



Gubernatorial Decree #007

A DECREE

to

establish the external and internal boundaries of New South Scotland, naming conventions and the Acknowledgment of Country.

BE IT ENACTED by His Imperial Majesty Emperor Jonathan I through the Office of Governing Commissioner, as stated:

I) Establishment of the external boundary

- 1) In accordance with the First Imperial Decree of His Imperial Majesty Emperor Jonathan I, the Empire of Austenasia shall, through New South Scotland, exercise sovereignty over 'Helen Maguire Lawn', formerly known as 'Quadrangle Lawn', enclosed by the Commonwealth of Australia.
- 2) As delineated at Attachment A, New South Scotland shall comprise the lawns and pathways extending to the 'Quadrangle Building' and 'College Road', as they are known in Australia.

II) Establishment of internal boundaries

- 1) 'Honorary Districts' and Roads shall be established within New South Scotland for classification, identification and ceremonial purposes, as delineated at Attachment A.
- 2) New South Scotland shall remain a unitary entity. However, citizens may be assigned to Honorary Districts by the Commission of Demography for ceremonial purposes only. No citizen shall be subject to specific laws solely on the basis of their assignment, or non-assignment, to an Honorary District. It shall not be necessary, or automatic, for a citizen to be assigned to an Honorary District.
- 3) Laws may be made to take effect within specific Honorary Districts and Roads but shall only apply within the physical bounds of the location in question. Citizens assigned to an Honorary District shall not be subject to laws specific to that Honorary District unless physically present within that location at the time of the law being in force.
- 4) The Honorary Districts of New South Scotland shall comprise *Jonathania*, in honour of His Imperial Majesty the Emperor, *Joshua Green*, in honour of a citizen, *Bethania*, in honour of a citizen, *Bamuru*, in honour of the grassy environment of New South Scotland in the Dharug language of the Bidjigal and *New Wrythe*, in honour of the imperial capital.
- 5) The Roads of New South Scotland shall comprise *Constitution Road*, in honour of the Constitution's promulgation, *Starhigh Road*, in honour of the political heritage of the Governing Commissioner and *New Wessex Road*, in honour of New South Scotland's New Wessexian origins.
- 6) The Honorary Districts shall be bound by the Roads, which shall remain distinct ceremonial and legal entities from the Honorary Districts.

III) Australian English, Bidjigal, Zealandian Swedish and Zealandian naming conventions

- 1) In view of local Australian and Zealandian traditions, this Decree recognises the existence of alternative naming conventions within New South Scotland used by local speakers of Australian English, Bidjigal, Zealandian Swedish and Zealandian.
- 2) This Decree recognises the Australian English terms 'Quadrangle Lawn' and 'Helen Maguire Lawn' to refer to New South Scotland as a whole, 'Quadrangle Building' to refer to New South Scotland's western, southern and eastern external boundaries, 'College Road' to refer to New South Scotland's northern boundary, 'University Walk' to refer to Constitution Road and 'Fig Tree Lane' to refer to Starhigh Road.

- 3) This Decree also recognises the Zealandian Swedish and Zealandian term 'Nya Ystad' to refer to New South Scotland as a whole.
- 4) Sections 3.2 and 3.3 of this Decree shall not serve as an exhaustive list of Australian English, Bidjigal, Zealandian Swedish or Zealandian terms worthy of official recognition within New South Scotland.

IV) Acknowledgement of Country

- 1) Without prejudicing the Empire of Austenasia's exclusive sovereignty over New South Scotland, it is acknowledged that the territories of New South Scotland are also a part of traditional Bidjigal Country.
- 2) As such, it shall be considered appropriate for public and official gatherings occurring within New South Scotland to open with a formal Acknowledgement of Country. An Acknowledgement of Country should be delivered in a culturally respectful and genuine manner, without prejudicing Austenasian sovereignty.
- 3) Furthermore, the Commission of Demography shall undertake to draft an official Welcome to Country should a New South Scottish citizen who also holds membership within the local Bidjigal community voluntarily register themselves with the Commission. The drafting of any Welcome to Country shall occur in full consultation with this citizen and the broader Bidjigal community and complement the practice of Acknowledgments of Country within New South Scotland.

V) Definitions, extent and commencement

- 1) This Decree shall take effect in all of New South Scotland.
- 2) This Decree shall be known in common form as the 'Gubernatorial Decree to Establish the External and Internal Boundaries of New South Scotland, Naming Conventions and the Acknowledgement of Country 2024'.
- 3) This Decree shall also be known in code as 24-GD-007.
- 4) This Decree shall take effect immediately.

BY THE RT. HON. HUGH MCFARLANE KCA'S HAND.

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Attachment A: External and internal boundaries of New South Scotland
Office of the Governing Commissioner

