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# 6.0 MARRAKI AREA

The approximate location of the survey boundaries is shown in Figure 3. The east-west flight lines are spaced approximately one half of one nautical mile apart.

#### 6.1 Geology

The geology of the area is covered by the Darwin 1:250,000 geological sheet and explanatory notes. The area is also covered by the Humpty Doo, Marraki, Mary River and Mount Bundey 1:63,360 geological sheets.

The geology consists primarily of a Lower Proterozoic metamorphic series overlain in part by a thin veneer of Cretaceous Mullaman Beds. A large proportion of the geology is obscured by Quaternary soil cover.

#### 6.2 <u>Interpretation</u>

The interpretation covers the analysis of the analogue spectrometer records, the total count contour map and the total magnetic intensity contour map. The composite interpretation is shown in figures 7A, 7B and 7C.

## 6.21 Spectrometer Results

The total count map reflects variations in overburden cover on the regional scale and is of little use in mapping extensions of known rock units. The contour map may be of

more use within smaller areas for mapping variations within a given outcrop unit.

Eight minor uranium anomalies were isolated from the analogue spectrometer records as being worthy of further ground investigation. These anomalies were recorded over the Lower Proterozoic, Acacia Gap Tongue (Pla). The anomalies Al - A8 are plotted on figure 7A. The anomalies are marked as anomalous counts above background. Background is difficult to determine in this area due to soil cover variations. An incorrect choice of background may unduly enhance the anomaly.

### 6.22 Total Magnetic Intensity Results

The total magnetic intensity contour map is quite spectacular with long narrow linear magnetic zones traversing a relatively flat magnetic area. There are five major linear zones indicating the presence of regional fault structures within the area.

Zones M1, M2, M3 and M4 are sub-parallel and trending in a north-west to south-east direction. They probably represent major fault or joint systems which have been intruded by basic material, possibly dolerite. Zones M2

and M3 appear to terminate at the north-east to southwest trending zone, M5. M5 could represent an extension
of the Giants Reef Fault. All five zones appear to have
undergone some strike slip faulting. The most interesting
area is the intersection of zones M3, M4 and M5 where
there appears to be a considerable amount of structural
alteration of each zone.

The broad magnetic high in the west portion of Figure 7A appears to correlate reasonably with the Acacia Gap Tongue. This unit has also been cut by zone Ml. There does not appear to be any strike slip movement along Ml which suggests that Ml is either a normal fault or a joint plane. The former would be more likely, as there is a change in magnetic character across Ml where it passes through the Acacia Gap Tongue.

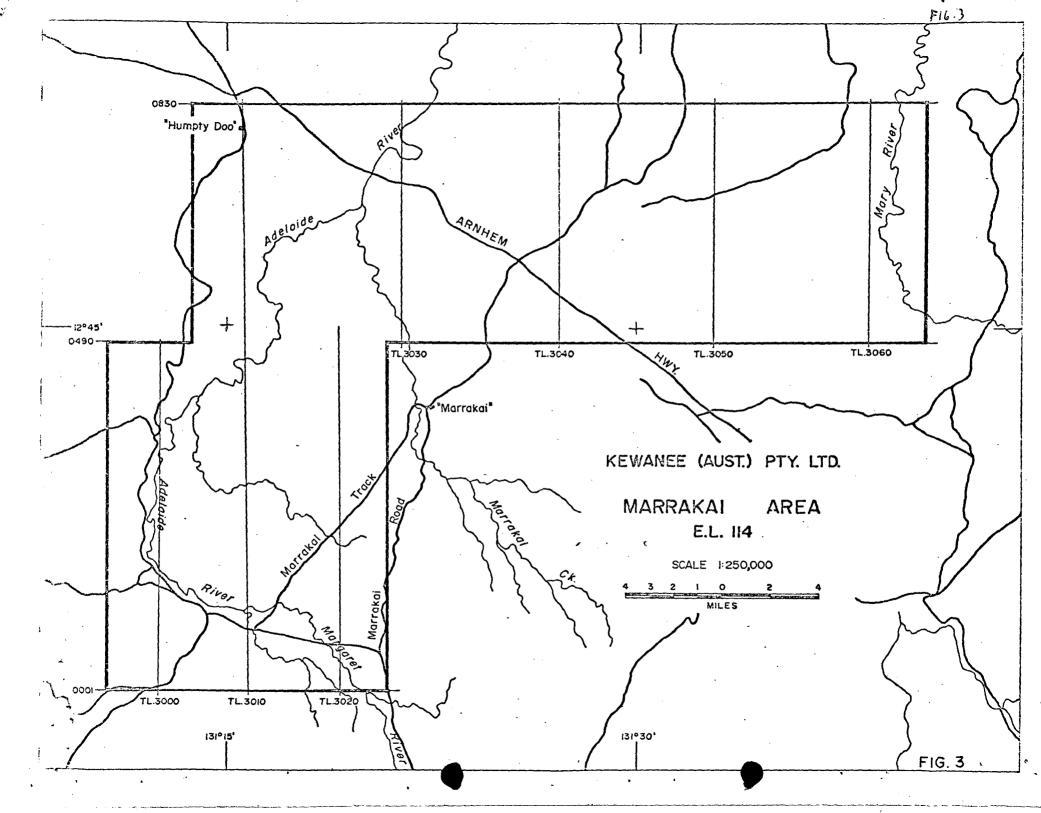
The magnetic contours on sheet 3 shows a broad regional magnetic high in the southern half of the sheet. This is probably related to a subsurface extension of the Mt. Bundey Granite which crops out further to the south (Mt. Bundey geological sheet). An approximate northerly subsurface boundary for the Mt. Bundey Granite has been

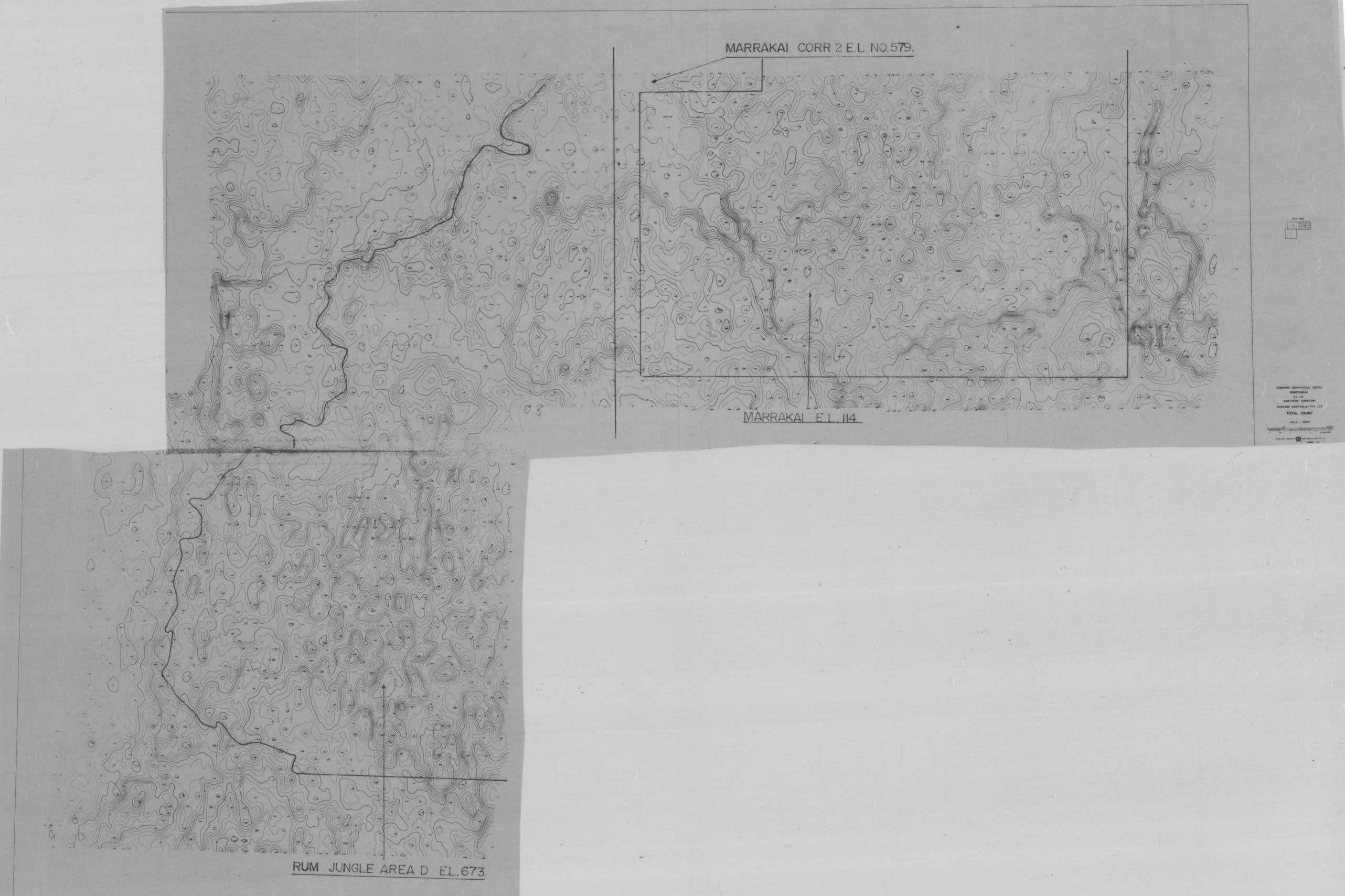
indicated on figure 7C. This is only a rough estimate, as the boundary could be dipping at a shallow angle towards the north. There are several minor north magnetic trends which appear to be associated with the magnetic high. These could be interpreted as near surface dykes or veins extending out from the granite.

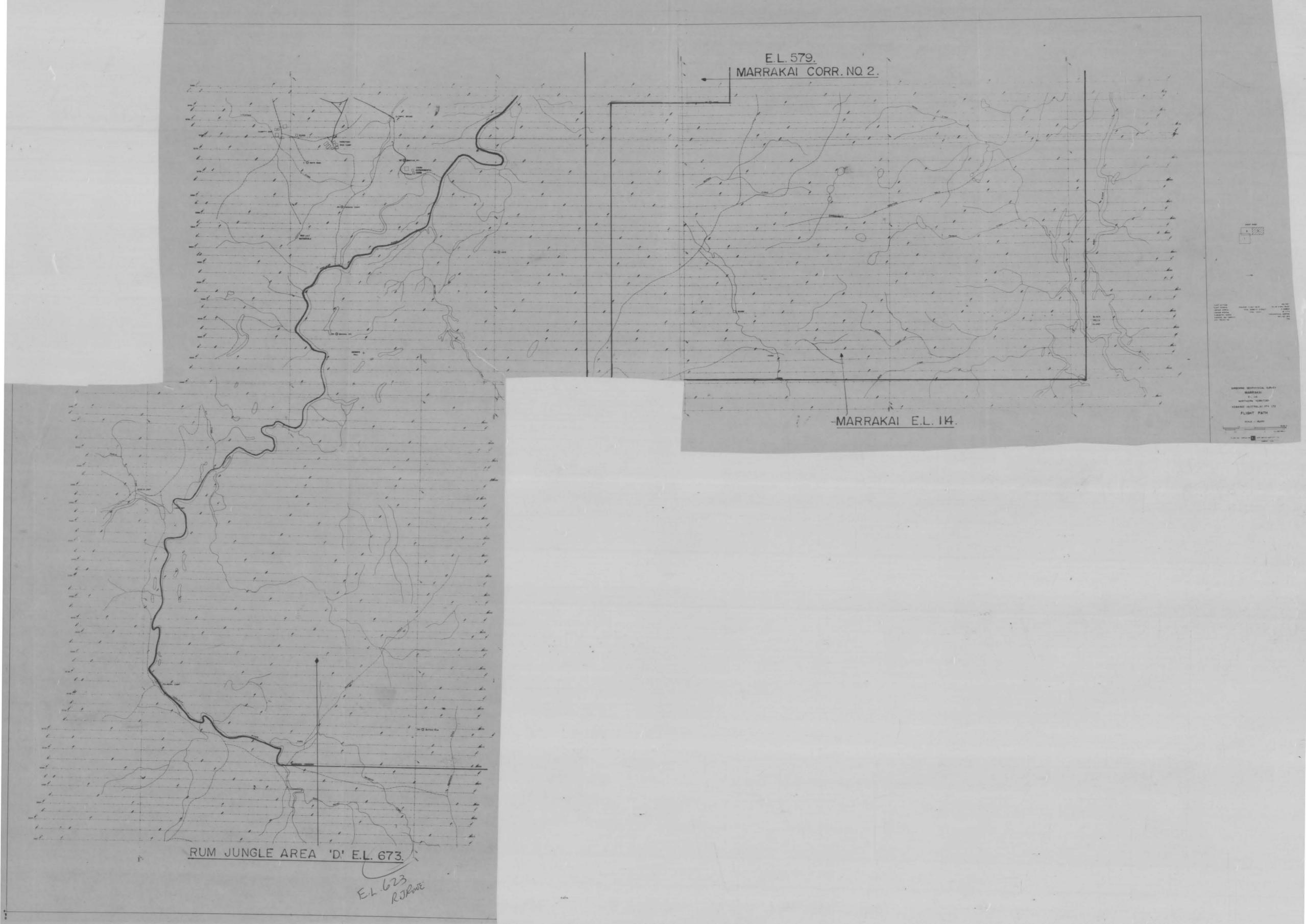
#### 6.3 Summary

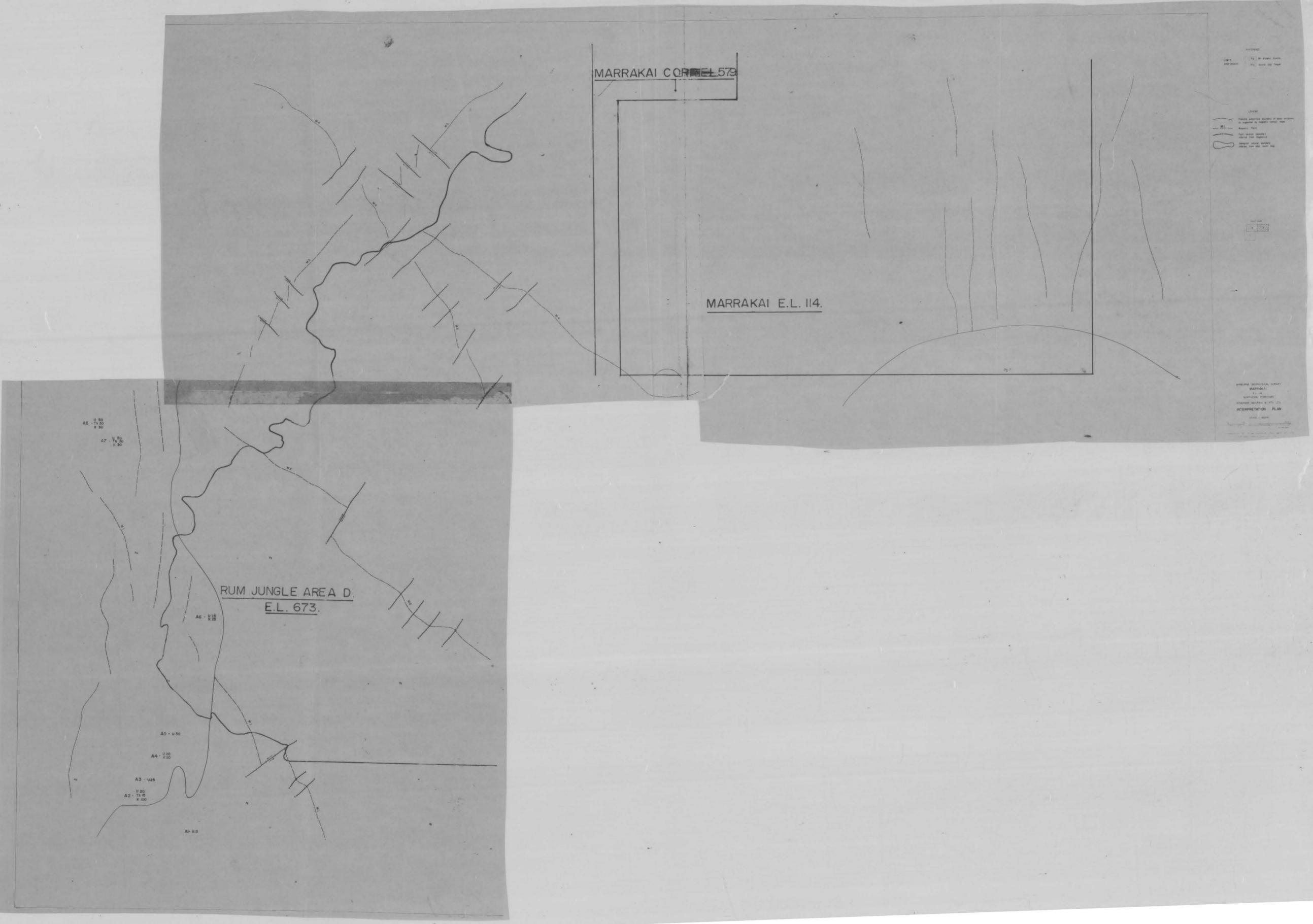
Eight minor uranium anomalies were detected over the Acacia Gap Tongue. The priority for ground investigation should follow approximately the numerical order assigned to the anomalies. The total count contour map results were adversely effected by Quaternary soil cover.

The total magnetic intensity contour map has provided useful structural information and indicated the presence of several large structural features not previously known.











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