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The First Stations, 1842 to 1862



On 10 February 1842, Governor Gipps issued the proclamation opening Moreton Bay for “free settlement.” As the ink dried on the proclamation, the pastoralists followed, carving out the massive stations seen on this map. Simultaneously, the cedar-getters pushed into the Gold Coast and Tweed regions, felling the ancient giants of our forests to clear the way for further occupation.

These pastoral boundaries were not just farm lines; they were tools of exclusion. By gazetting “Stations,” the colonial government attempted to turn our ancestral hunting grounds and ceremonial sites into private property, criminalising our people for simply walking their own Country.

Questions

1. Name four stations the Reading says pastoralists carved out after the proclamation.

2. Which station names on the map are still the names of towns today?

3. Where did the cedar-getters push into, according to the Reading?

4. Explain what the Reading means by “The Map as a Weapon”.

5. How many years does the map cover? What happened to the Yugambeh population over the decades after 1842?

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