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The history of the
Golden Bay
goldfields
1856-1863



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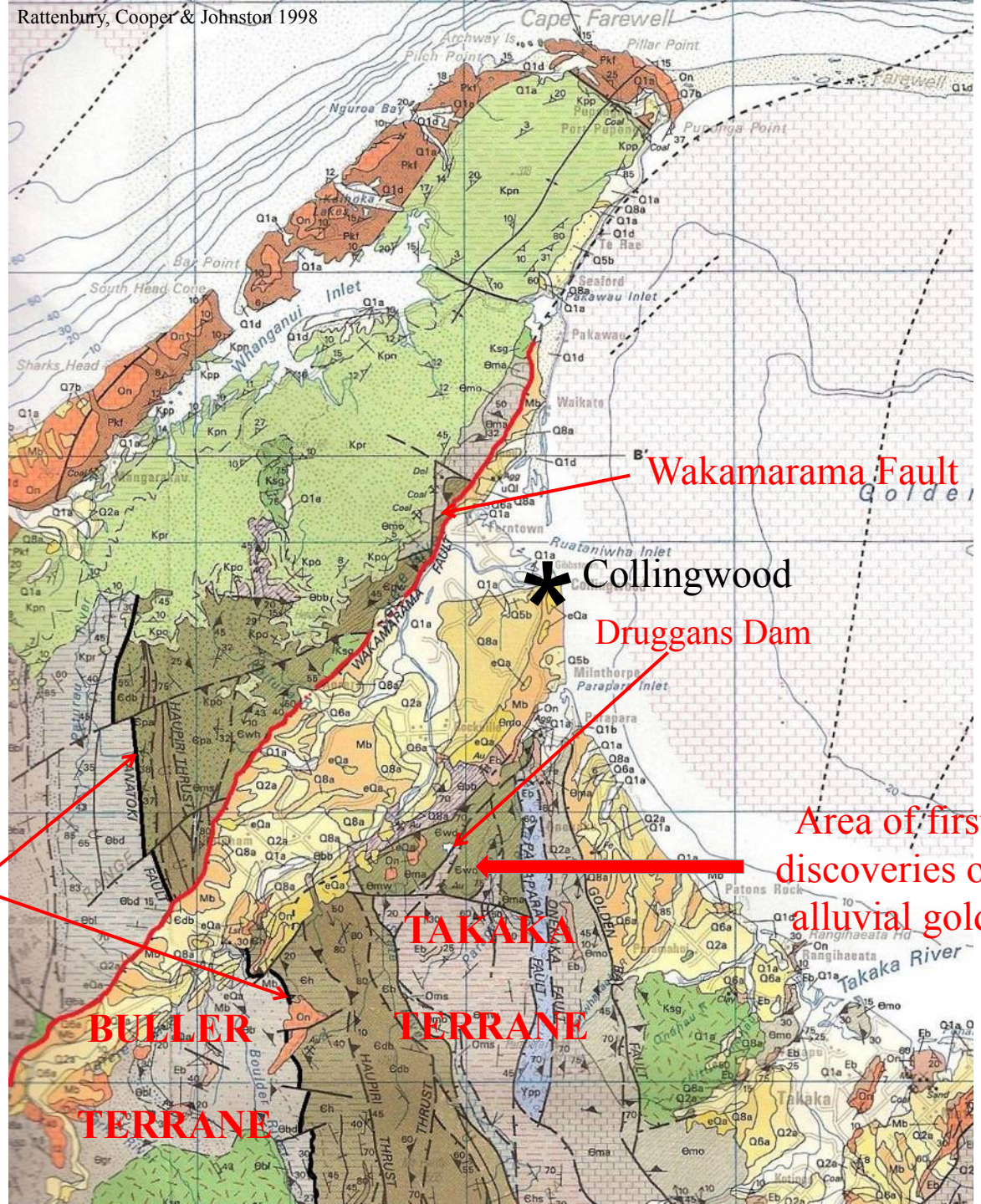
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Wakamarama Fault

Collingwood

Druggans Dam

Area of first discoveries of alluvial gold

Anatoki Fault

BULLER TERRANE

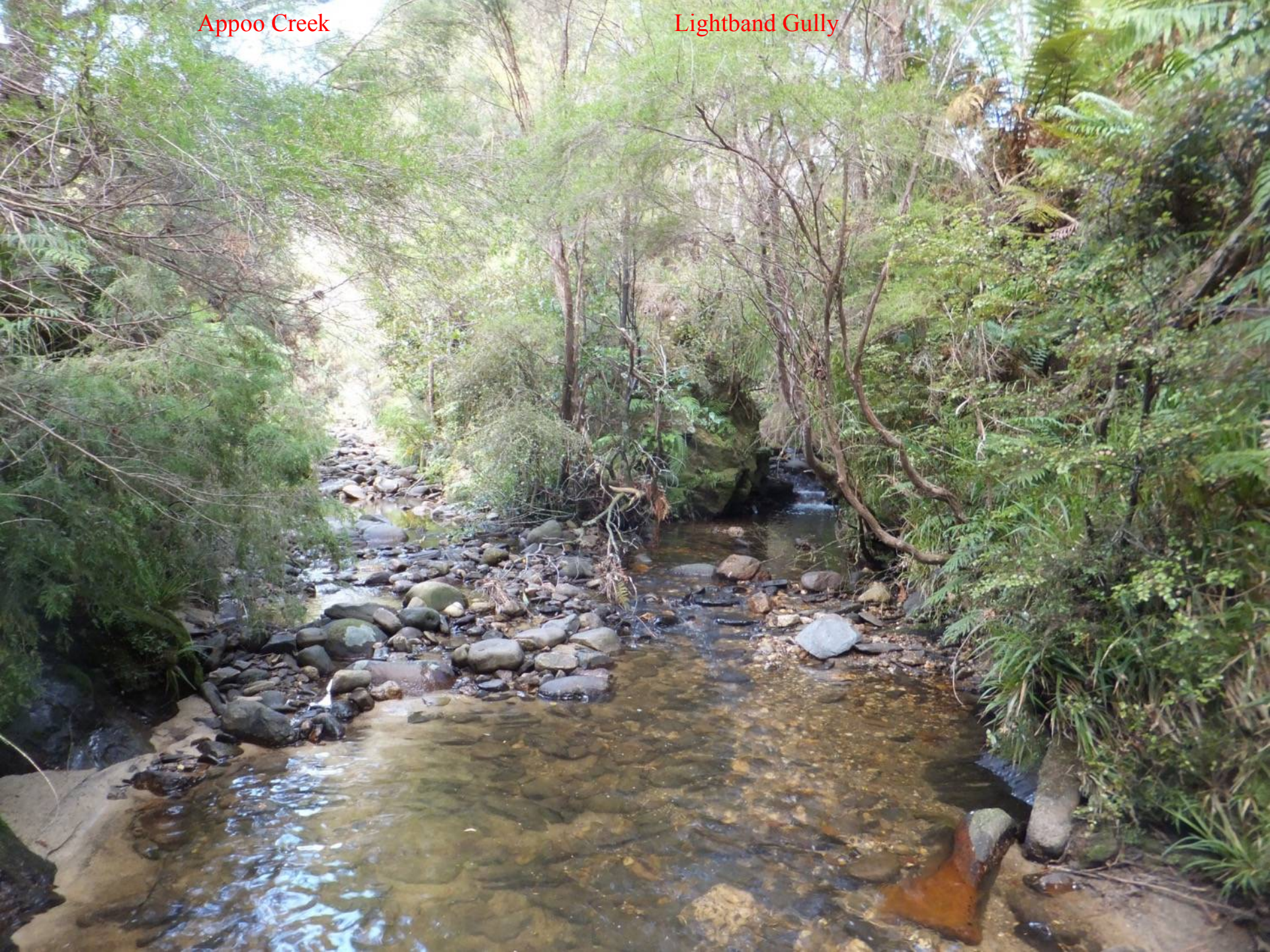
TAKAKA TERRANE





Appoo Creek

Lightband Gully









J.P.
1850







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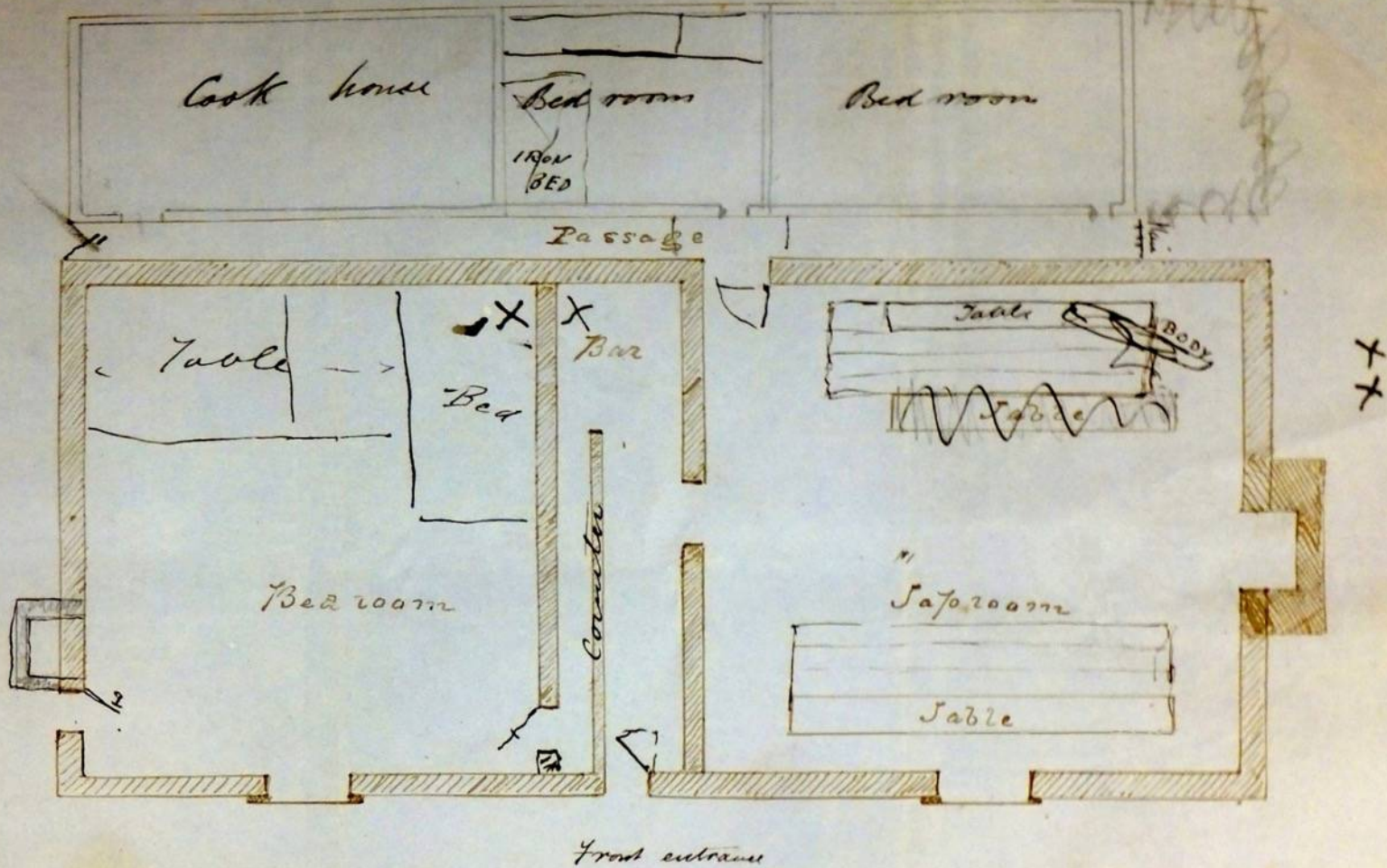




View on Aorere river, near Stateford, Nelson.

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Produced as per plan Golden Gully
5th March 1867 at an request held there - John Shackleton J.P.



Floor plan - Golden Age Hotel
Golden Gully

LAWS AND REGULATIONS

TO BE OBSERVED ON THE

Aorere Gold Diggings.

AGREED TO AT A MEETING OF THE DIGGERS, HELD AT THE SLATE-RIVER FERRY, ON THE 29TH AUGUST, 1857.

I.—NUMBER OF CLAIMS ALLOWED TO A DIGGER.

That every digger individually shall be entitled to hold one claim only.

II.—RIVER REGULATIONS.

That parties conjointly cutting, damming, or turning rivers, shall be entitled to hold fifty feet square each person; also to retain all land so dried, unless any party require the overplus: such party shall pay the original parties a proportionate share of expenses for cutting, damming, and turning of the same.

III.—LAND CLAIM REGULATIONS.

1. That no party of diggers, consisting of more than four persons, shall be entitled to take up or occupy more than four claims in one block, except those parties specified in Regulation, No. 2, regarding rivers.

2. That a claim, for the purposes of sinking, surface-digging, tomming, or cradling, shall consist of twenty feet square.

3. That no sluicing party, consisting of more than five persons, shall be allowed to take up or occupy more than five claims; and that each claim for the purpose of sluicing shall consist of thirty feet square of new ground, or sixty feet square of old or deserted ground, either lengthwise, in succession, or in a block, at the option of the parties.

IV.—WATER AND SLUICING REGULATION.

That any digger requiring and using water for tomming, sluicing, or any other washing purposes, such water, if conveyed or diverted from its natural course, shall be re-conveyed to the natural course or stream, before any other party shall be allowed to construct a dam or divert such water for their use.

V.—ABSENCE OF A DIGGER FROM HIS CLAIM.

That any digger, or party of diggers, being absent from his or their claim or claims for more than the space of three days in succession, such digger, or party of diggers, shall forfeit his or their claim or claims entirely; except those parties beyond the Red Boulder River, who shall be allowed one week.

It was unanimously agreed by the Diggers in attendance at the meeting held at the Slate River Ferry, this day, that the whole of the above Laws and Regulations should come in force on Monday morning next, August 31st, 1857.

SLATE-RIVER FERRY, August 29, 1857.

DONALD M'GREGOR, CHAIRMAN,
T. WALL, SECRETARY.

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VI.—REWARD AND INDUCEMENT FOR THE DISCOVERY OF A NEW AVAILABLE GULLY OR FLAT.

That any digger, or party of diggers, who may hereafter discover a new available gully or flat, shall, as a reward, be allowed to hold and occupy one (1) extra claim only.

VII.—SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES.

That, in case of any dispute arising between two or more diggers, such dispute shall be settled and determined upon by four practical diggers, two of whom shall be chosen by each of the disputing persons; and in case such party of four practical diggers shall not be able to come to a decision, they, the said four practical diggers, shall choose a fifth person as umpire, whose decision shall be final and binding. All diggers chosen as arbitrators to decide any dispute shall be disinterested parties therein, and shall each of them be chosen from a separate party of diggers.

VIII.—TAKING UP CLAIMS ON SUNDAYS.

That any party or parties marking out or choosing a claim or claims on Sundays, the same shall be considered illegal and of no effect.

IX.—BOUNDARY OF PARTITION BETWEEN CLAIMS.

That the space of two feet shall be left vacant, or in reserve, between each party's claim, for the purpose of a wall or partition; and that the owners of the adjoining claims, or the parties interested in the said space of two feet, shall be allowed to mutually agree as to the working of the same.

X.—GENERAL REGULATION RESPECTING THE VALIDITY AND PUTTING IN FORCE OF THESE LAWS AND REGULATIONS.

That these laws and regulations shall be considered binding to the diggers; and any digger breaking either of these laws and regulations, he shall not be entitled to protection under them, and shall also forfeit his claim.



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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6, 1859.

PROCLAMATION.

By His Excellency Colonel THOMAS GORE BROWNE, Companion of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over Her Majesty's Colony of New Zealand, and its Dependencies, and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c., &c., &c.

WHEREAS by an Act of the General Assembly, intituled the "Gold Fields Act, 1858," it is enacted that it shall be lawful for the Governor from time to time, by Proclamation, to constitute and appoint any portion of the Colony to be a "Gold Field" under the provisions of the said Act:

Now, therefore, I, Thomas Gore Browne, the Governor as aforesaid of the said Colony, do hereby, in pursuance of the said power and authority, constitute and appoint all that territory hereinafter described, to be a Gold Field under the provisions of the said Act; that is to say, All that territory commencing at the mouth of the Takaka River, thence up that river to its source at Mount Arthur, thence in a straight line to the source of the Karama River, thence along the sea Coast to the North Head of the Whakapuia River, thence along the Wakamarama Range to Mount Burnett, thence by a line to the mouth of the Rua Taniwha River, thence by the Sea Coast to the commencing point at the mouth of the Takaka River.

And I declare that this Proclamation shall come into operation and take effect on the first day of November, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-nine.

Given under my hand, and issued under the Public Seal of the Colony of New Zealand, at Government House, at Auckland, this fourth day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-nine.

T. GORE BROWNE.

By His Excellency's command,
HENRY JOHN TANCRED,
GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

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WHEREAS by an Act of the General Assembly of New Zealand, intituled "The Naturalization Act, 1858," it is enacted that "every person who shall be declared to come within the operation of this Act by any Proclamation to be issued in that behalf by His



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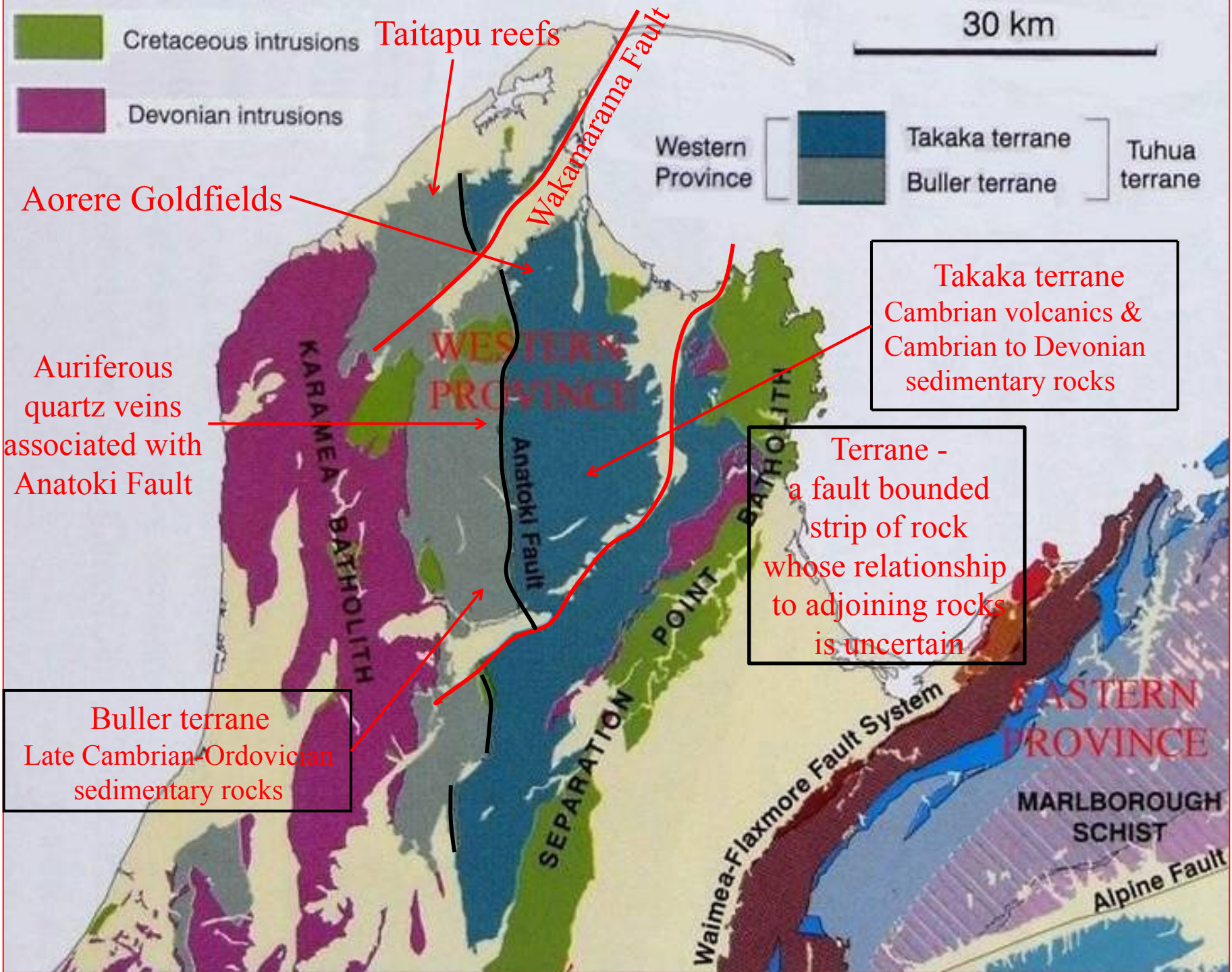
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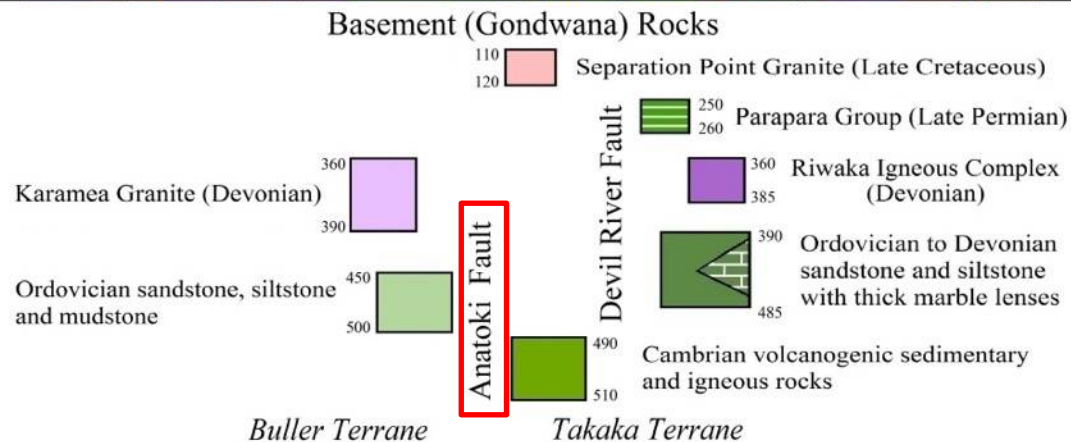
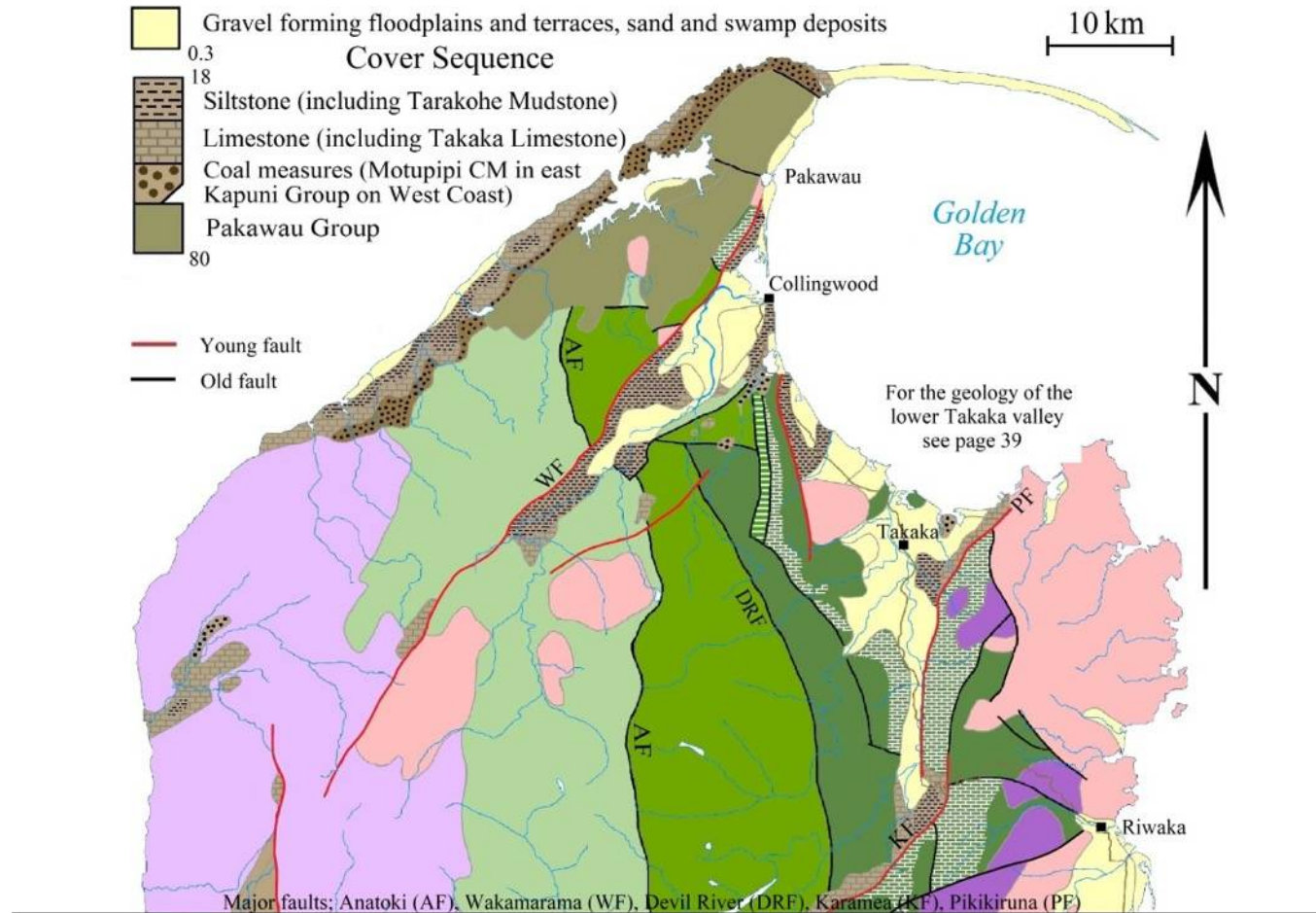
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The age of the units (in millions of years) is given by the figures besides the legend boxes



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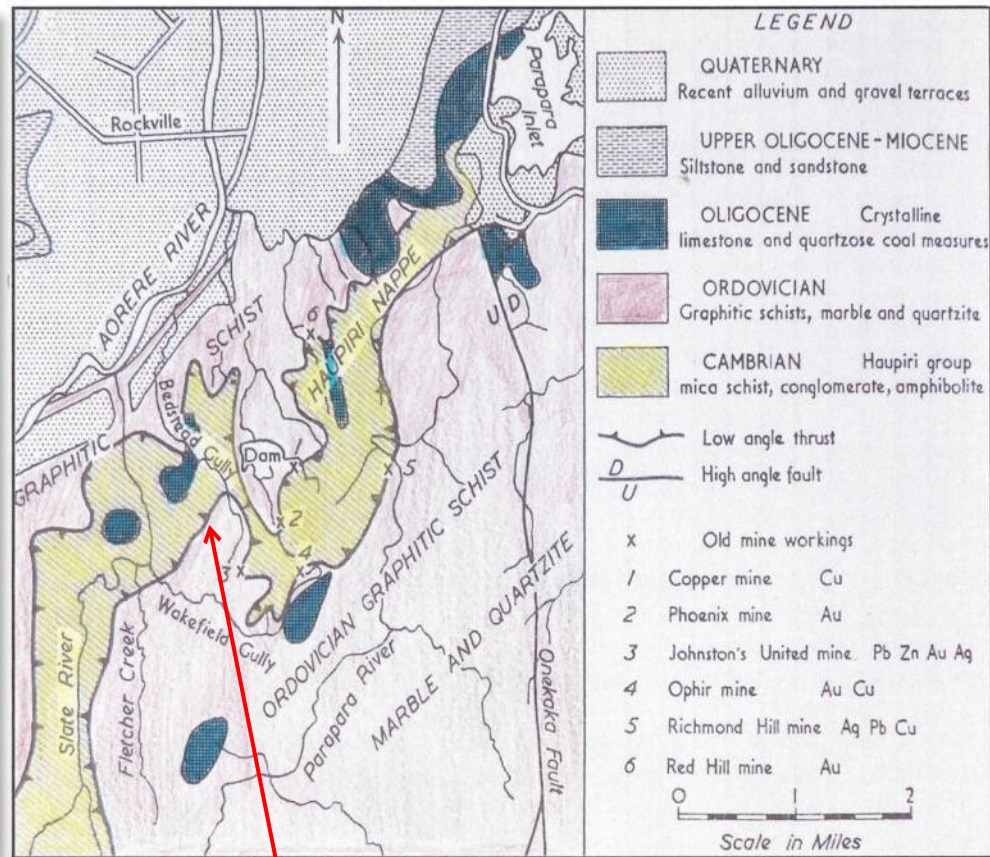
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Cambrian-Ordovician schist contact - thrust fault





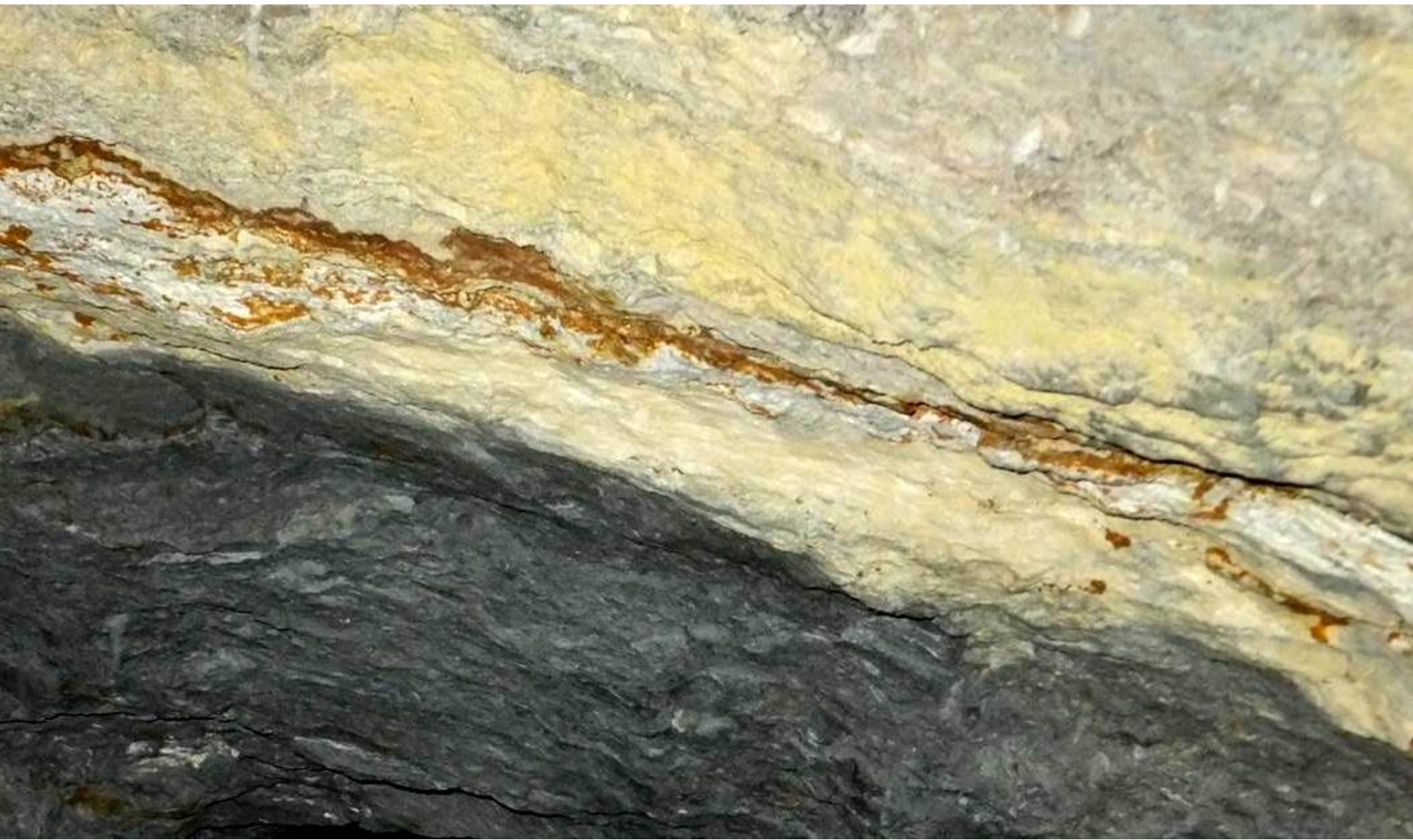






Iron cap = gossan





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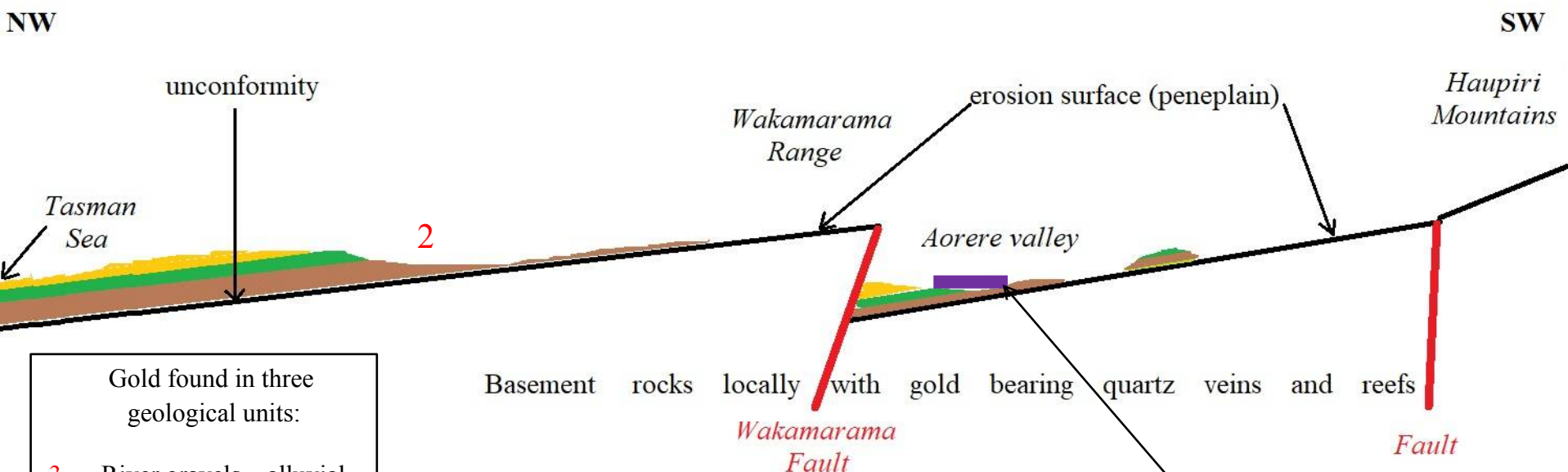
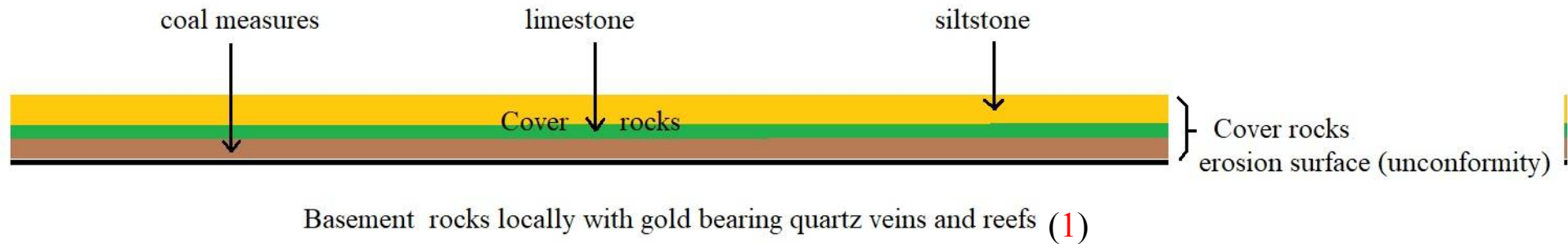
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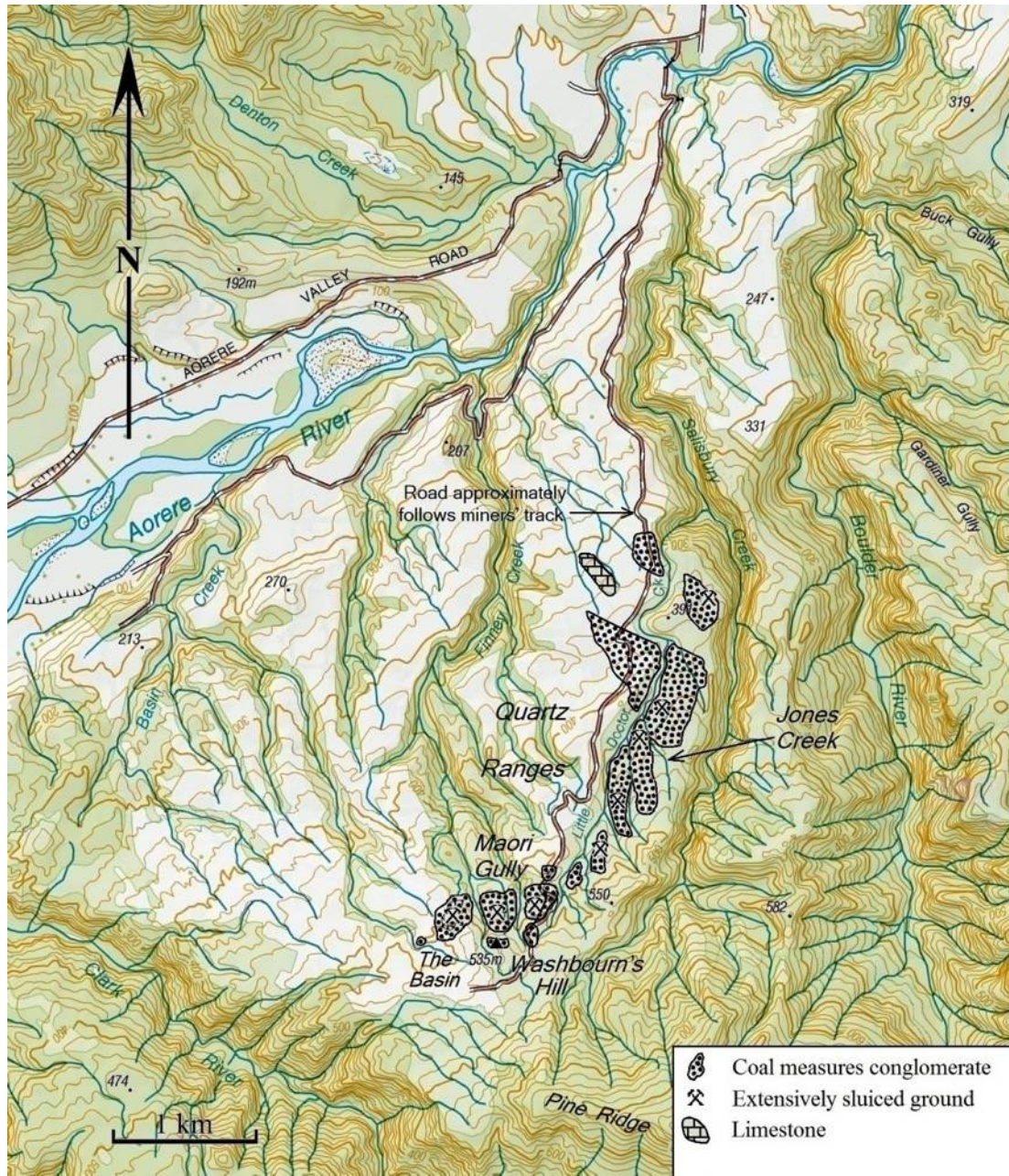




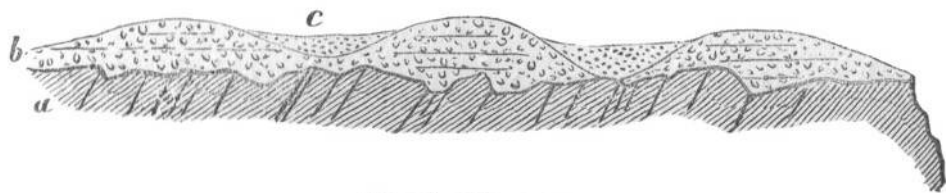
- Gold found in three geological units:
- 3 River gravels – alluvial
 - 2 Cover rocks (basal coal measures) – alluvial
 - 1 Basement or bedrock - quartz veins and reefs











Quartz-Ranges.

- a. Thonschiefergrundgebirge.
- b. Goldführende Conglomeratschichten, tertiär.
- c. Sand-Alluvium.



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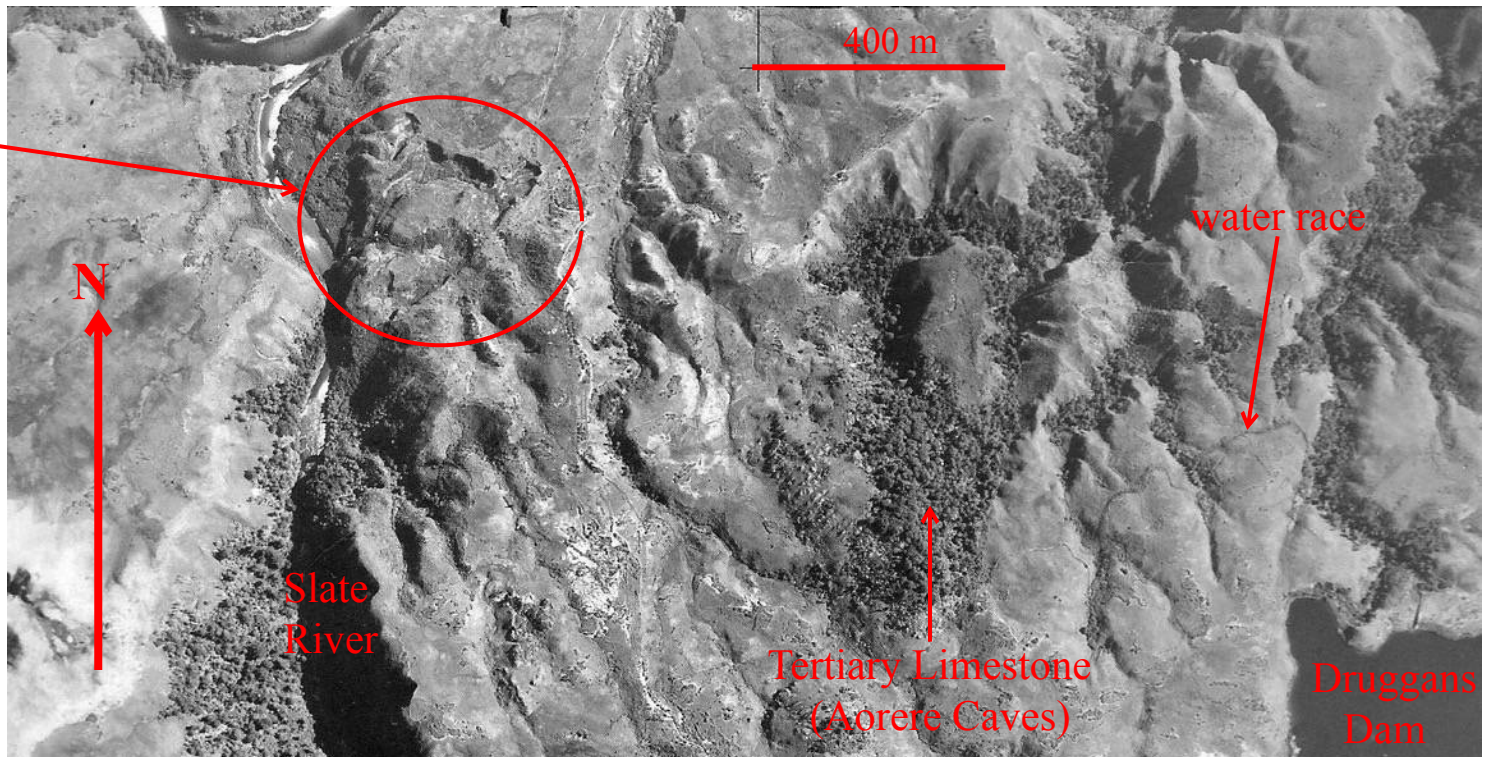
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Slate River Sluicing
Company's claim



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River

Tertiary Limestone
(Aorere Caves)

water race

Druggans
Dam

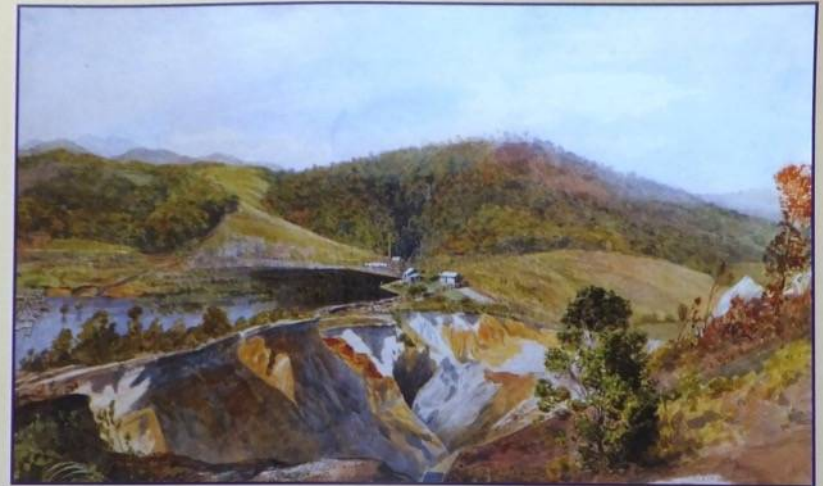
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