

Central Coast CLSD region – Data Pack

Population data

Need for Legal Assistance Services (NLAS) indicators

Legal Assistance Priority Client groups

Local Government Areas:

Central Coast, Lake Macquarie

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CLSD regions

The Cooperative Legal Service Delivery (CLSD) Program comprises twelve justice partnerships in regional and remote NSW.

> About the [CLSD Program](#)

CLSD regions are based on Local Government Area (LGA) boundaries. Maps in this data pack present data by postcode (postal areas – POA) for a more precise visual representation.

> LGA/POA 2021 boundaries were used, as defined in the ABS [ASGS Edition 3](#) structure

Data sources

This data pack provides a profile of the **Central Coast** CLSD region using data from the following sources:

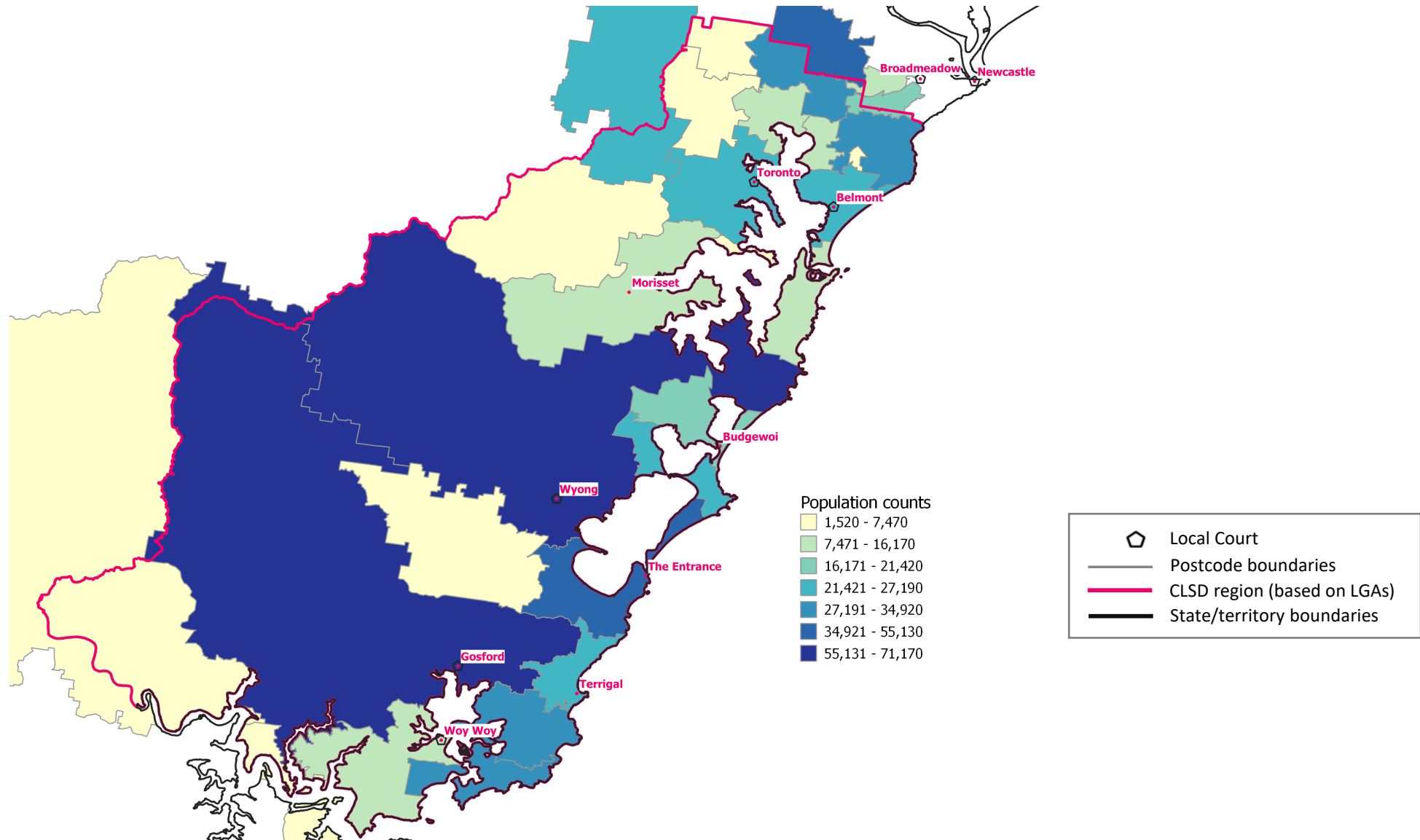
- Australian Bureau of Statistics (**ABS**) **2021 Census**
- Department of Social Services (**DSS**), December 2022
- National Disability Insurance Agency (**NDIA**), December 2022

It also includes the Foundation's Need for Legal Assistance Services (**NLAS**) indicators.

A complete list of indicators with detailed definitions is included on slide 9.



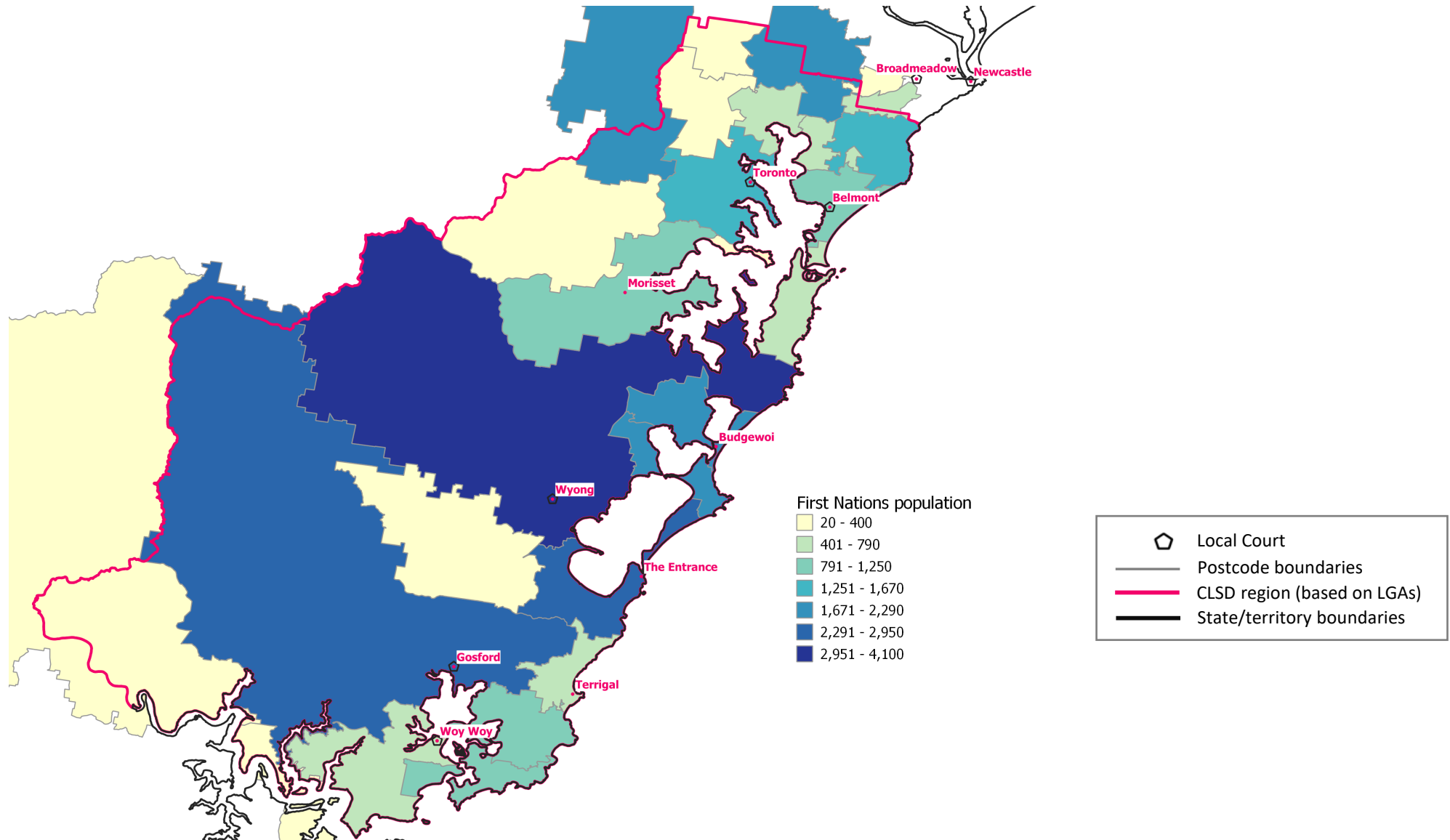
Population count by postcode



Caution: postcode areas that are only partially included in the CLSD region may reflect population counts residing outside region boundaries.

Source: ABS 2021 Census

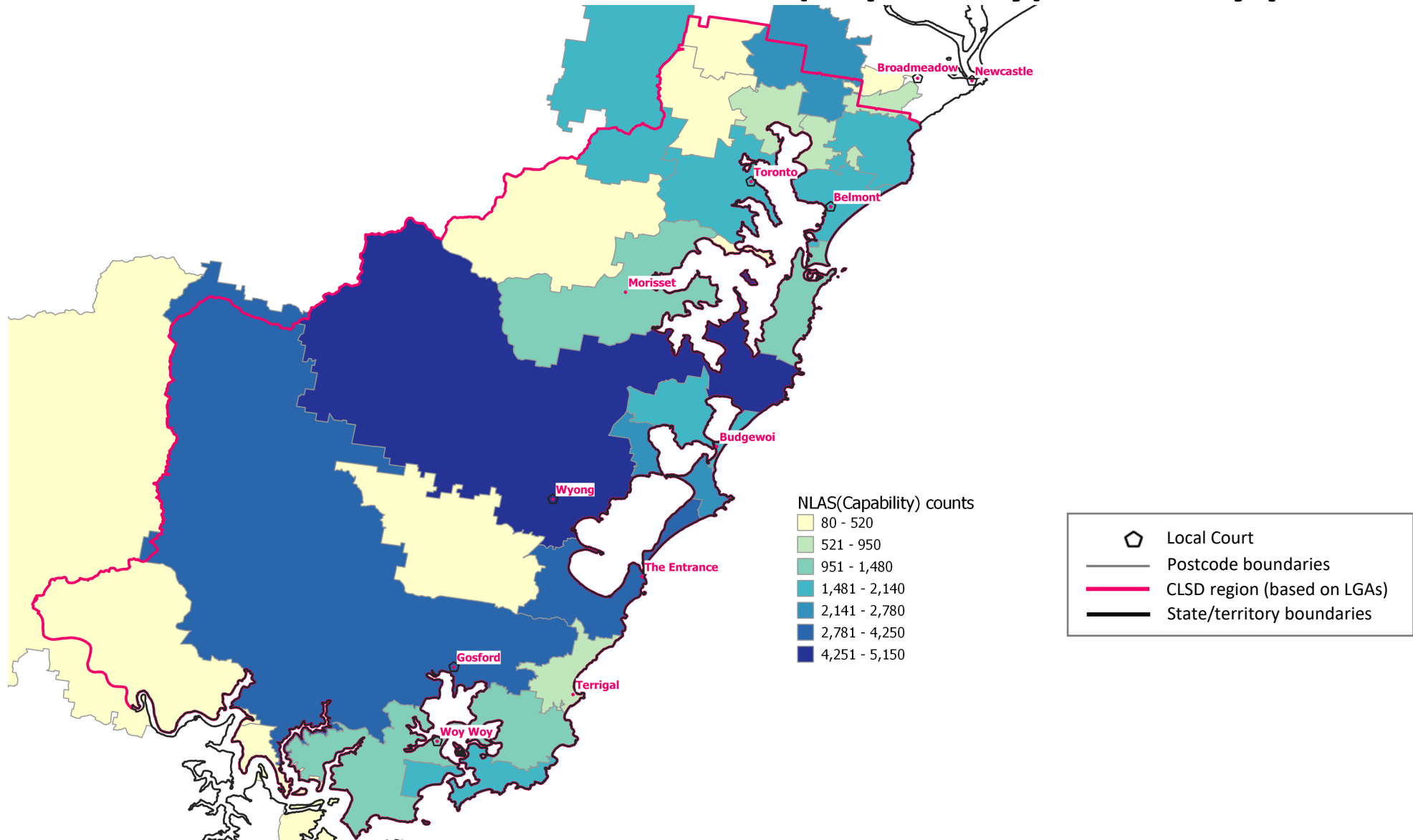
First Nations population count by postcode



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Source: ABS 2021 Census

NLAS(Capability) count by postcode



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Priority group profile (population counts by LGA)

Population group	NSW	CLSD region	Central Coast (NSW)	Lake Macquarie
NLAS(Capability)	483,640	38,130	23,460	14,680
NLAS(Community)	785,650	62,190	38,620	23,570
All Population	8,072,160	560,440	346,600	213,850
Population 15+	6,602,160	459,330	284,250	175,080
Female 15+	3,373,580	239,160	148,460	90,690
First nations population	278,040	28,810	17,050	11,760
First nations Female 15+	95,050	9,750	5,800	3,950
Low income 15+ <33.8K	2,527,600	190,630	118,770	71,850
Children & young people 0-24	2,424,090	163,860	101,120	62,750
Older people (65+, Ind 50+)	1,459,440	127,460	79,050	48,420
Lone parent 15+	337,730	28,730	18,200	10,530
Carer Payment	110,320	7,630	4,770	2,860
Disability Support Pension	239,520	21,540	13,110	8,440
NDIS Participants	172,190	16,420	9,750	6,670

Counts rounded to the nearest ten

Source: ABS 2021 Census

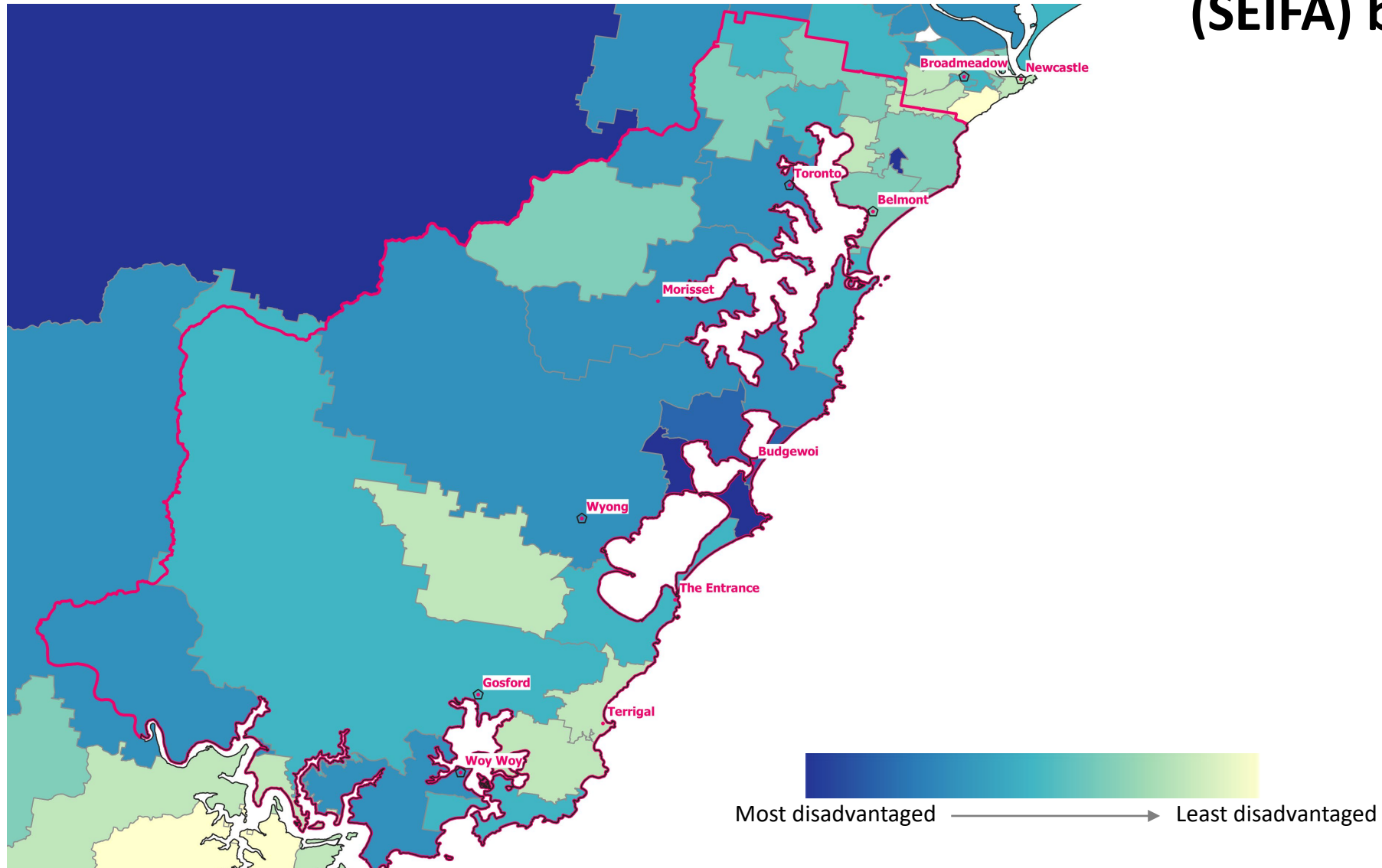
Priority group profile (percentages by LGA)

Population group	NSW	CLSD region	Central Coast (NSW)	Lake Macquarie
NLAS(Capability)	9.3	11.4	11.3	11.5
NLAS(Community)	11.9	13.5	13.6	13.5
Population 15+	81.8	82.0	82.0	81.9
Female 15+	41.8	42.7	42.8	42.4
First nations population	3.4	5.1	4.9	5.5
First nations Female 15+	1.2	1.7	1.7	1.8
Low income 15+ <33.8K	31.3	34.0	34.3	33.6
Children & young people 0-24	30.0	29.2	29.2	29.3
Older people (65+, Ind 50+)	18.1	22.7	22.8	22.6
Lone parent 15+	4.2	5.1	5.3	4.9
Carer Payment	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.3
Disability Support Pension	3.0	3.8	3.8	3.9
NDIS Participants	2.1	2.9	2.8	3.1

green cells	indicate a percentage lower than for NSW
red cells	indicate a percentage higher than for NSW

NLAS(Capability) rates are expressed as a percentage of the 15-64 population
 NLAS(Community) rates are expressed as a percentage of the 15+ population
 All other community group rates are expressed as a percentage of the total population

Index of relative socio-economic disadvantage (SEIFA) by postcode



Source: ABS 2021 Census, using NSW ranking

Community group definitions

Indicator	Description
NLAS(Capability)	NLAS(Capability) counts people with low personal income, and a lower level of educational attainment. It includes those who meet ALL criteria listed below: • Age 15–64 • Personal income is less than \$649 a week, or \$33,800 a year • Highest Year of school completed is: year 12 for those aged 15–44, year 11 for those aged 45–54, year 10 for those aged 55–64 • No post-school qualifications above Certificate 2 • Not currently studying
NLAS(Community)	NLAS(Community) counts people with medium household income, and a lower level of educational attainment. It includes those who meet ALL criteria listed below: • Age 15 or over • Equivalised total household income is less than \$999 a week, or \$52,000 a year • Highest Year of school completed is: year 12 for those aged 15–44, year 11 for those aged 45–54, year 10 for those aged 55–69, year 9 for those aged 70–79, year 8 for those aged 80 or over • No post-school qualification above Certificate 2 • Not currently studying
Population 15+	A count of people aged 15 and over.
Low income <33.8K (15+)	People aged 15 years and over with a personal income < \$649 a week or < \$33,800 a year.
Female 15+	Female people aged 15 years and over.
First nations (all ages)	People who identify as Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander, or both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander.
First nations Female 15+	Female people aged 15 years and over who identify as Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander, or both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander.
Children and young people	People aged 24 years and under, including babies and children.
Older people	People who identify as Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander, or both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander aged 50 and over, and people who did not identify as Indigenous aged 65 years and over.
Lone parents (15+)	People aged 15 years and over classified as lone parent. This is households with one male or female parent and a dependent child. All children under 15 are classified as dependent. Children aged 15 to 24 are dependent when they are in education.
Carer Payment	Carer Payment provides income support for carers who, because of the demands of their caring role, are unable to support themselves through substantial paid employment. Data includes recipients who are determined to be current (i.e. entitled to be paid) or suspended on the Centrelink payment system.
Disability Support Pension	DSP is an income support payment for people who are unable to work for 15 hours or more per week at or above the relevant minimum wage, independent of a Program of Support due to permanent physical, intellectual or psychiatric impairment. A DSP claimant must be aged 16 years or over and under Age Pension age at date of claim, however once in receipt of DSP, a person can continue to receive DSP beyond Age Pension age. Data includes recipients who are determined to be current (i.e. entitled to be paid) or suspended on the Centrelink payment system.
NDIS Participants	The number of active participants with a current NDIS plan.

Population data by postcode

For reference - this table presents the population counts by postcode used for mapping purposes.

Teal italic font denotes cross-border postcodes.

Postcode	All Population	First nations population	NLAS (Capability)
2083	1,670	20	80
2250	71,170	2,660	4,250
2251	33,720	1,010	1,480
2256	16,040	780	1,250
2257	30,400	1,250	1,960
2258	5,250	190	280
2259	66,240	4,090	5,150
2260	25,850	580	840
2261	55,130	2,950	3,950
2262	21,410	1,860	2,140
2263	24,550	1,880	2,480
2264	16,160	1,020	1,220
2265	7,460	340	420
2267	2,920	150	190
2278	2,570	200	240

Postcode	All Population	First nations population	NLAS (Capability)
2280	27,180	1,230	1,710
2281	15,320	760	1,120
2282	16,150	490	750
2283	24,420	1,660	1,870
2284	12,610	690	950
2285	33,870	2,170	2,400
2286	4,690	340	410
2287	40,850	2,290	2,780
2289	20,260	640	900
2290	34,910	1,640	2,060
2305	13,110	400	520
2306	3,420	560	790
2323	26,050	1,910	2,130
2775	1,520	60	120

Counts rounded to the nearest ten

Source: ABS 2021 Census