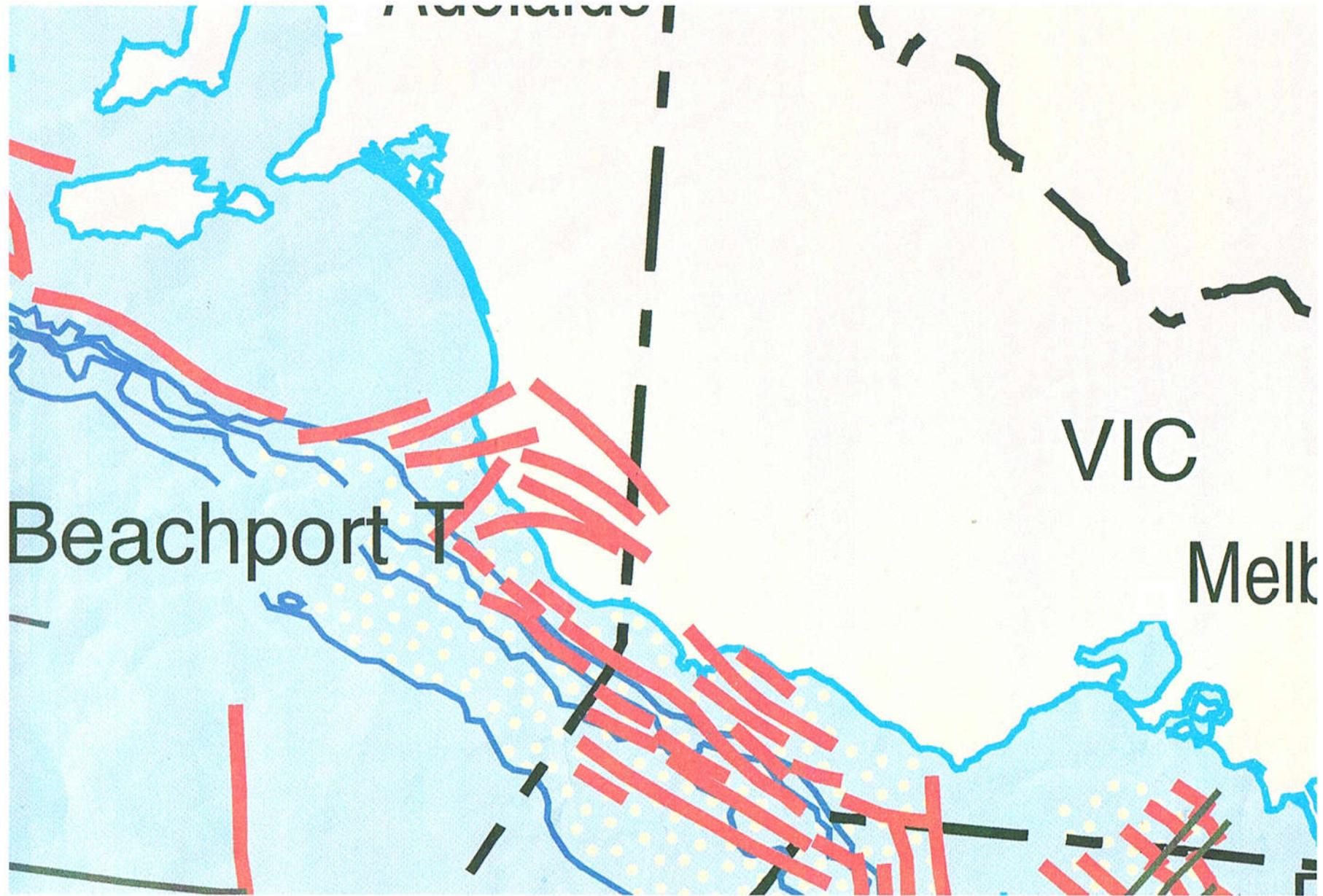


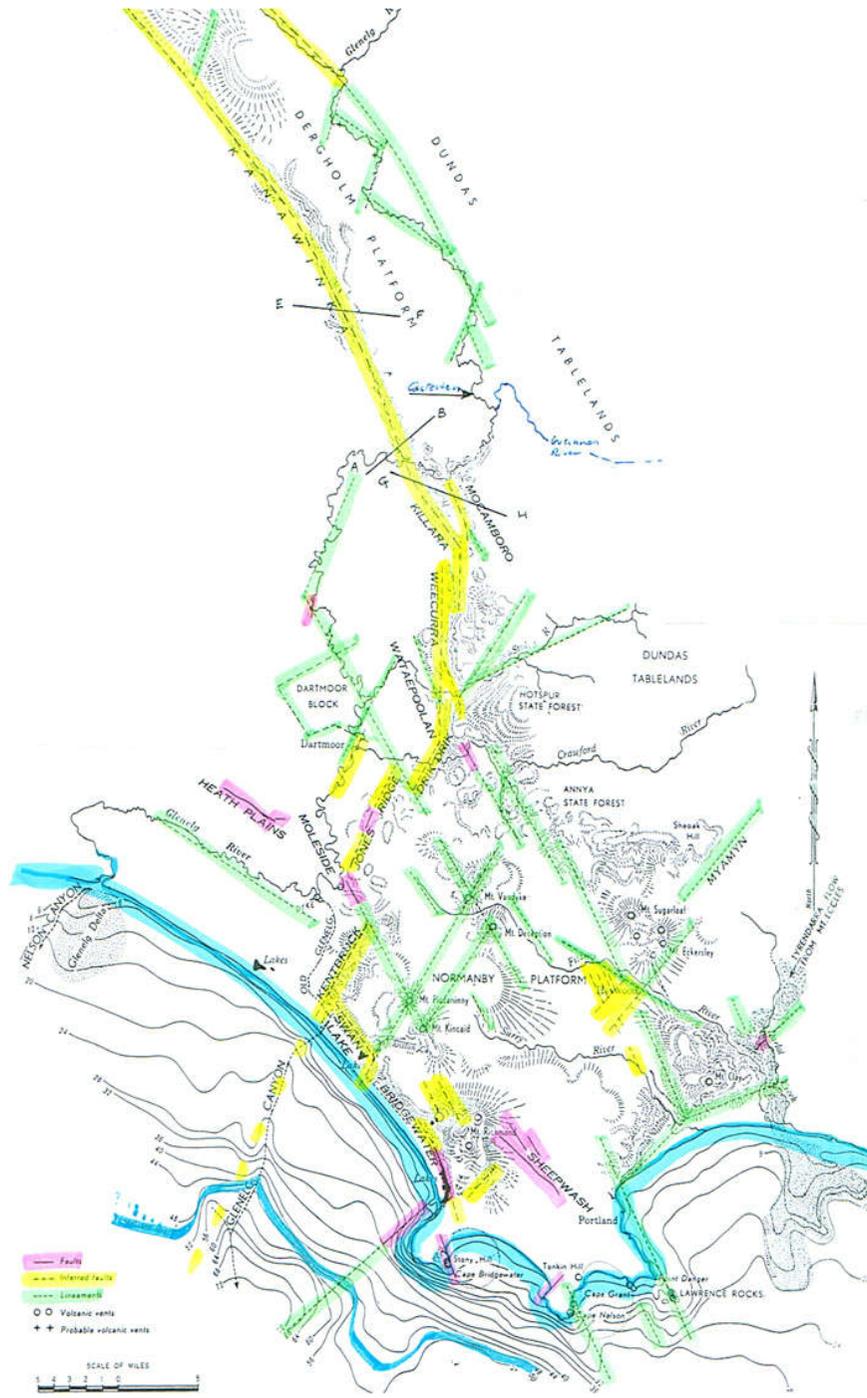
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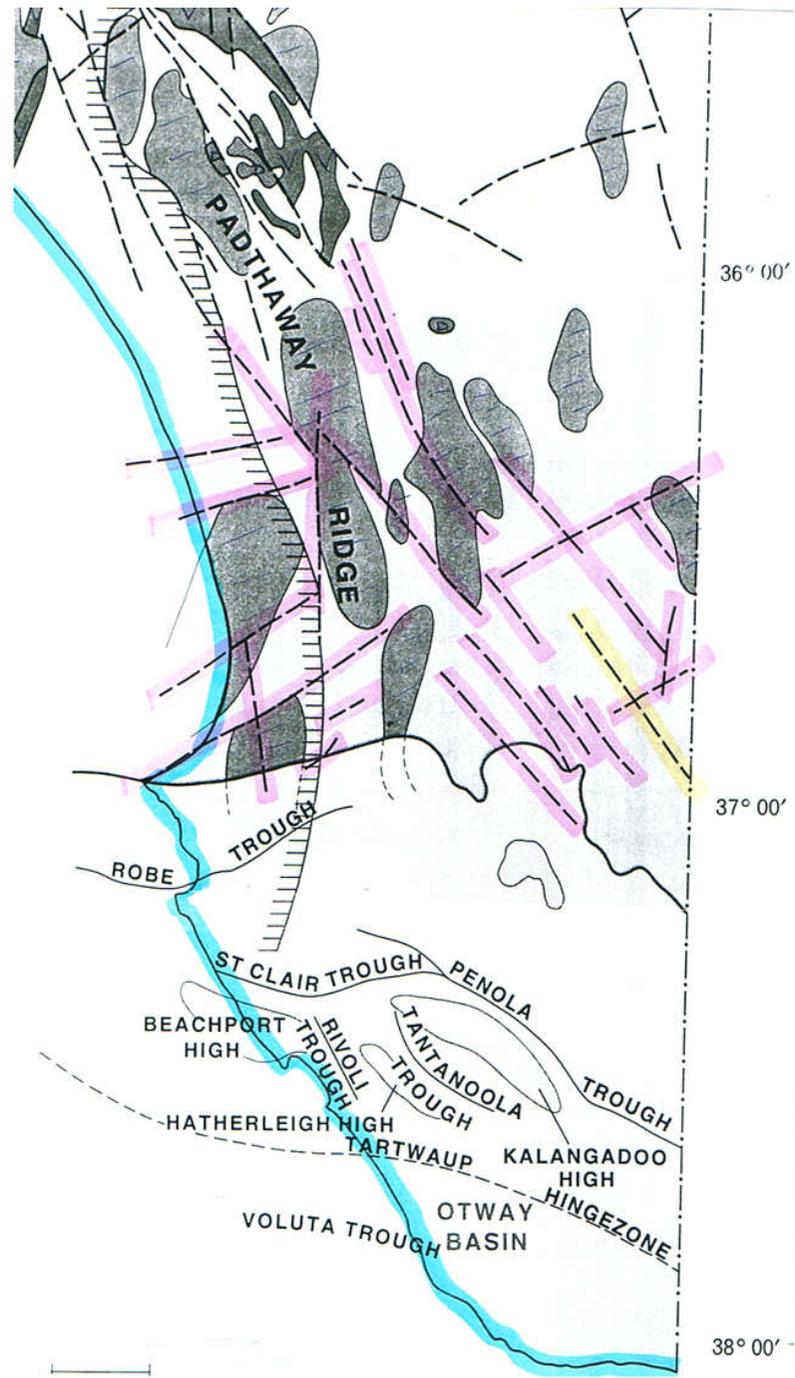


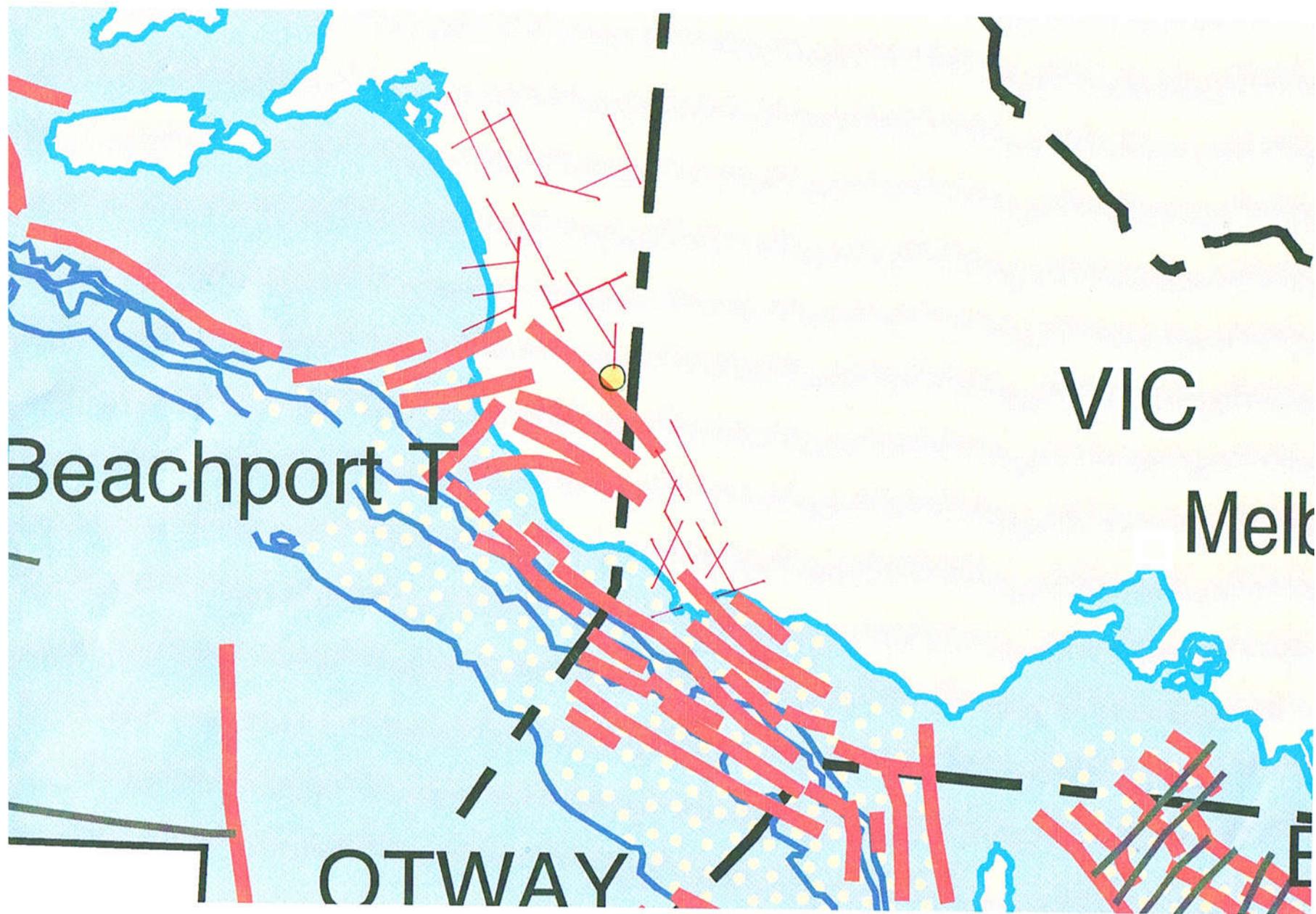
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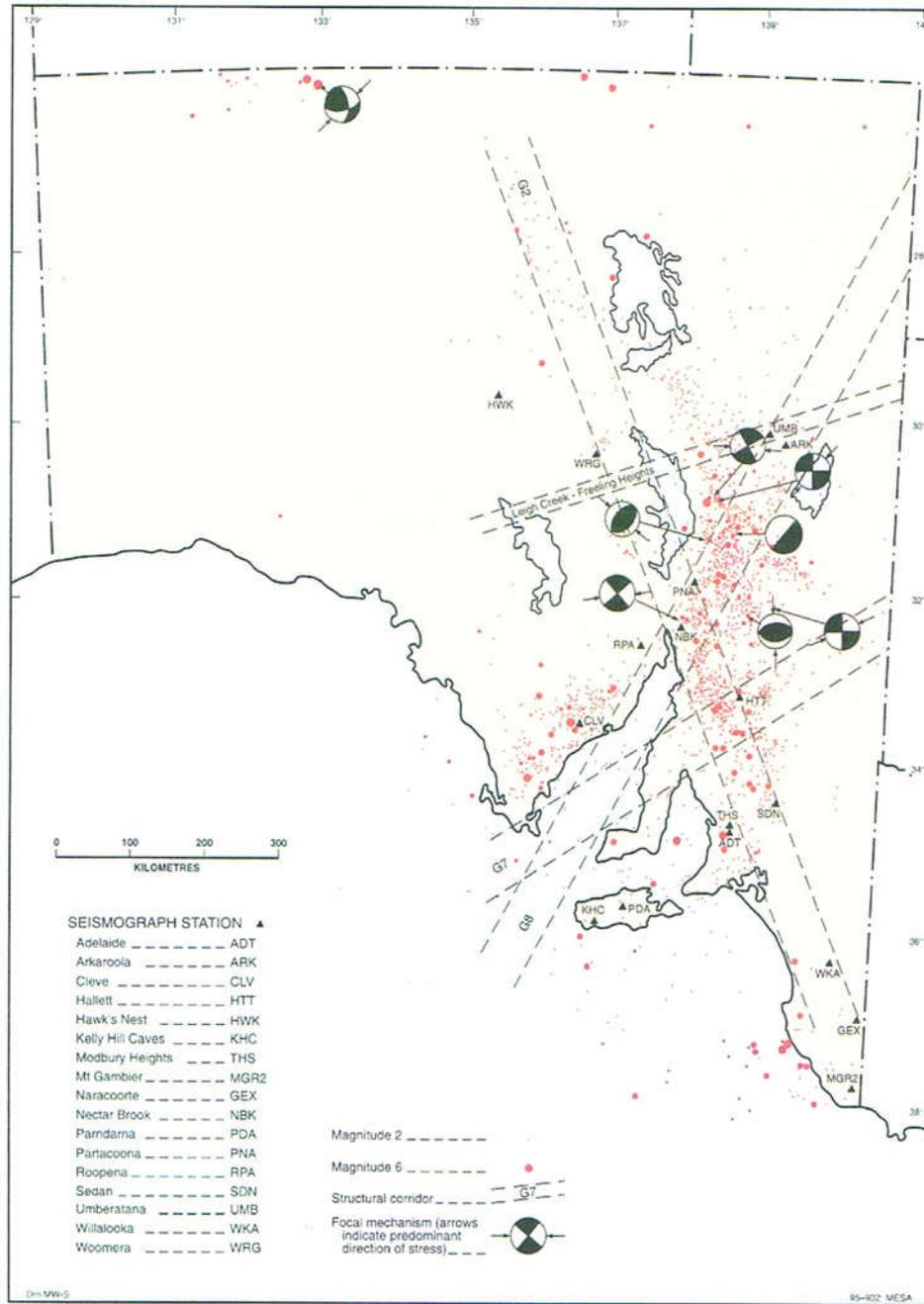
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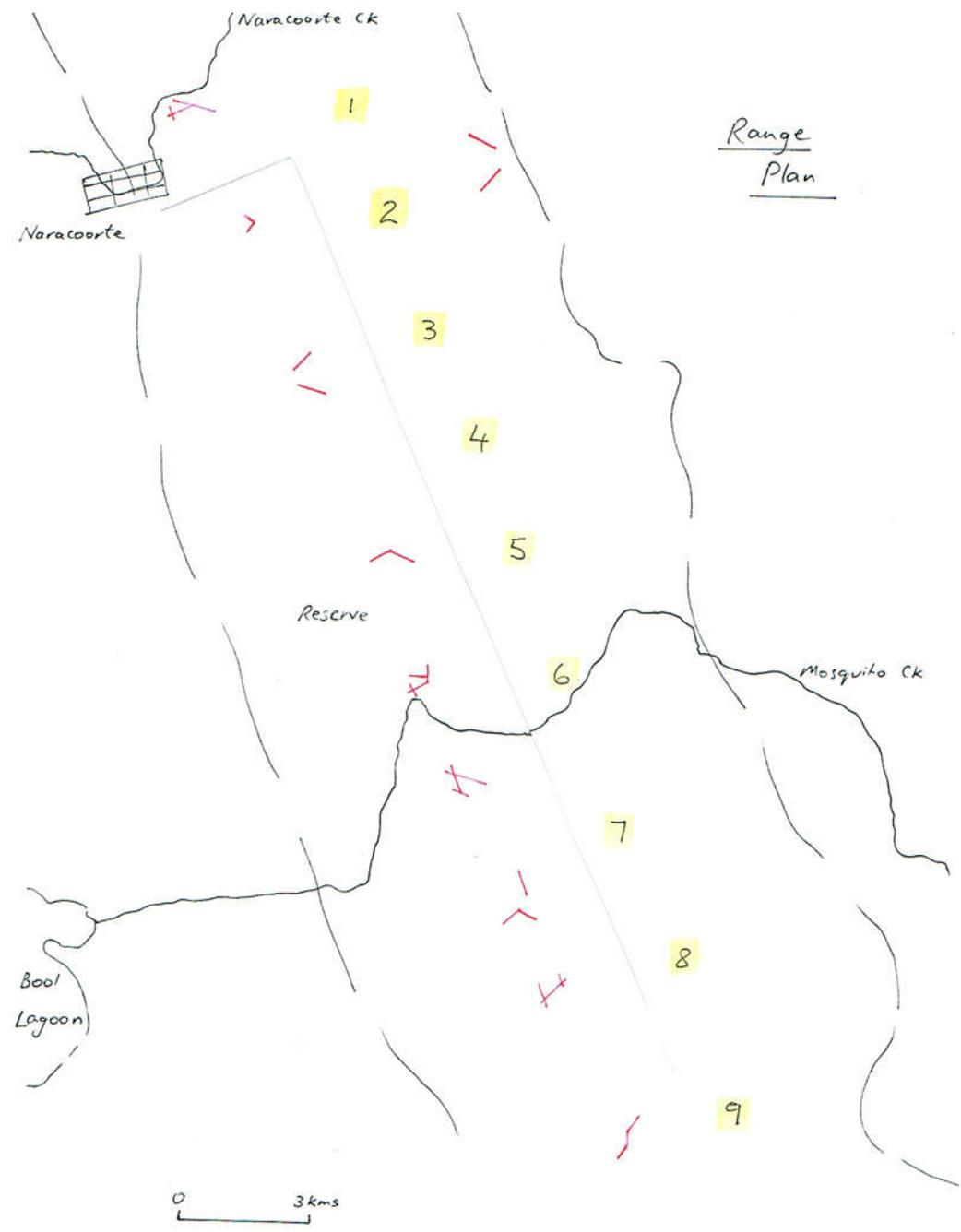
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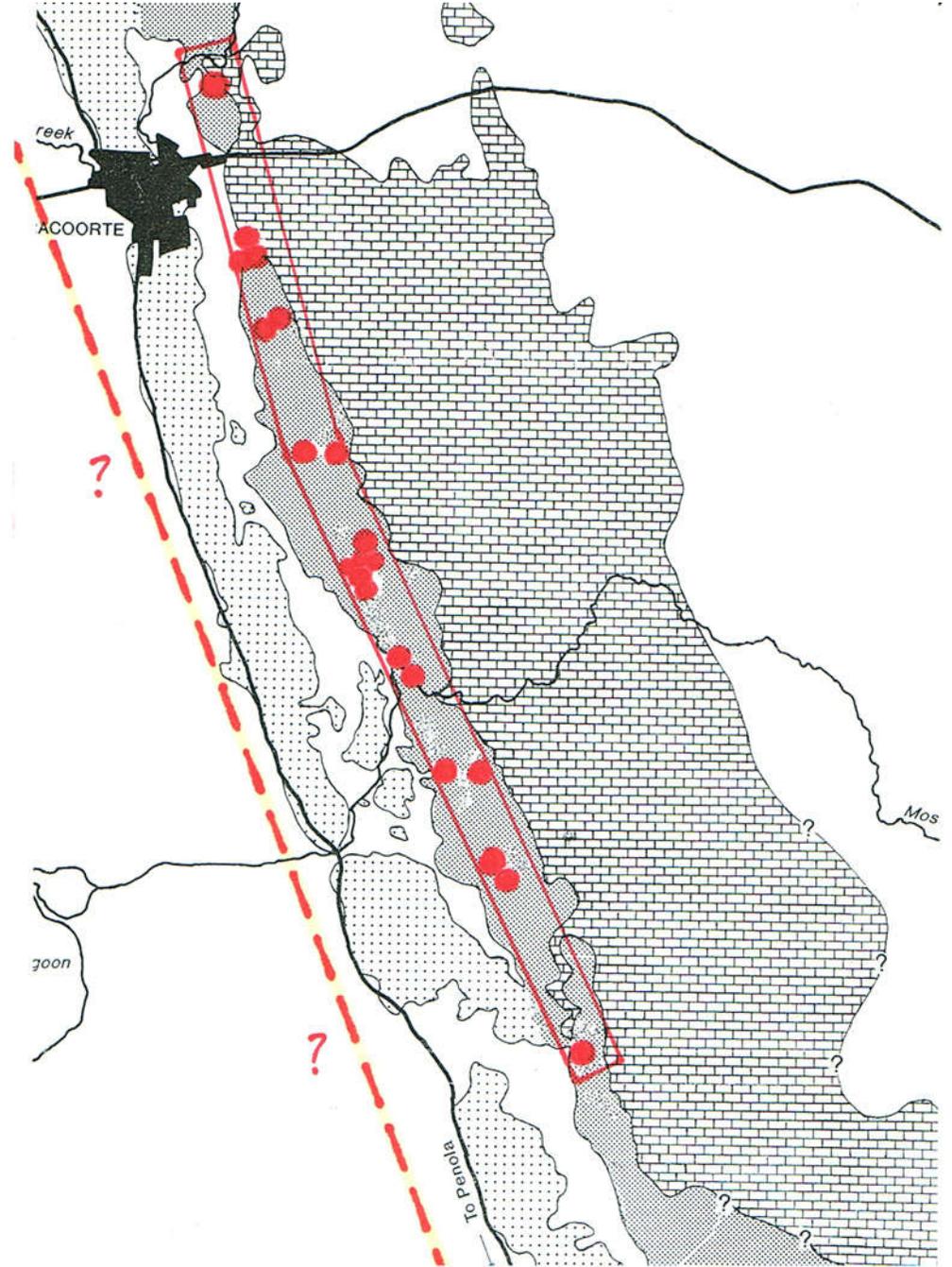






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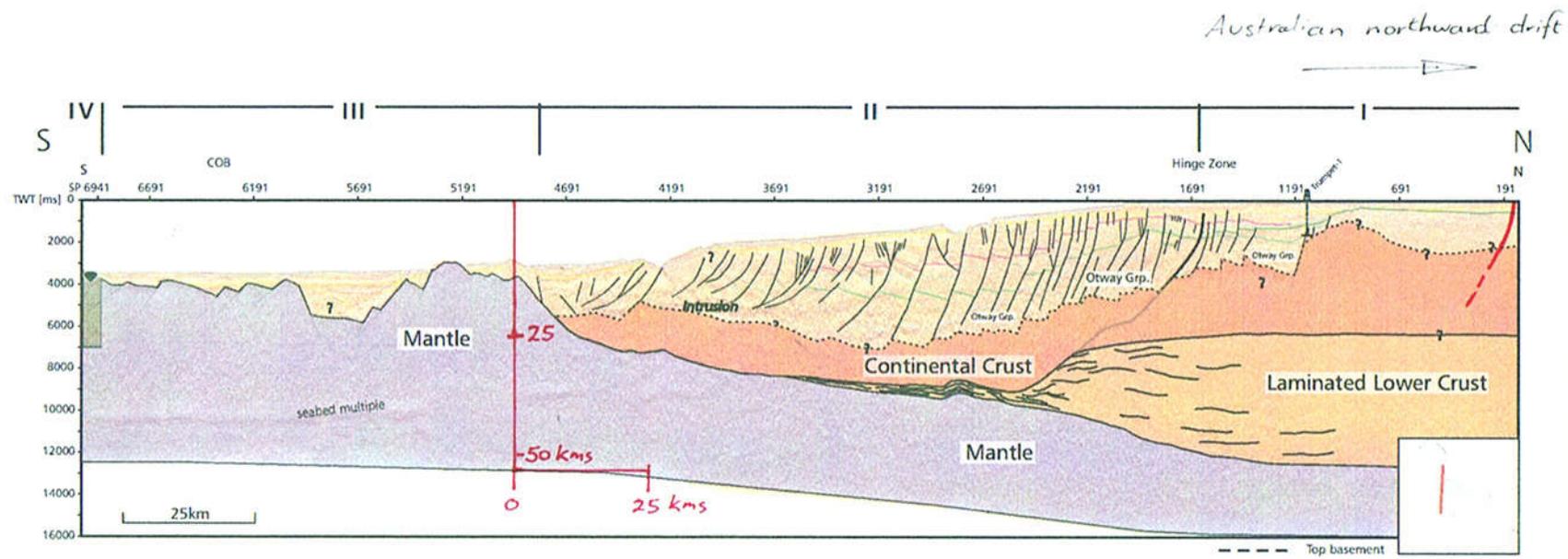
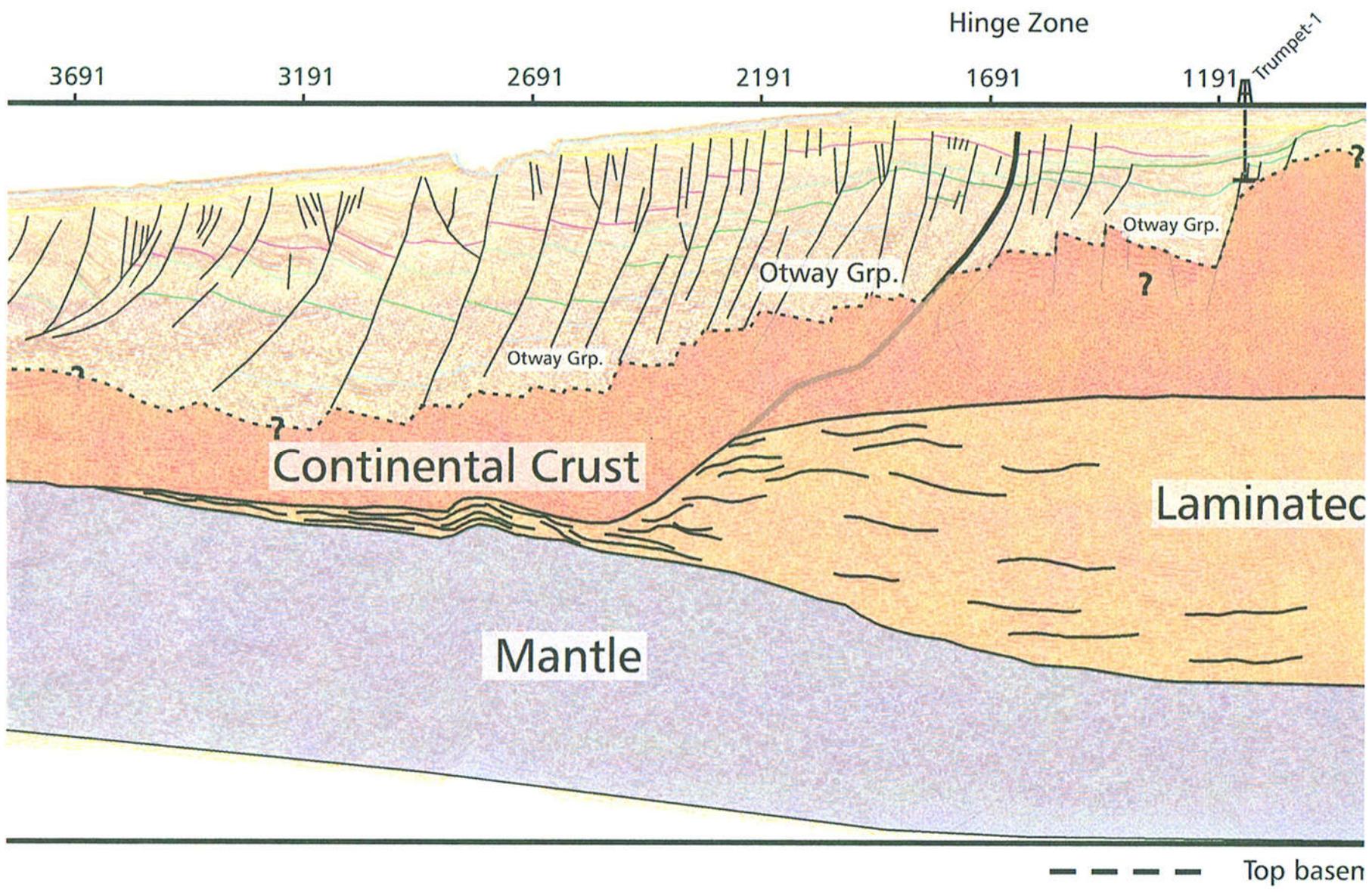
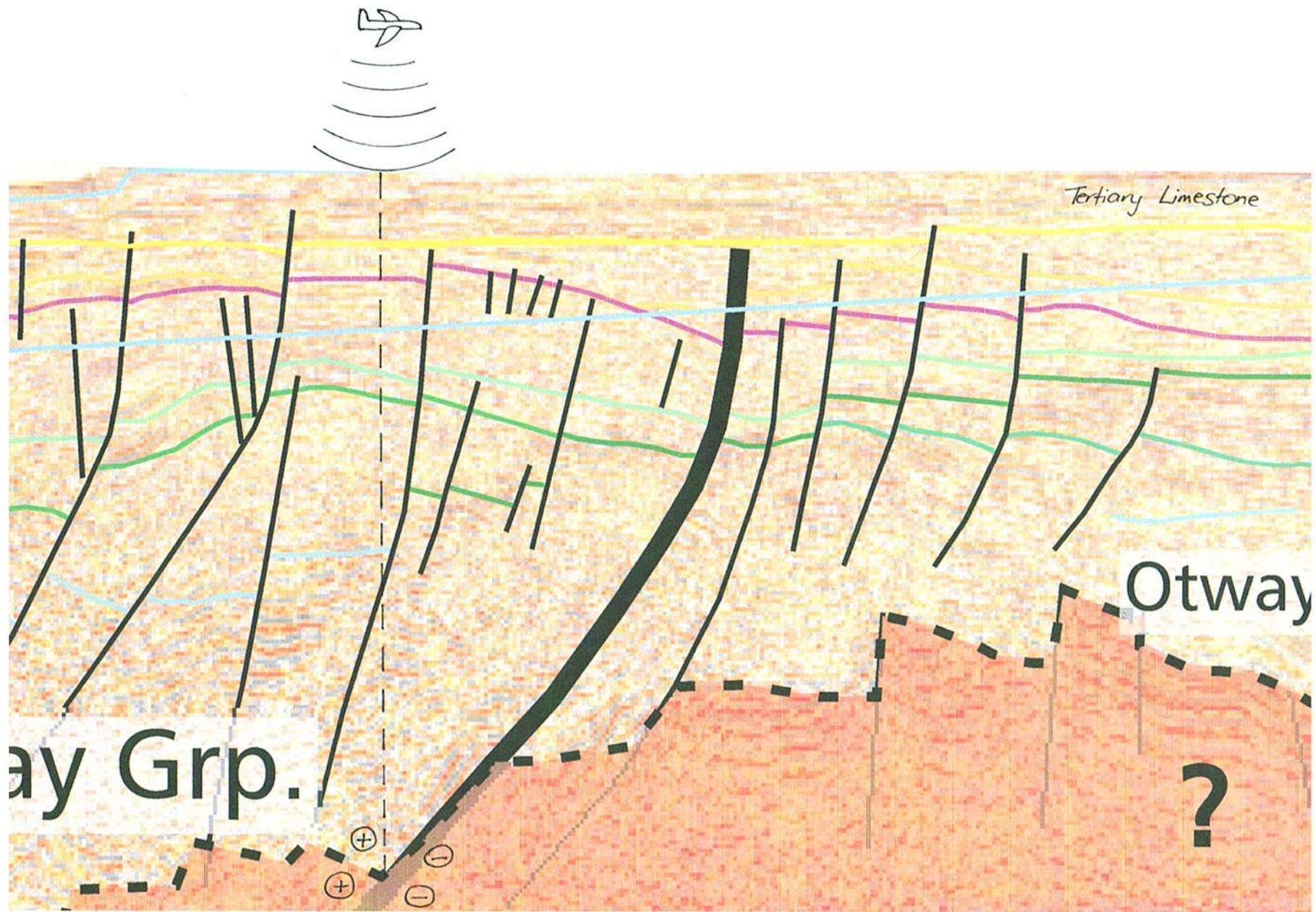
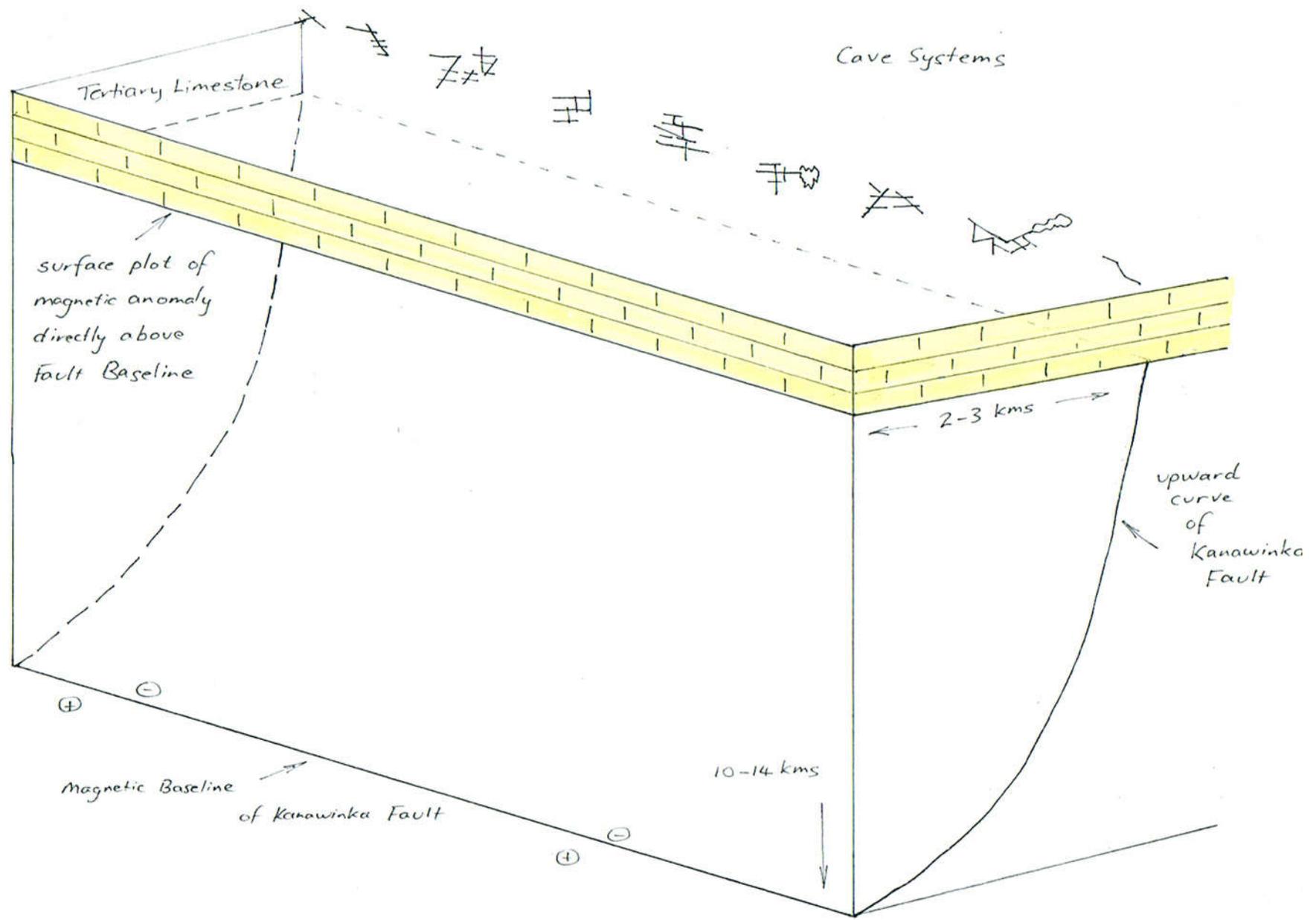


Figure 3 Structural zones I, II, III and IV of the Otway Continental Margin illustrated along seismic-line GA137-09 and GA137-03. The top basement reflector is poorly defined, in particular in structural zone II. The lamination of the lower continental crust has been highlighted. The seismic image of both lines has been flattened to half the water layer TWT as a first approximation to depth conversion – removing the water layer effect. Vertical exaggeration approximately 2x.





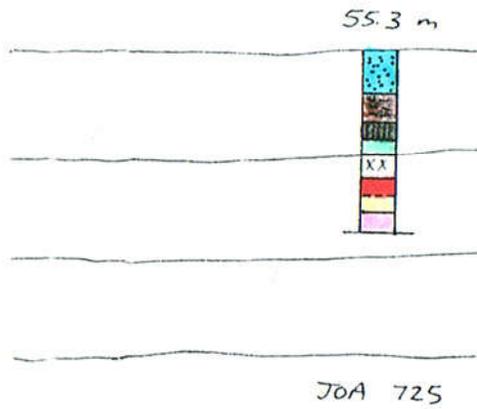


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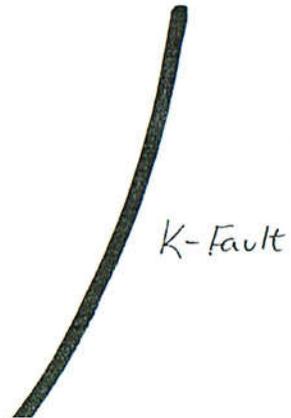
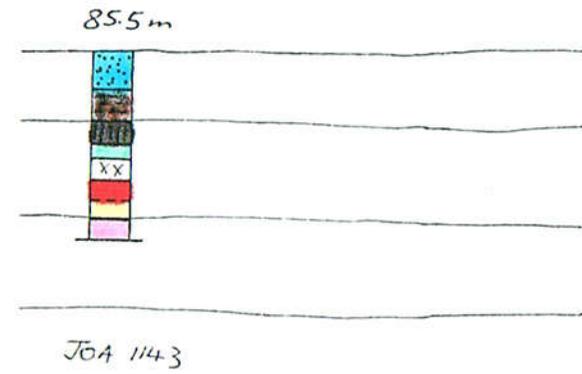
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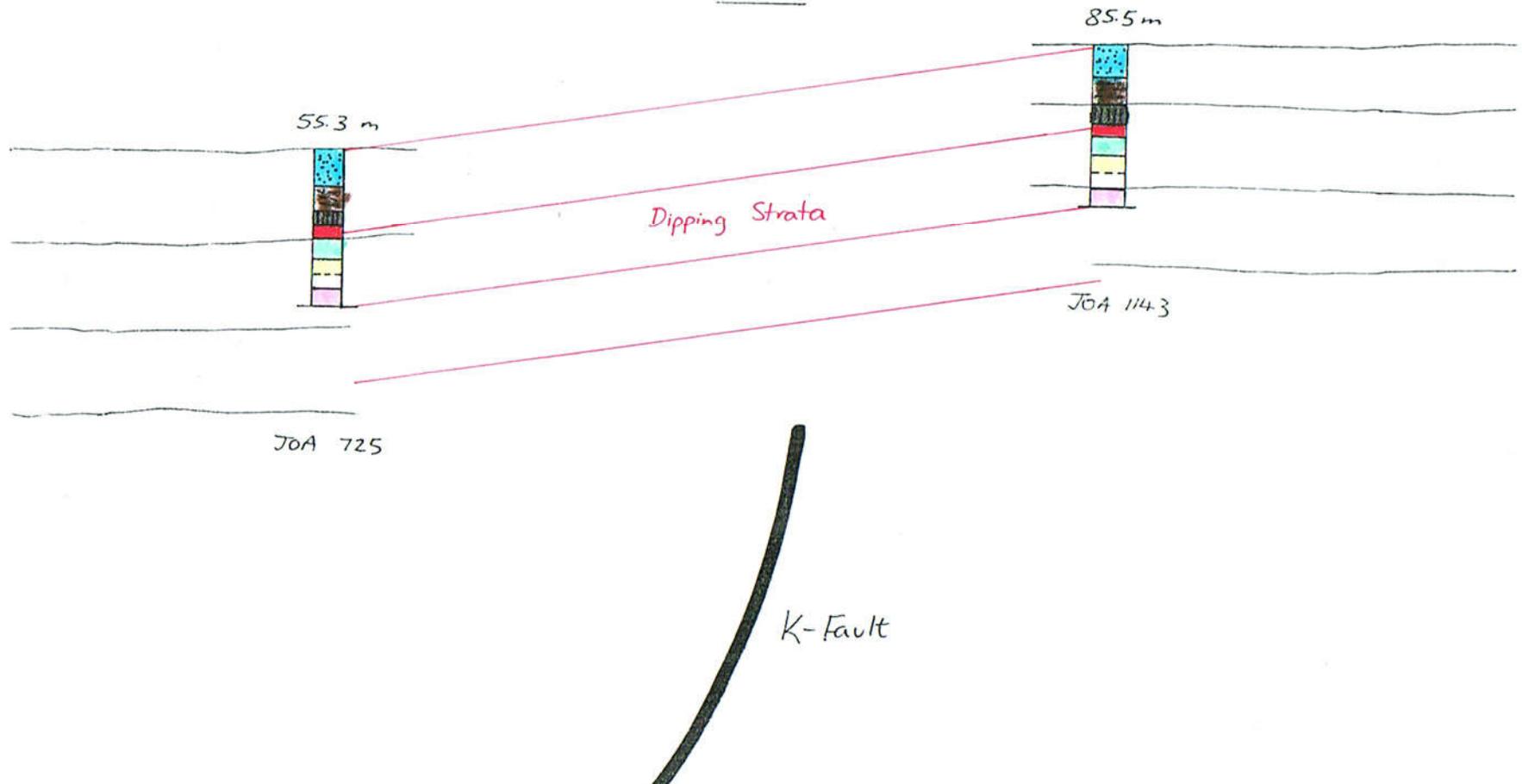


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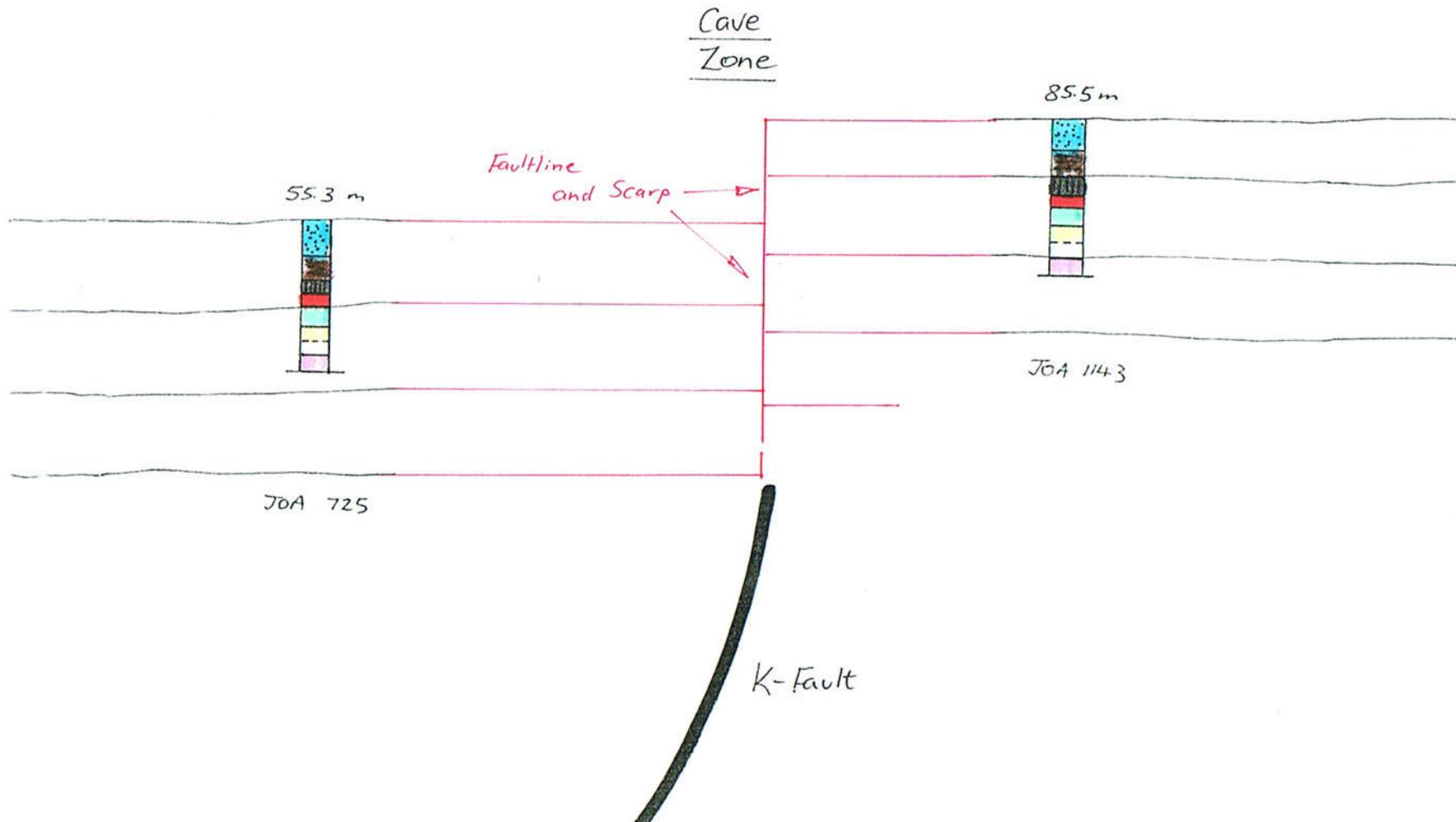
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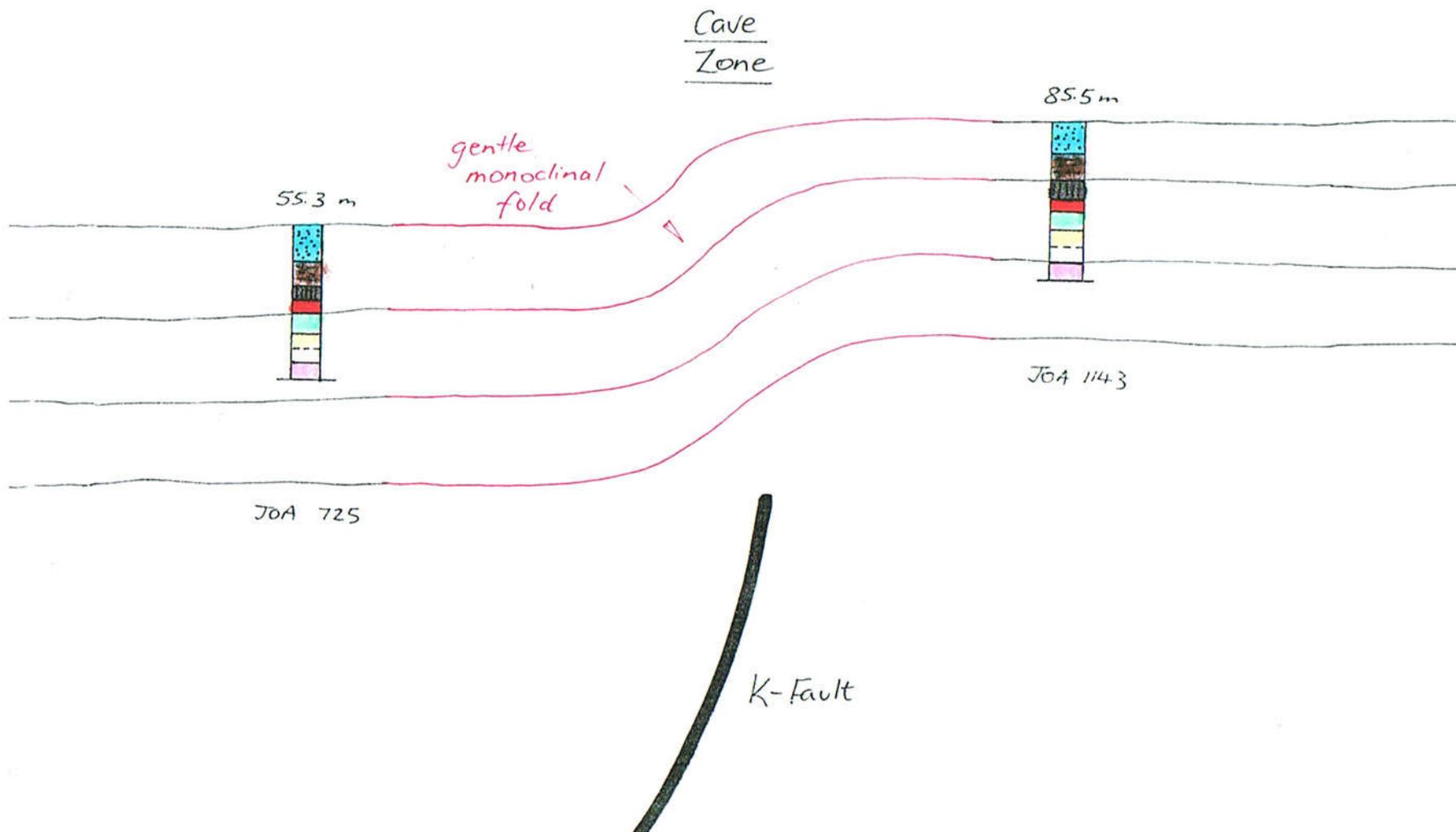
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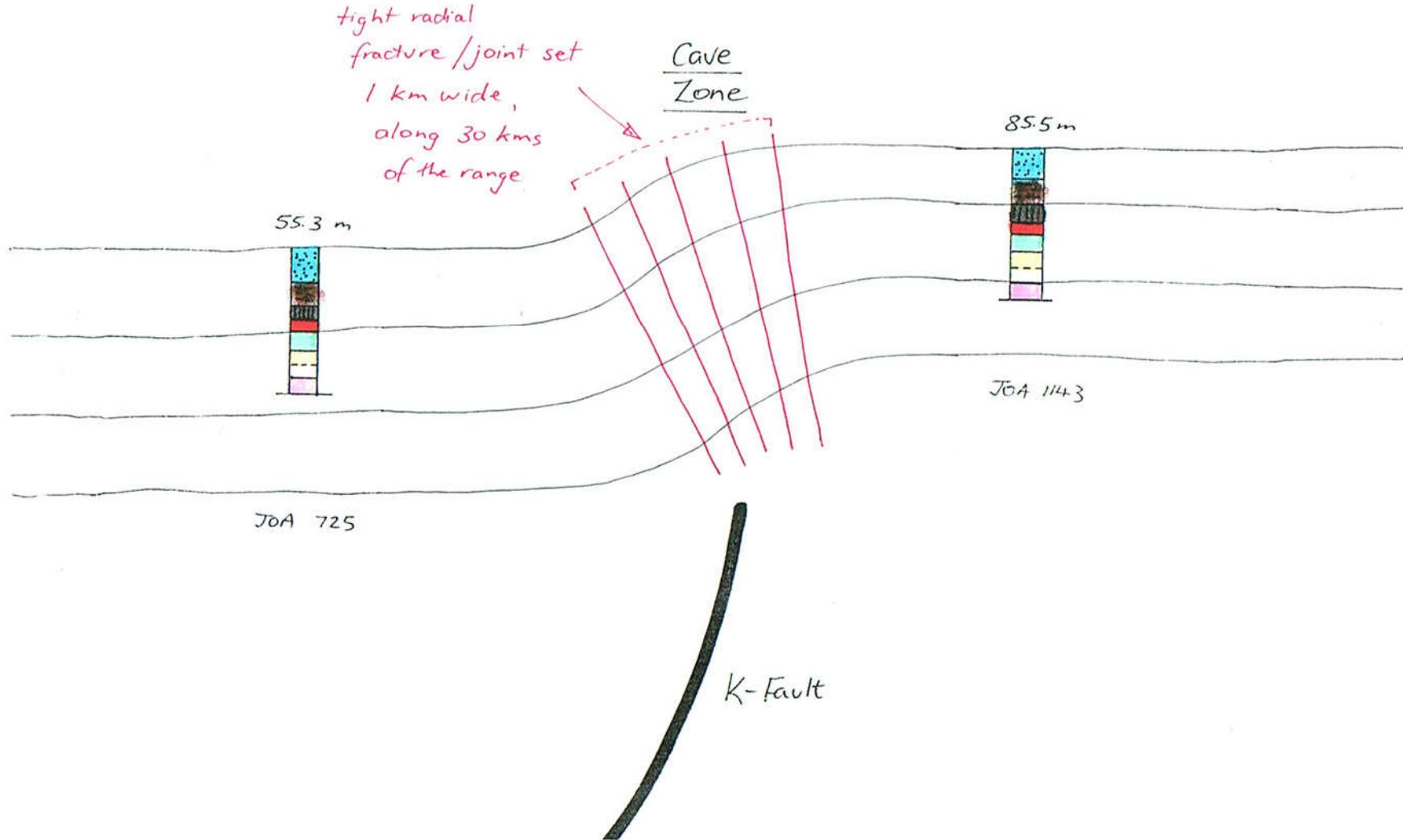
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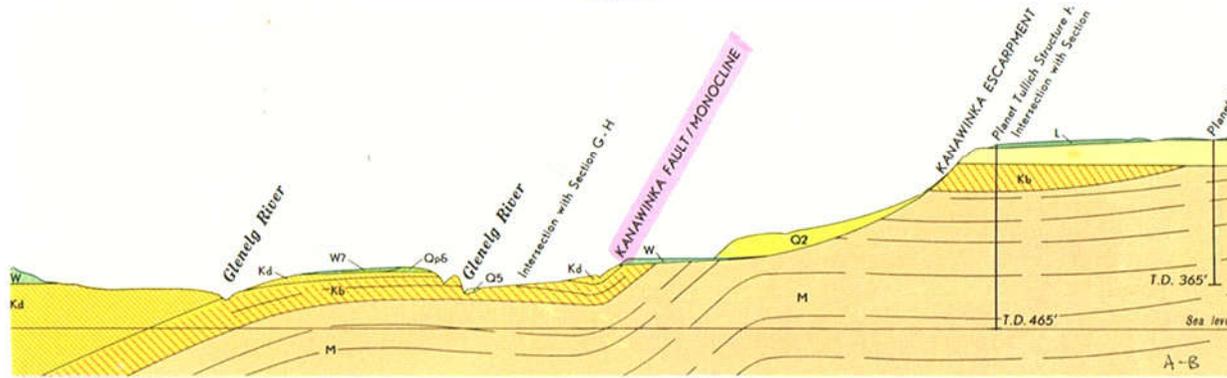
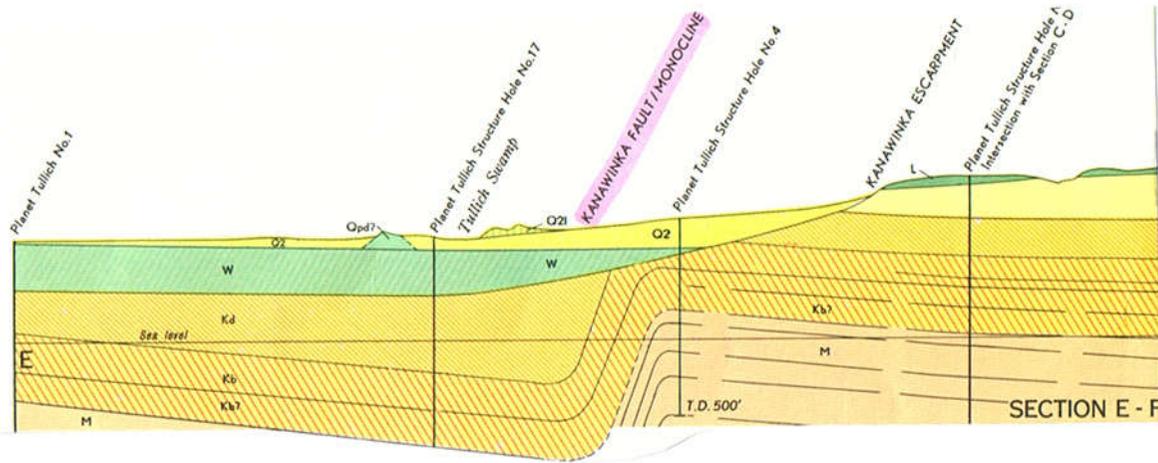


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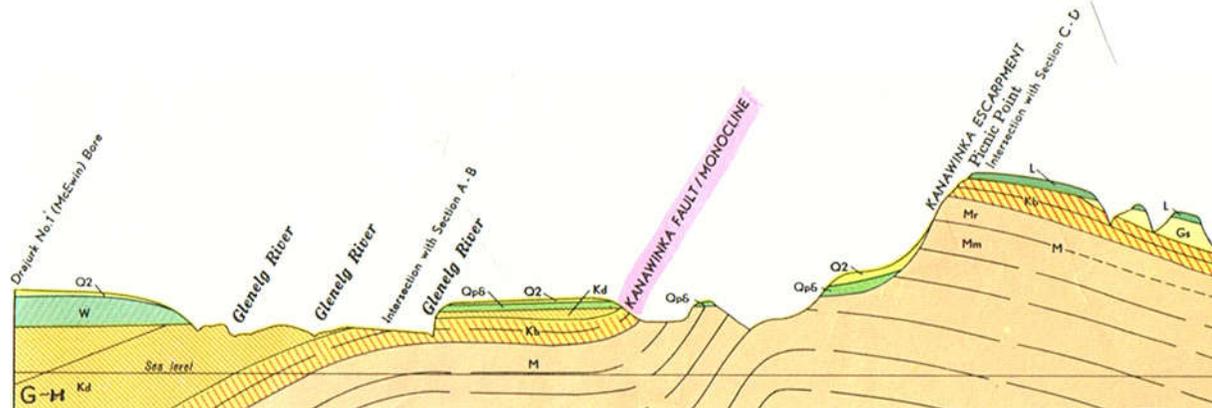
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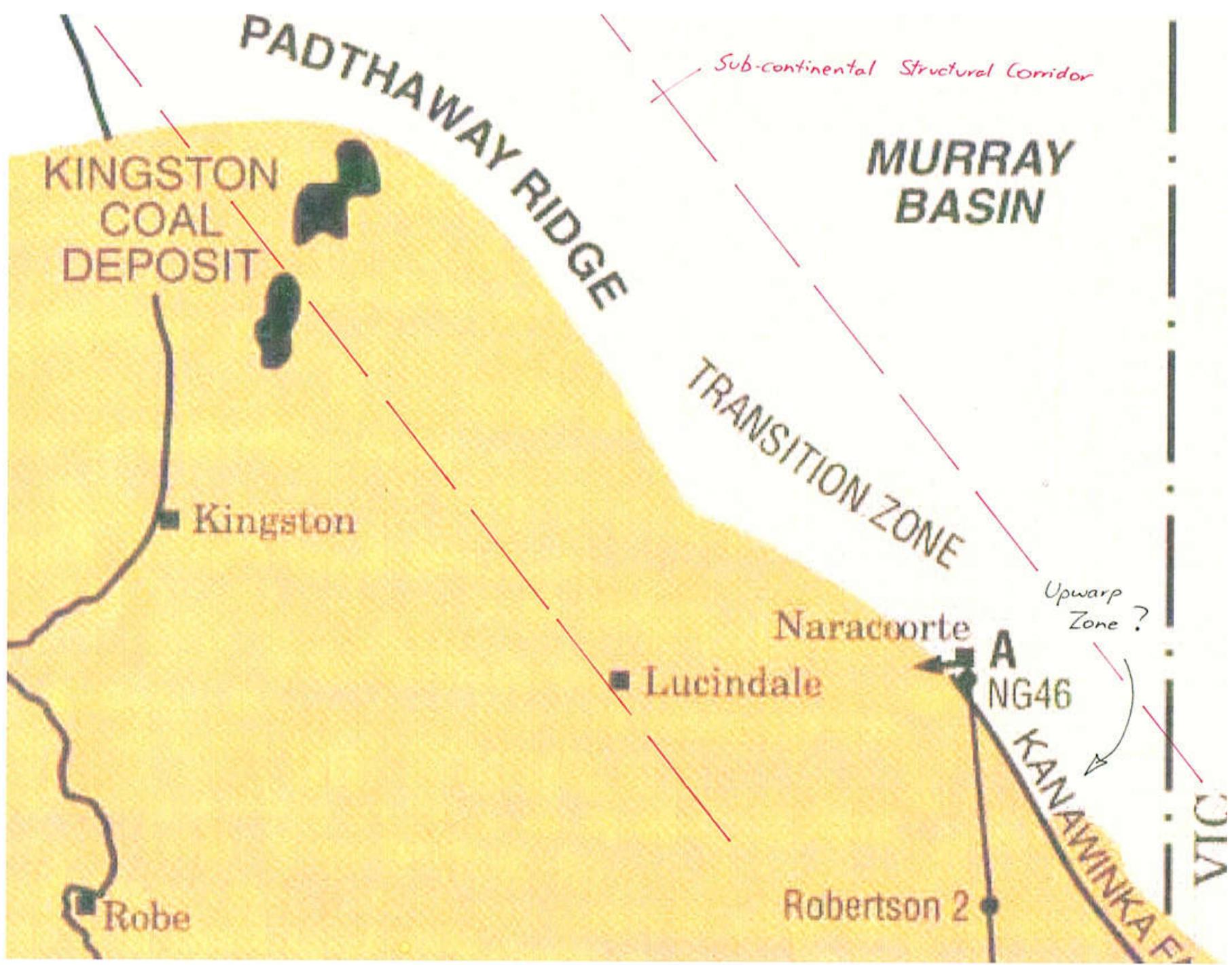


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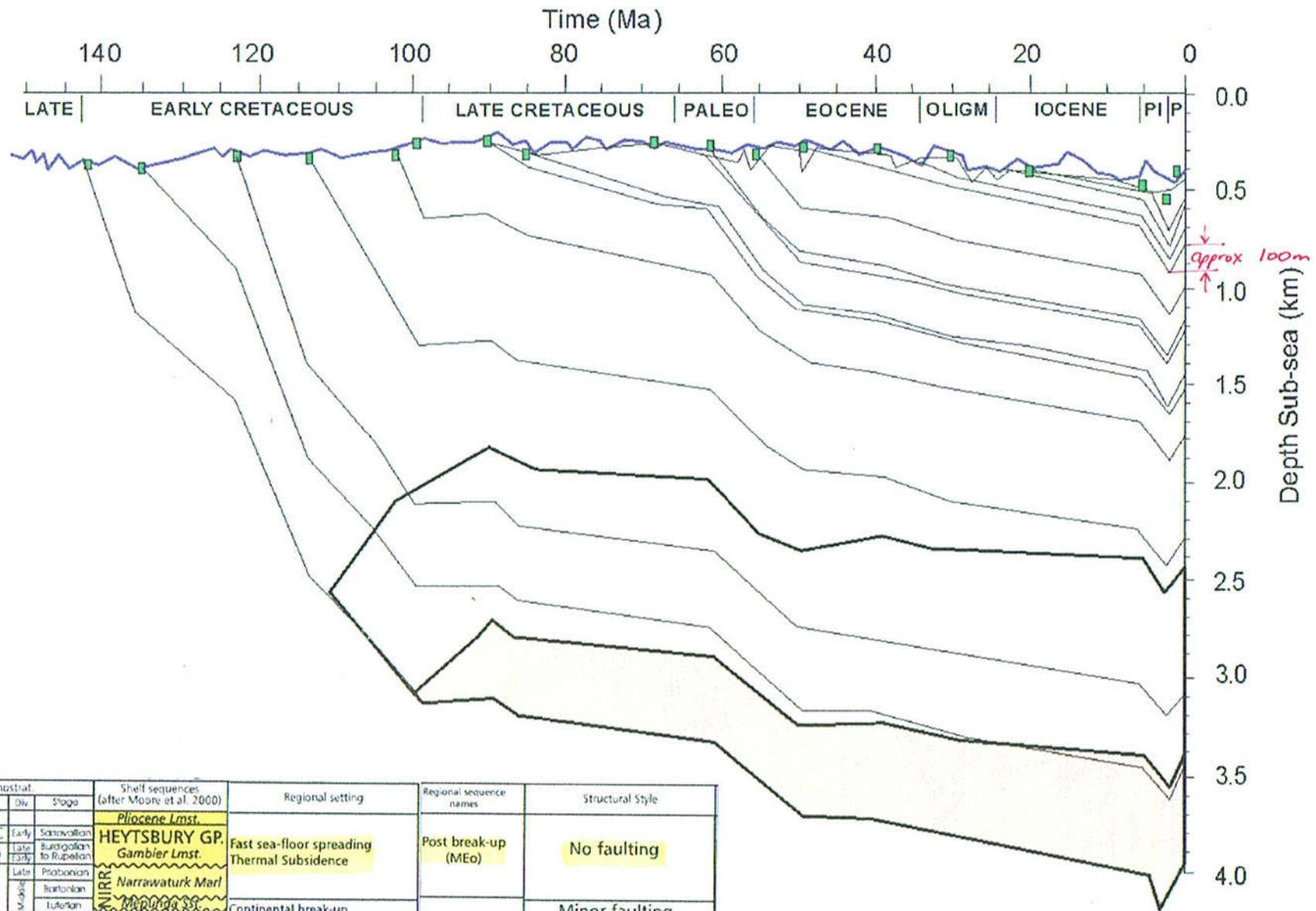




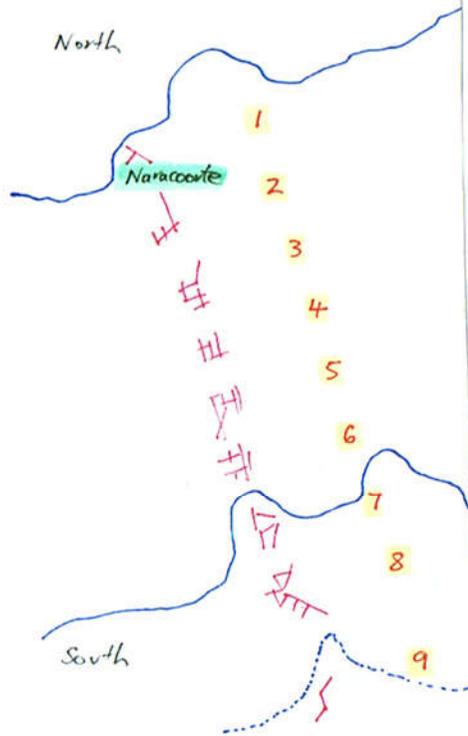




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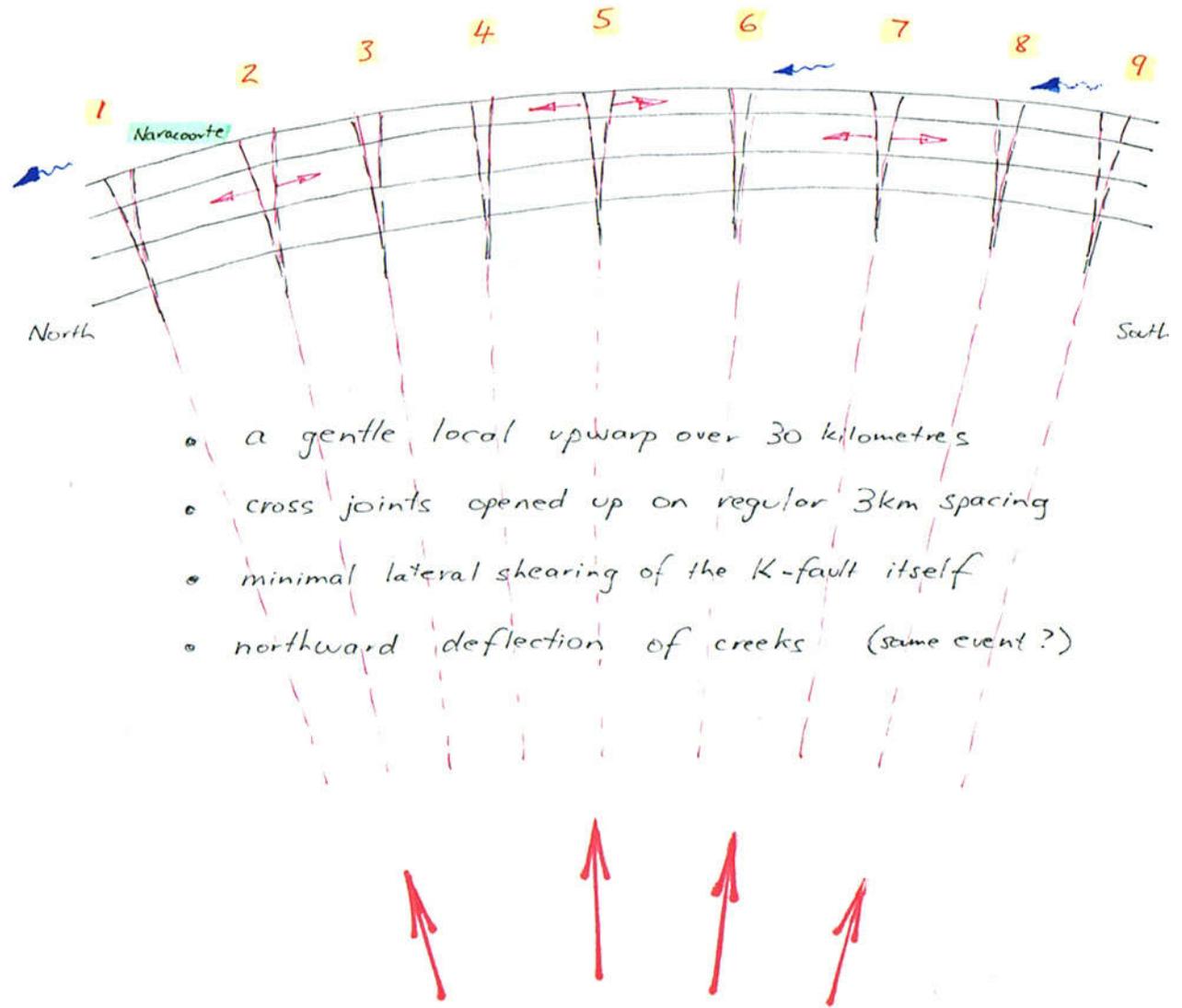


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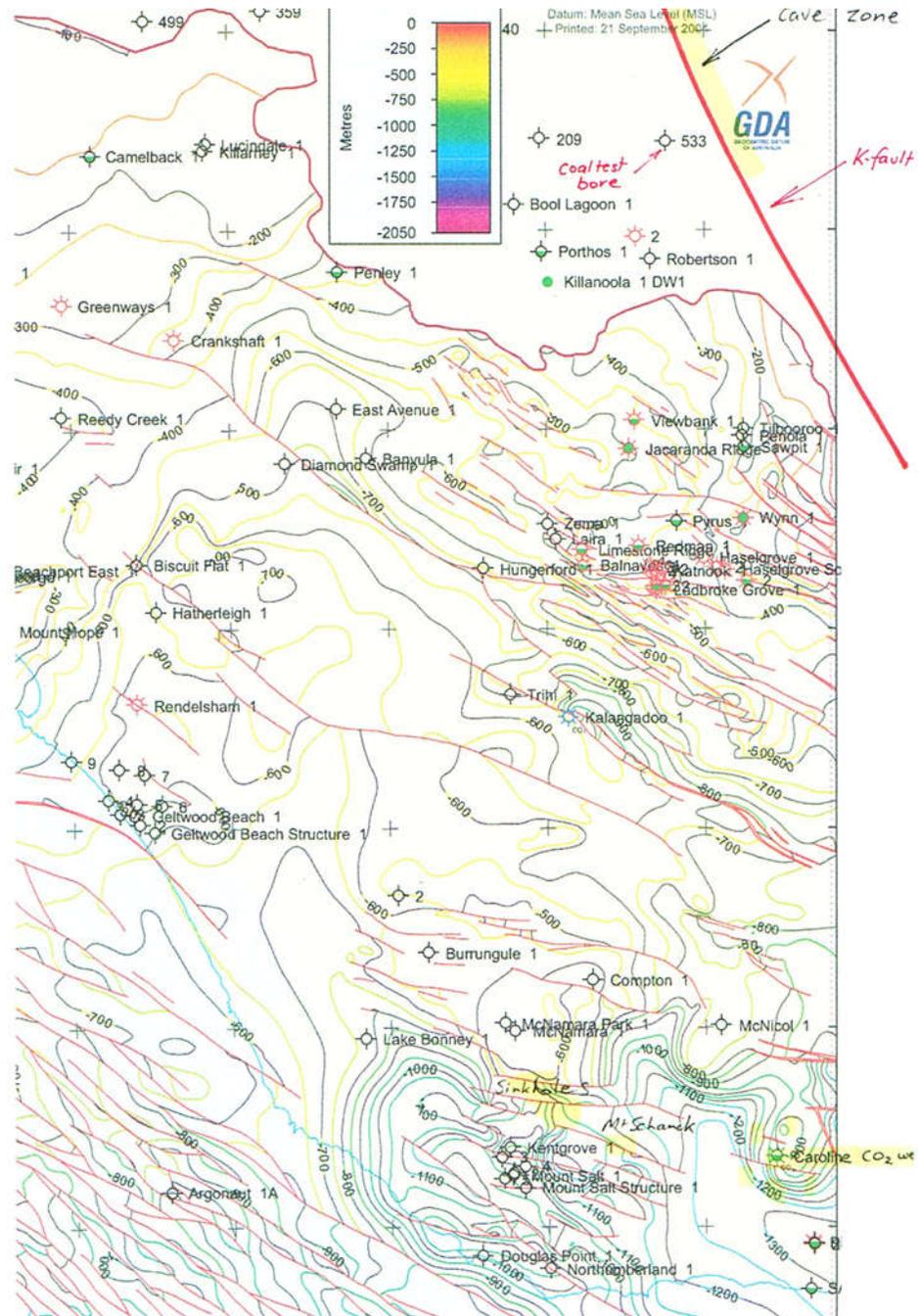
- caves with regional joint patterns
- caves occurring in clusters
- a gentle monocline, not a fracture scarp
- creeks being diverted

which can be explained by —



- a gentle local upwarp over 30 kilometres
- cross joints opened up on regular 3km spacing
- minimal lateral shearing of the K-fault itself
- northward deflection of creeks (same event?)

Podthaway Ridge movement or recent volcanism



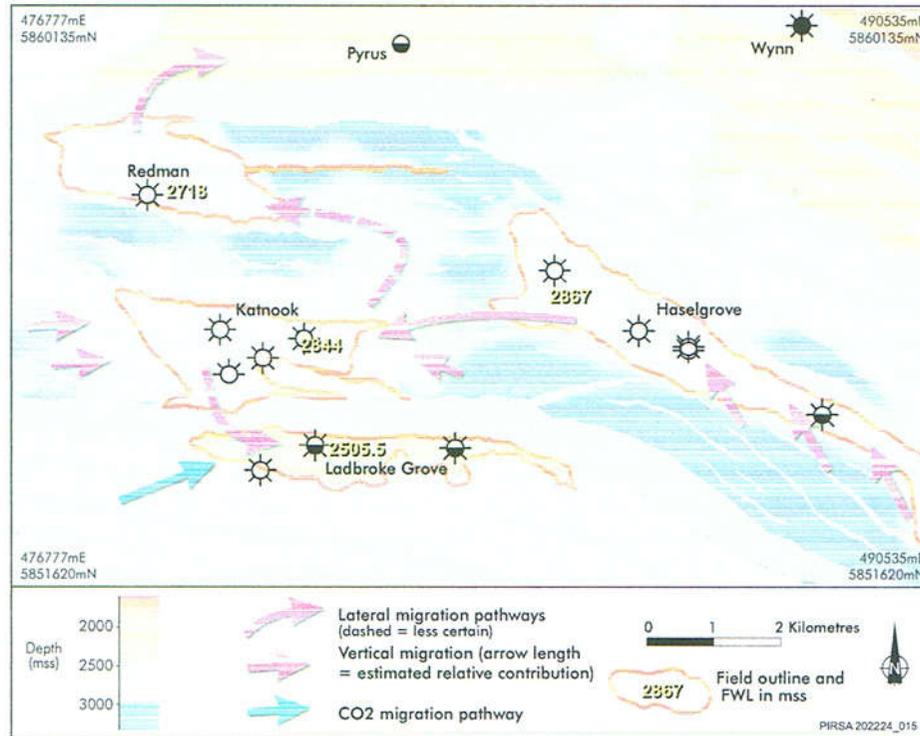


Figure 14. Top Pretty Hill Sandstone depth map over the Katnook Graben, showing possible lateral migration pathways between fields.

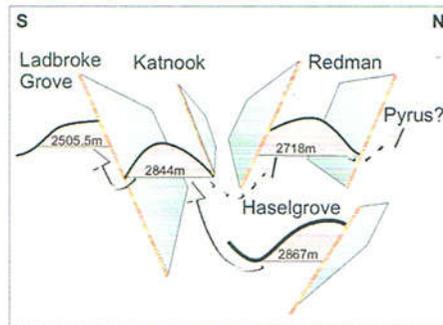


Figure 15. Pseudo-3D schematic diagram of the Katnook Graben, showing possible lateral migration pathways between fields at the top of the Pretty Hill Sandstone.

It is interesting to note that recent exploration on the Port Campbell area has reduced the risk of encountering CO₂, since a correlation between its occurrence and the intersection of basement related faults was found (B. Goldstein, PIRSA, pers. comm. 2003). Intersections of faults are known to be the location of dilation zones (Gartrell & Lisk in press) which may have allowed mantle derived CO₂ to migrate upwards. To the SW of the Ladbroke Grove field a circular feature has been identified in the 3D variance cube, which may represent a Miocene volcanic centre. The root of this is possibly the source of the CO₂ in the Ladbroke Grove Field.

From their analysis of the unusual condensate associated with the Caroline gas accumulation, McKirdy & Chivas (1992) concluded that supercritical CO₂ might also play an important role in stripping free hydrocarbons from dispersed terrestrial organic matter. In doing so it may help enhance the oil expulsion efficiency of otherwise poor quality source rocks.

Evidence for palaeo-columns

In situ gas columns are primarily evident from RFT/MDT and DST data. Gas is not detectable from conventional wireline logs. Palaeo-columns in Crayfish group reservoirs have been interpreted to exist, with varying degrees of confidence, using a variety of

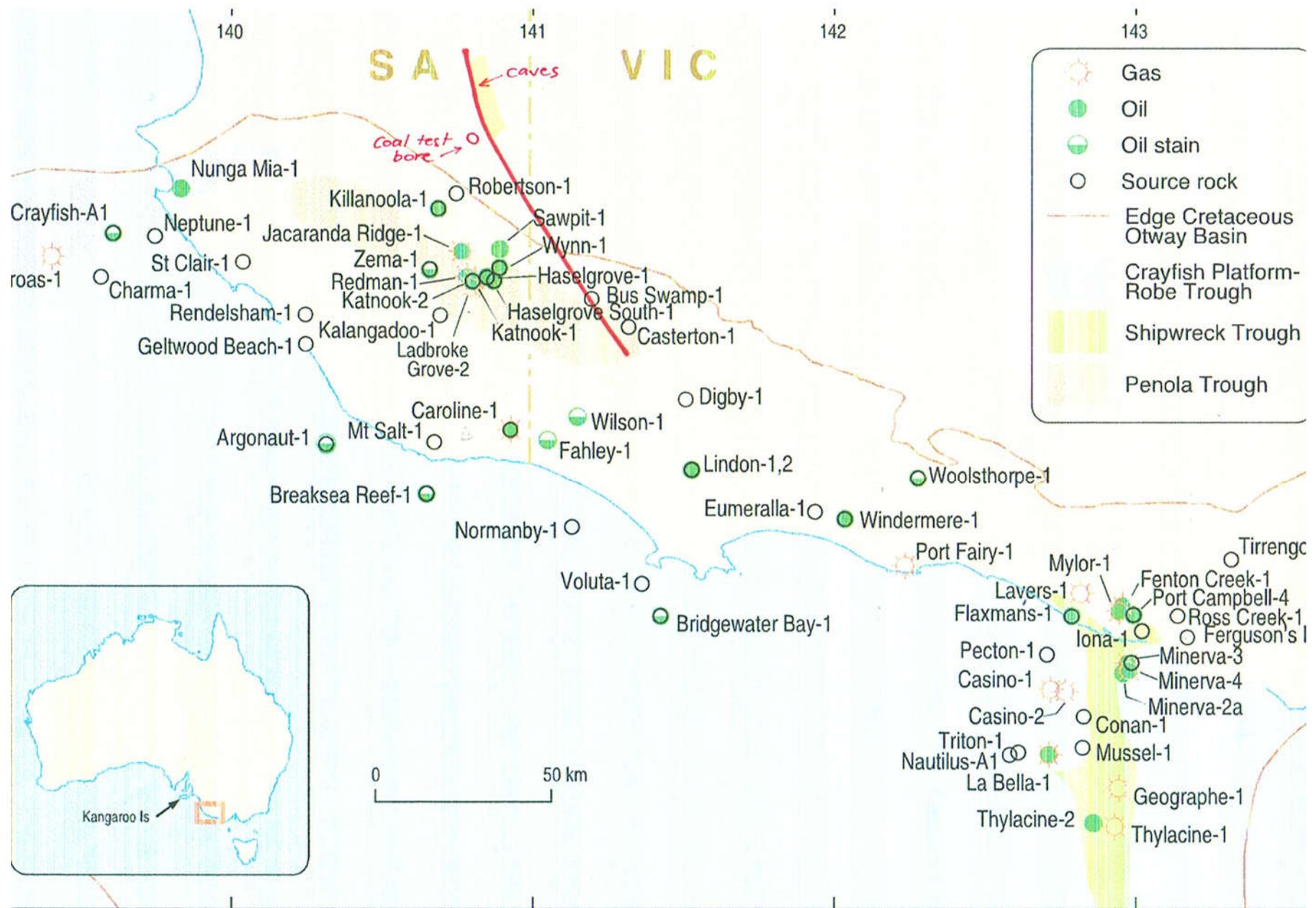
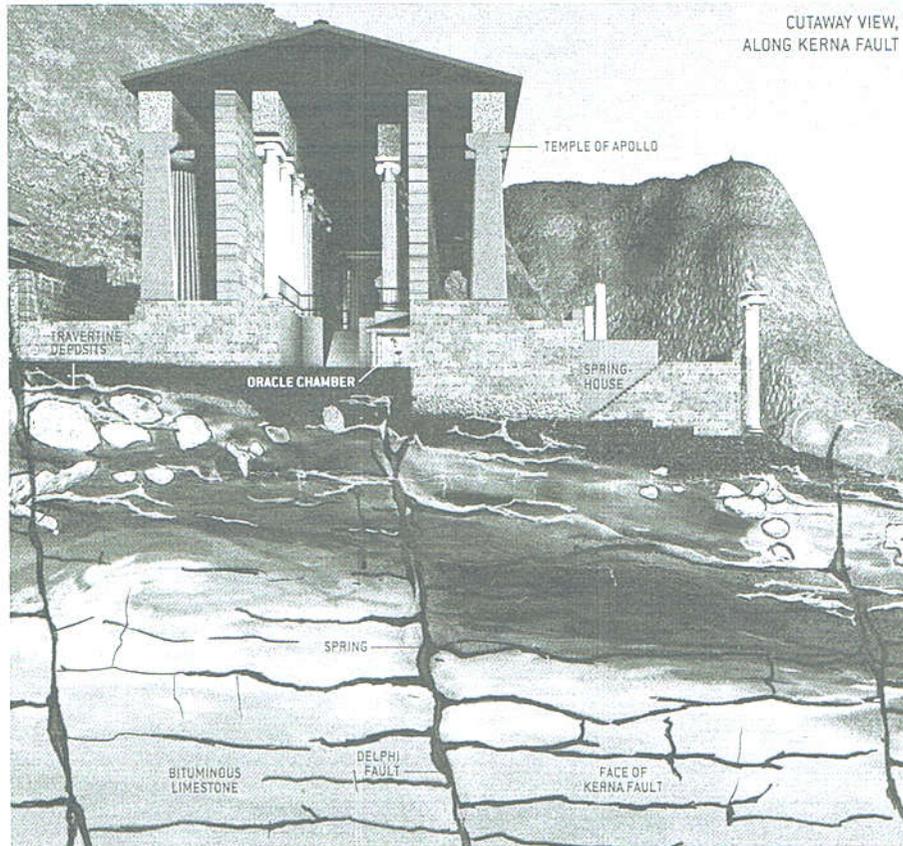
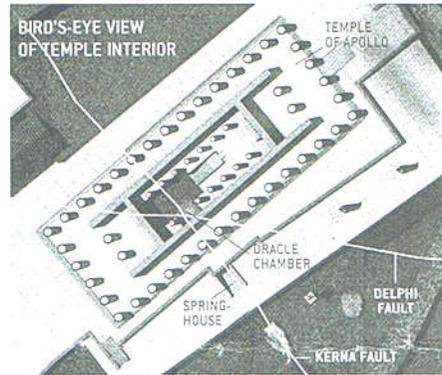


Figure 1. Location map of the Otway Basin showing the wells from which oils, oil stains, natural gases and potential source rocks were sampled.



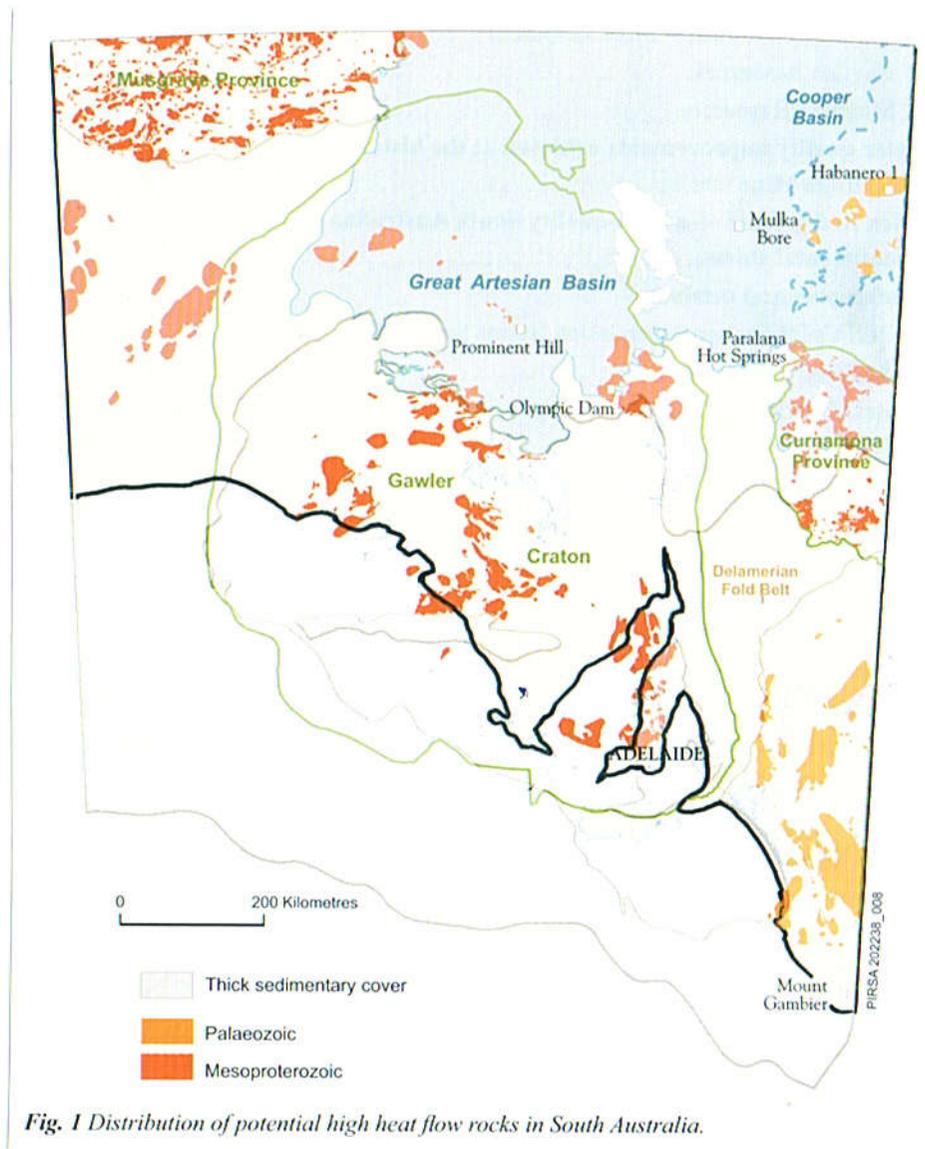


Fig. 1 Distribution of potential high heat flow rocks in South Australia.

