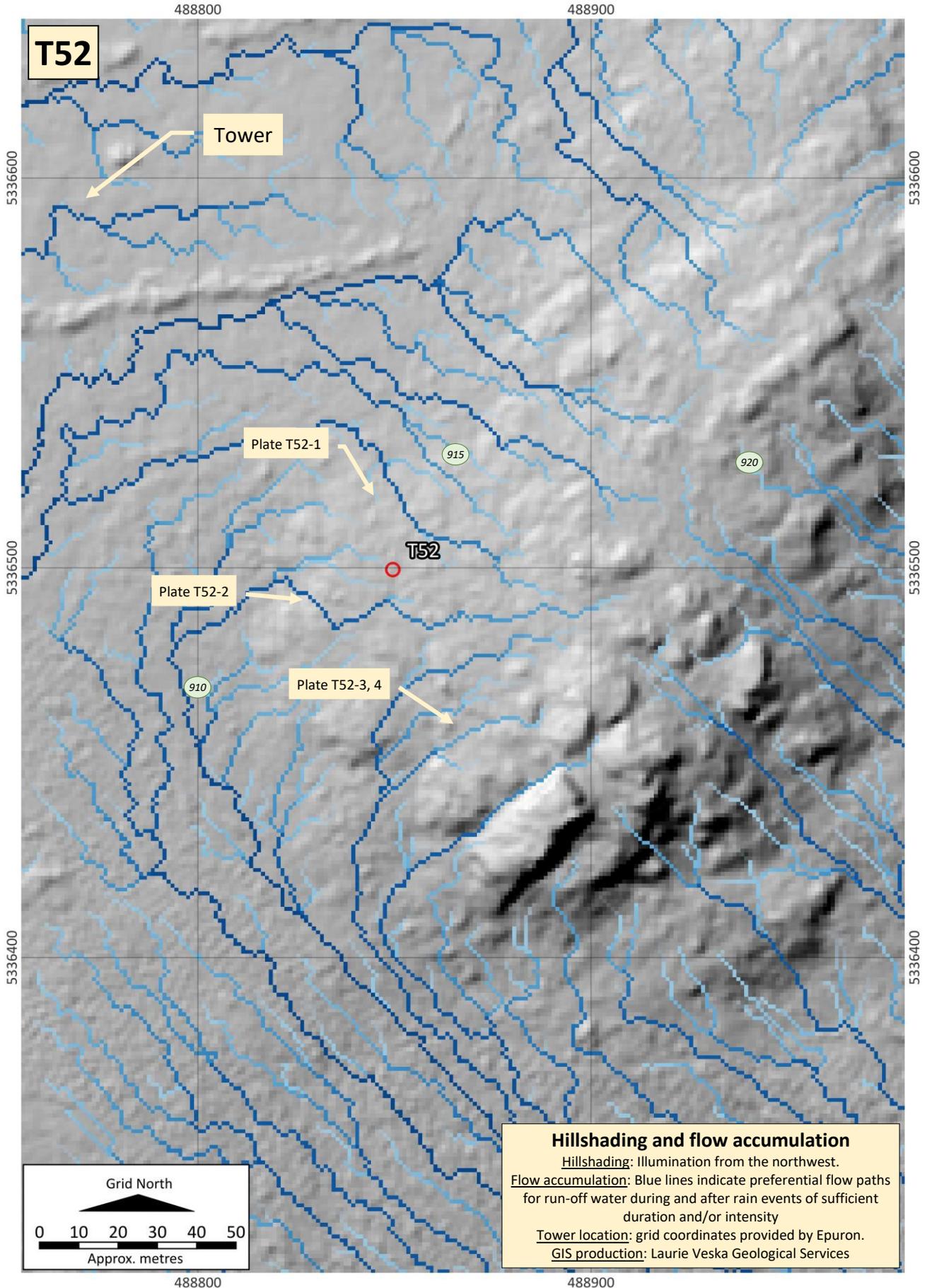


Plate T51-3 (above) and T51-4 (below). Views northeast near T51 (at right, off camera), towards a slightly elevated outcrop of high-strength dolerite. Subvertical joints trend north-south.











**Plate T52-1 (above).** View southeast towards T52. A float of approx. 80% cover of dolerite cobbles and boulders on gently rising ground.

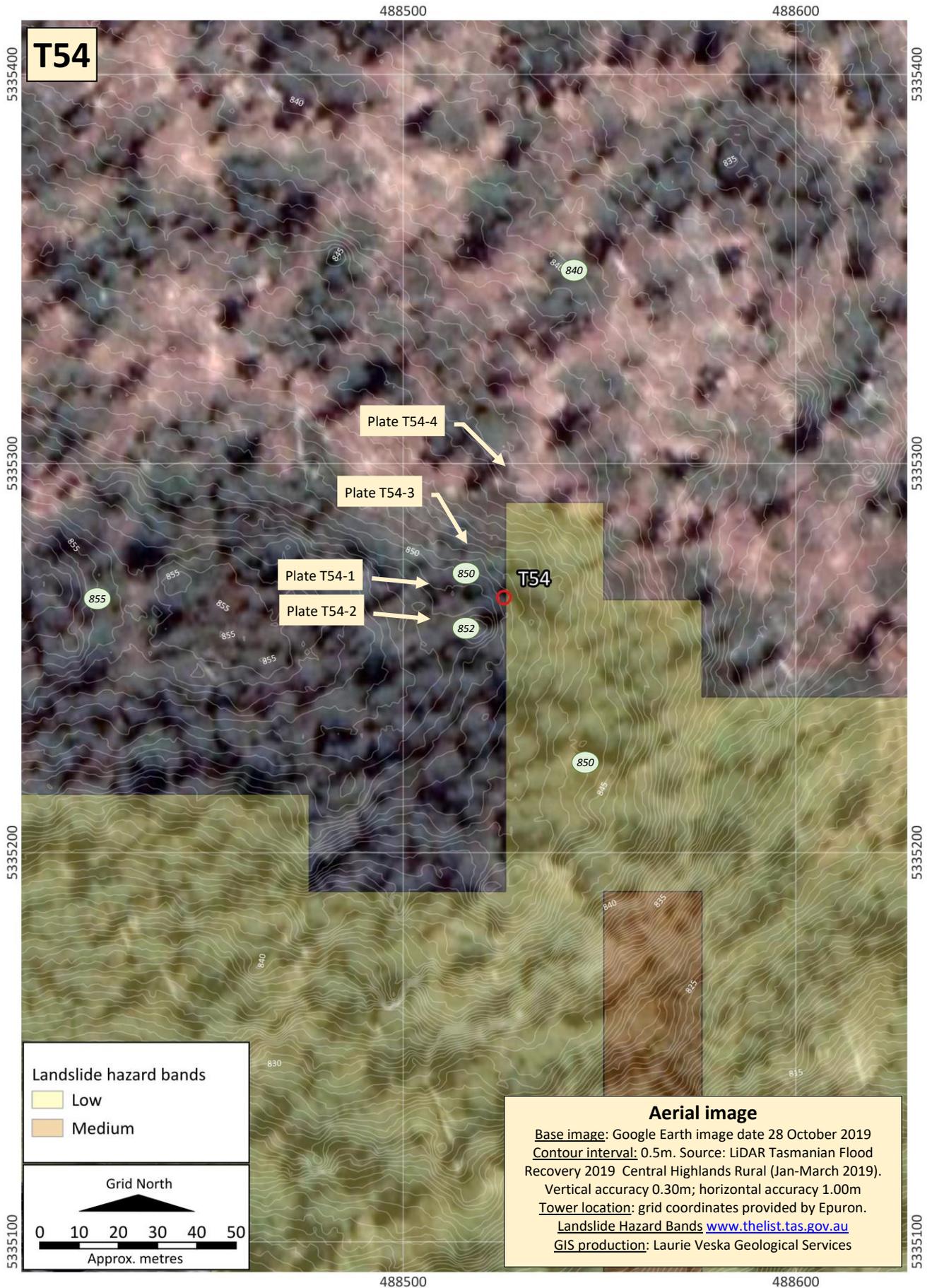
**Plate T52-2 (below).** View east towards T52. A float of approx. 80% – 90% cover of dolerite cobbles and boulders on gently rising ground.

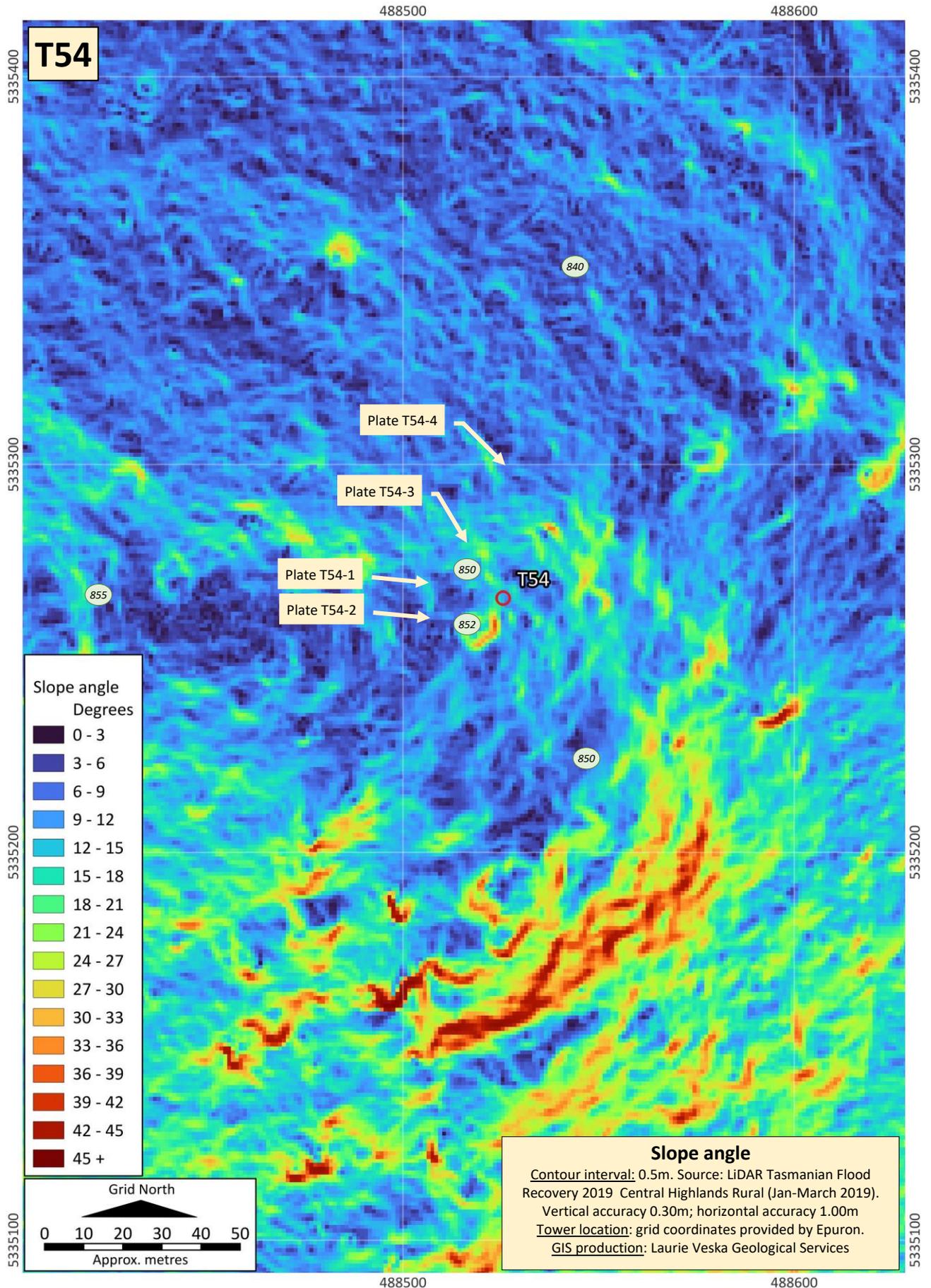




**Plate T52-3 (above) and T52-4 (below).** View southeast. Site T52 is to the left. A float of approx. 80% cover of dolerite cobbles and boulders on gently rising ground. The outcrop of high strength dolerite with subvertical north-south jointing at right (above) and centre (below) falls away steeply at the rear in 10- – 15m high cliff sections. The staff is 3m high.







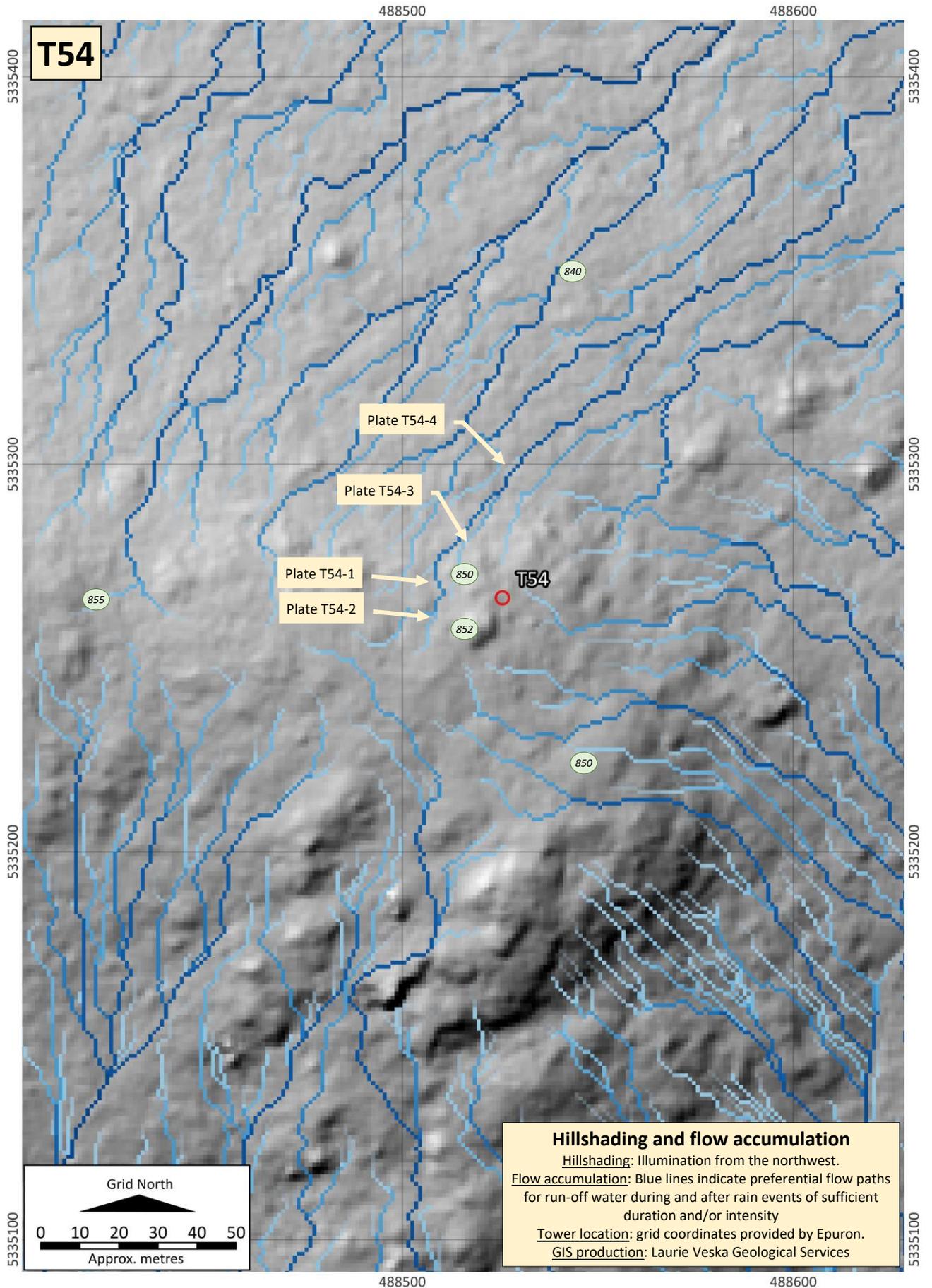




Plate T54-1 (above) and T54-2 (below). Views east towards T54. Gentle slopes with a sparse float of 10 – 20% surface cobbles and boulders to 1m. The boulders at right centre in the photo below are subcrop, well-graded in size to about 1.5m.

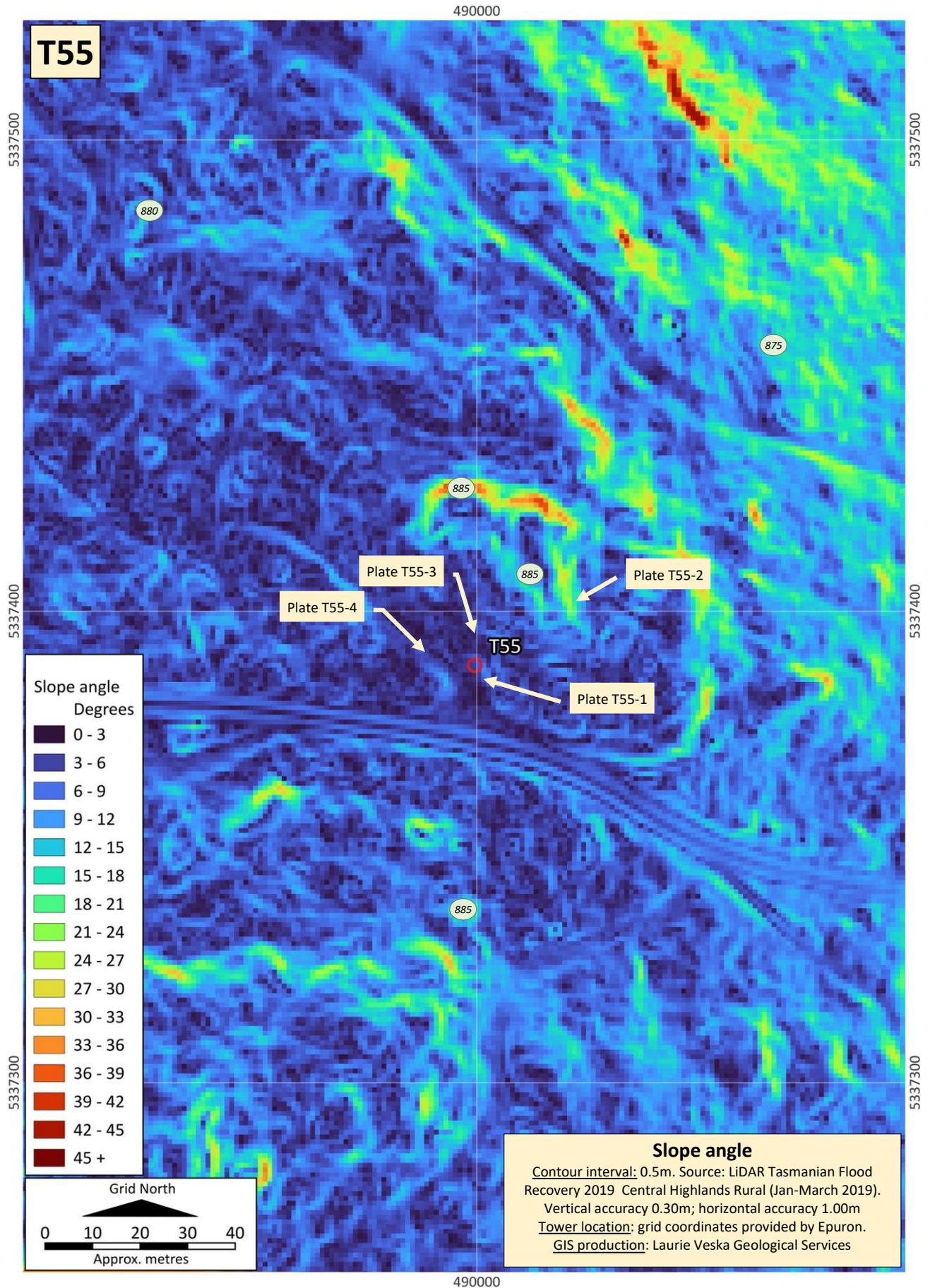


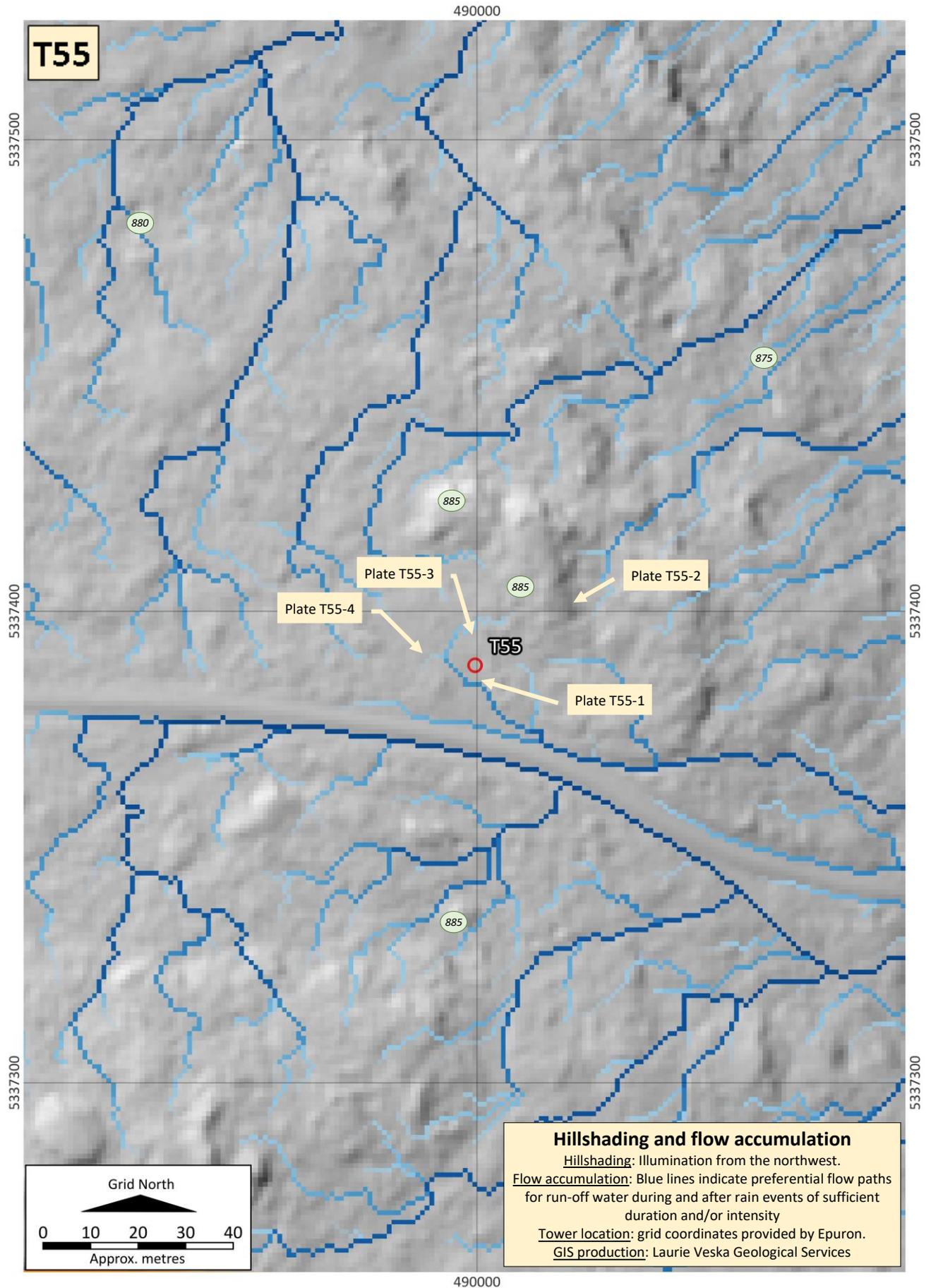


Plate T54-3 (above) and T54-4 (below). Views southeast and gently upslope towards T54.











**Plate T55-1 (above).** View west northwest towards T55, on gently sloping ground with a sparse float of dolerite cobbles and boulders.

**Plate T55-2 (below).** View southwest towards T55. The higher ground at right includes subcrops and outcrops of high strength dolerite.



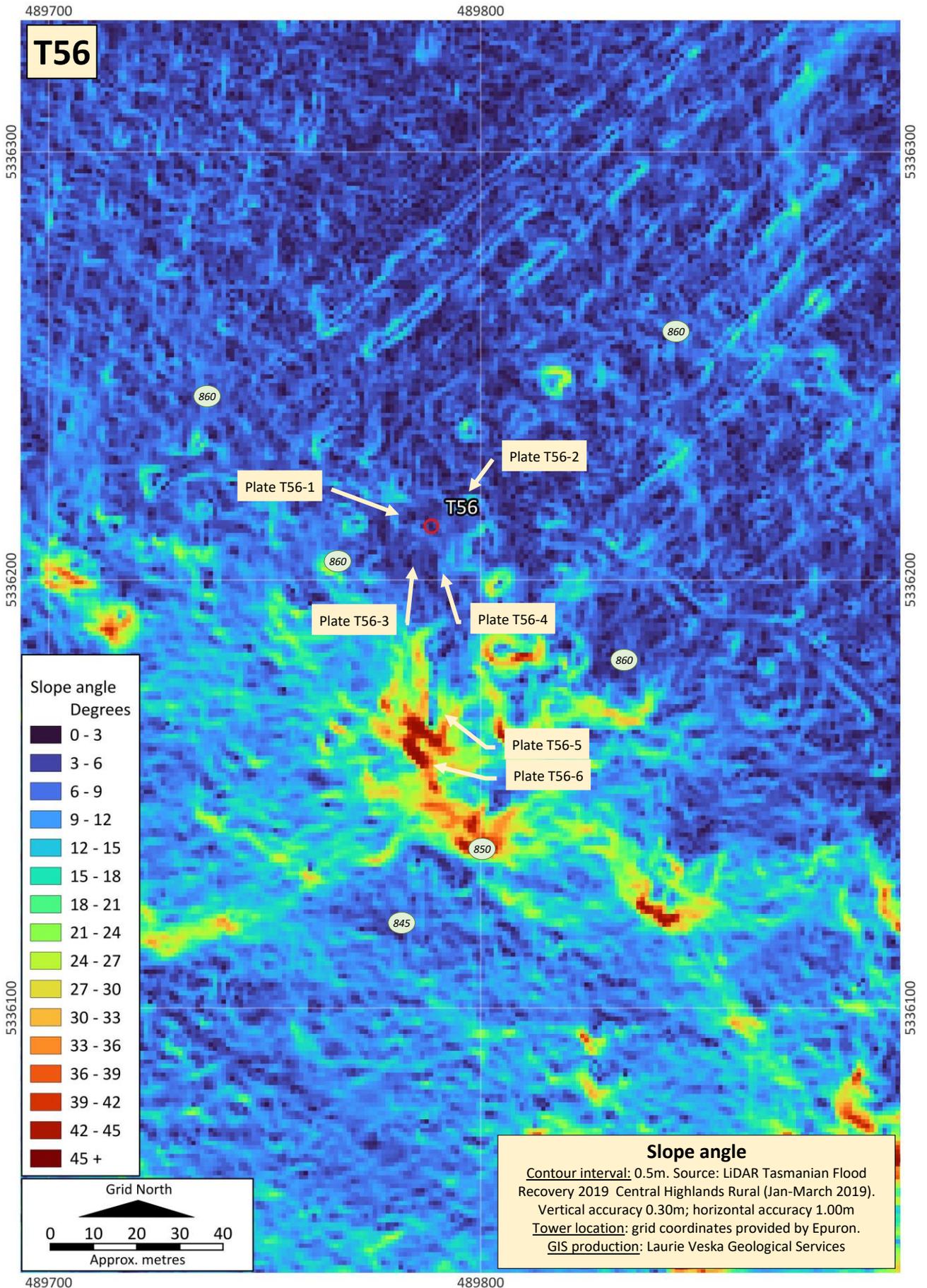


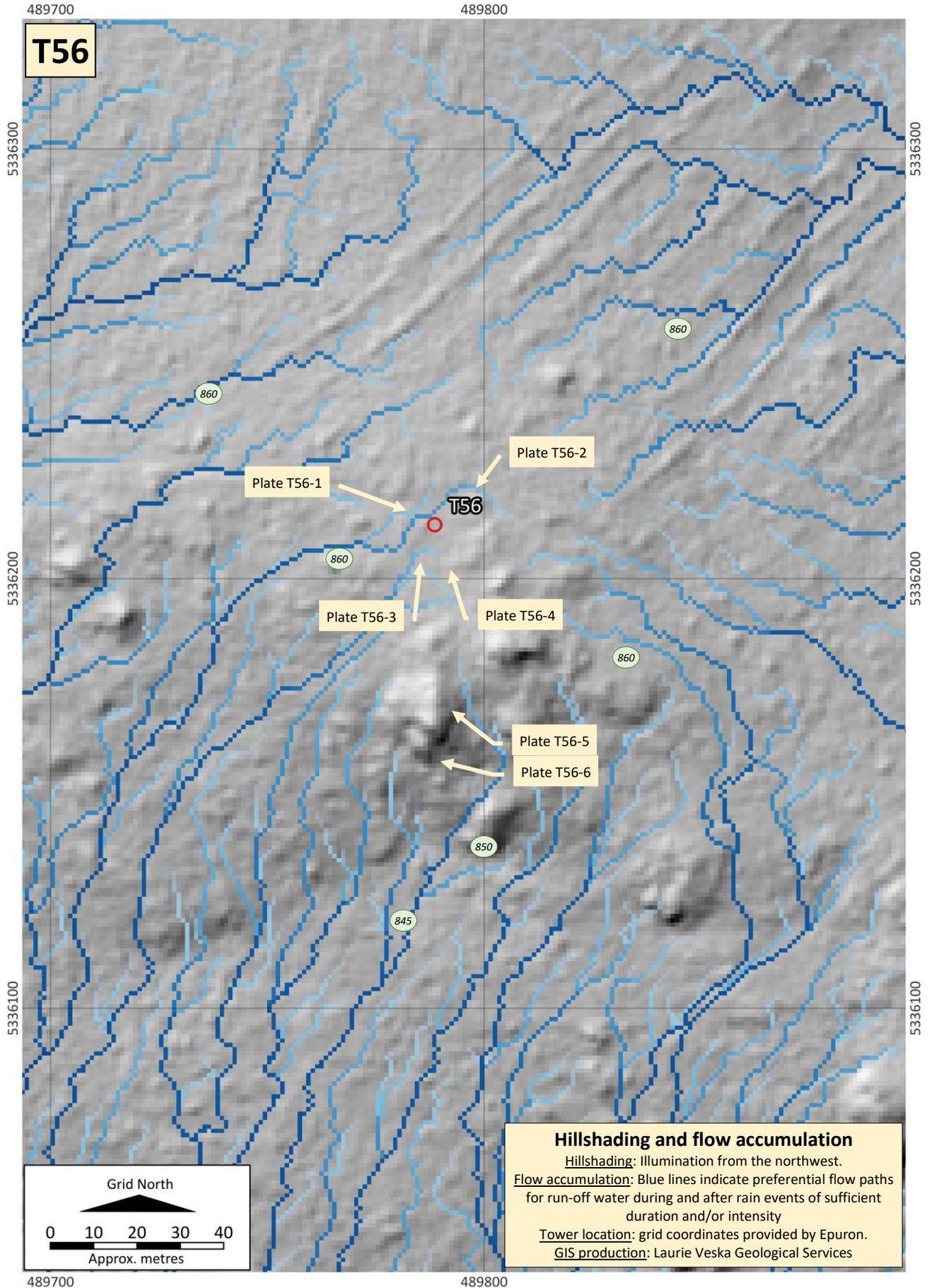
**Plate T55-3 (above).** View south towards T55, on gently sloping ground with a sparse float of dolerite cobbles and boulders.

**Plate T55-4 (below).** View southeast towards T55. The ground at the site rises very slightly to the north.











**Plate T56-1 (above).** View southeast towards T56, over gently rising ground with a sparse float of dolerite cobbles and boulders.

**Plate T56-2 (below).** View southwest towards T56 over gently falling ground with a float of dolerite cobbles and boulders.





**Plate T56-3 (above).** View southeast towards T56, across almost level ground with a sparse float of dolerite cobbles and boulders.

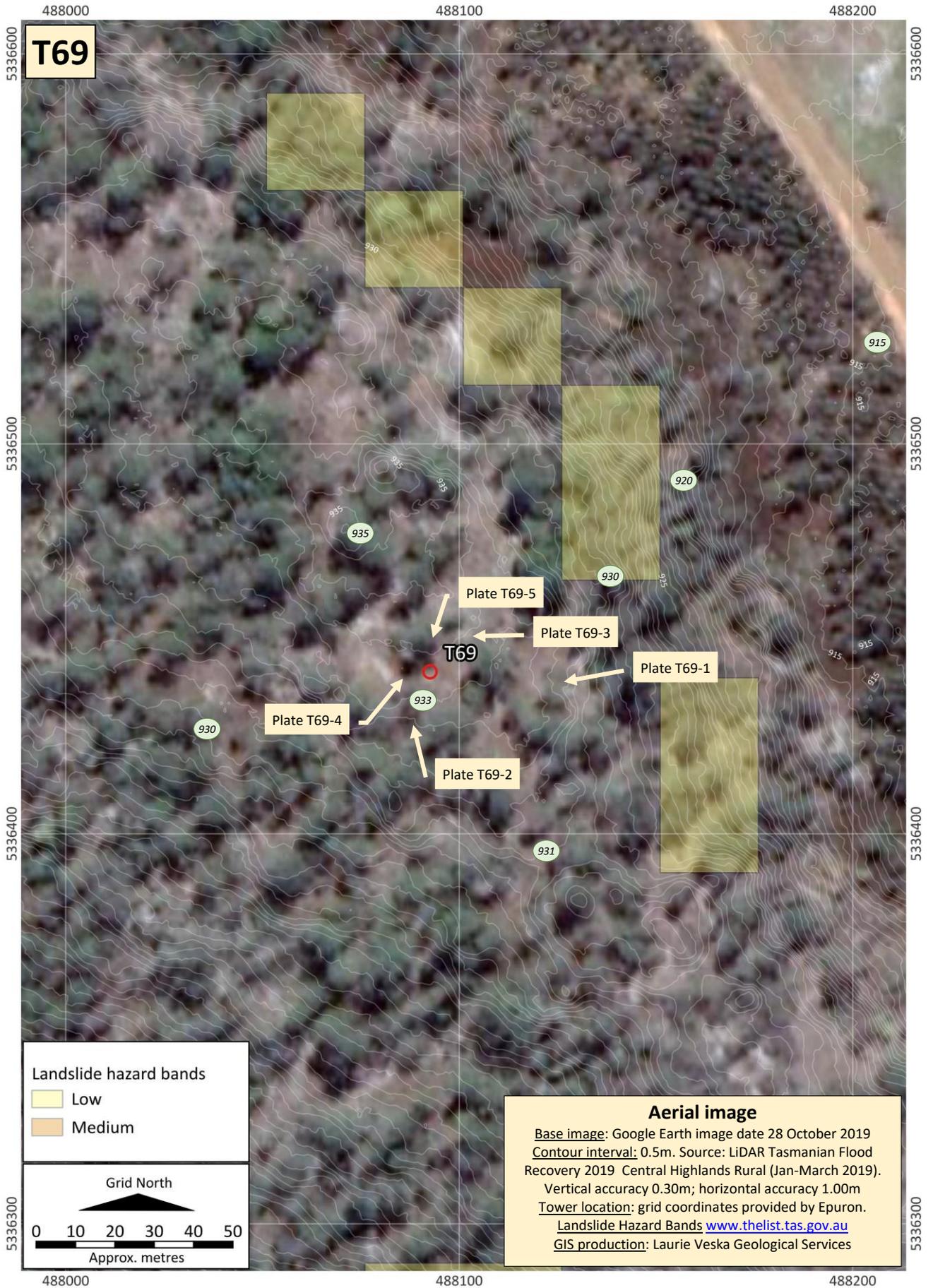
**Plate T56-4 (below).** View southeast towards T56, across almost level ground with a sparse float of dolerite cobbles and boulders.

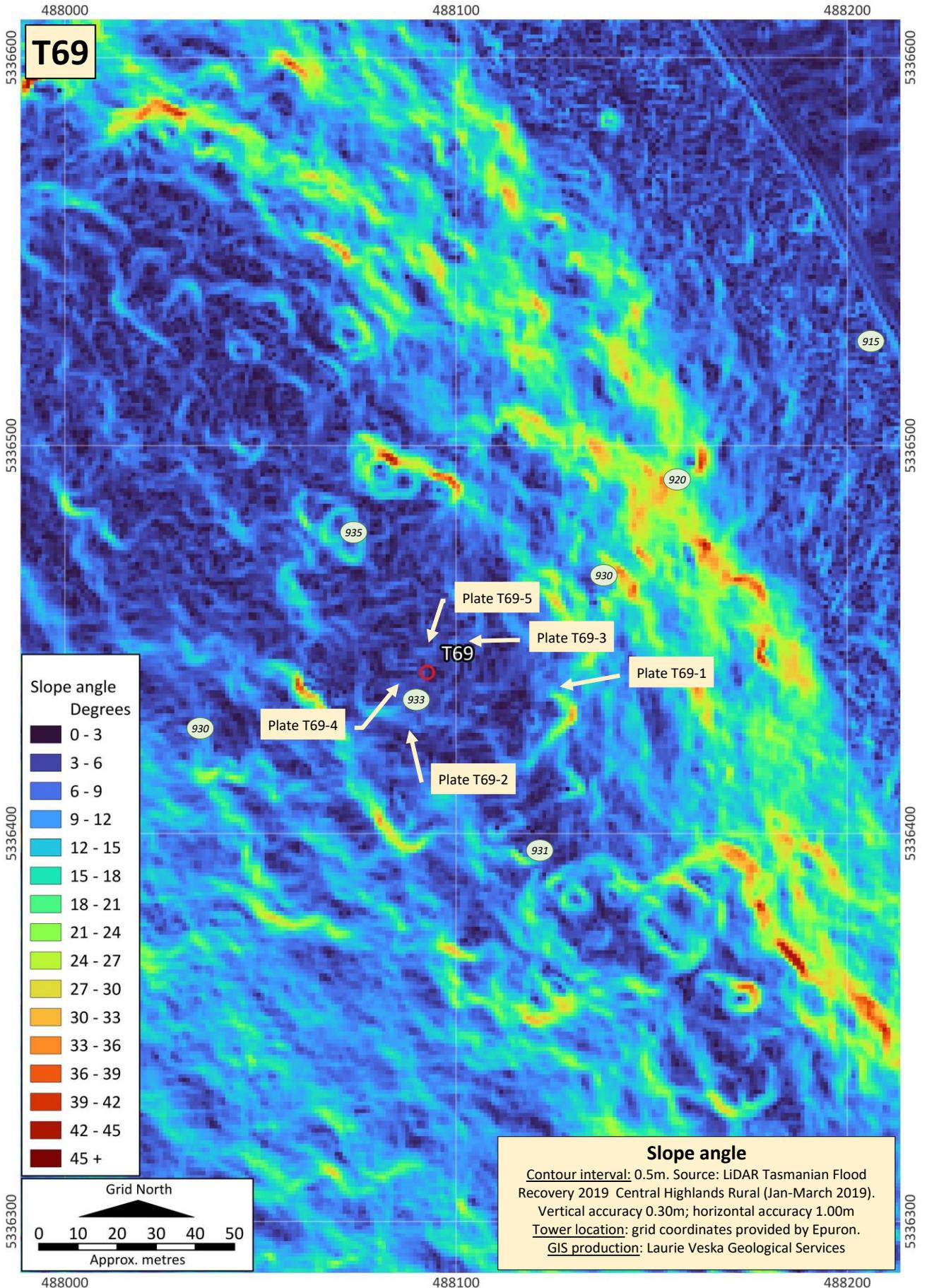


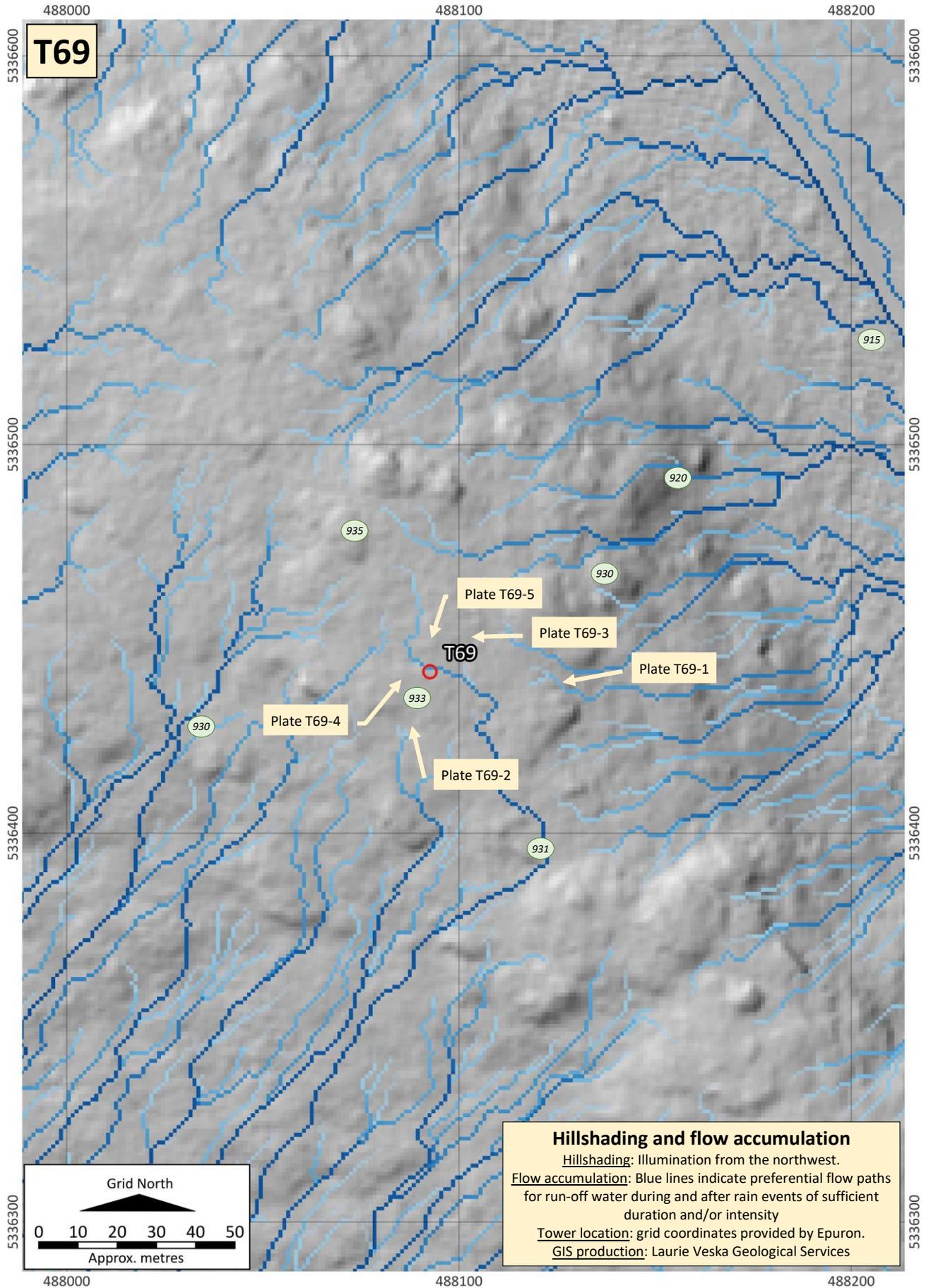


**Plate T56-5 (above) and Plate T56-6 (below)** View northwest (above) and west northwest near T56. Several knolls of high strength subcrops and outcrops of dolerite with associated float of fallen cobbles and boulders occur. The ground drops sharply to the east.











**Plate T69-1.** View west and steeply upslope, near the top of the east-facing hillside with a heavy float of dolerite cobbles and boulders, and isolated outcrops of high strength rock. T69 is located about 50m west.





**Plate T69-2 (above).** View north towards T69, across gently rising ground with a float of dolerite cobbles and boulders.

**Plate T69-3 (below).** View west towards T69, across almost level ground with a sparse float of dolerite cobbles and boulders.





**Plate T69-4 (above).** View northeast towards T69, across gently rising ground with a float of dolerite cobbles and boulders.

**Plate T69-5 (below).** View south southeast towards T69, across uneven ground with dolerite cobbles and boulders float, and isolated outcrops of high strength rock.

