

# Regional Forest Agreements and Comprehensive Regional Assessment boundaries

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## Dataset Metadata

### Title:

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## Custodian

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Australian Government Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry  
Australian Government Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water  
Relevant state agencies

### Jurisdictions:

Australia  
New South Wales  
Queensland  
Tasmania  
Victoria  
Western Australia

## Description

### Abstract:

This vector dataset provides a national polygon coverage combining all Regional Forest Agreements (RFAs) and Comprehensive Regional Assessment boundaries supplied by RFA states.

A total of 12 boundaries are included, comprising boundaries for the 11 Regional Forest Agreements regions and one Comprehensive Regional Assessment region boundary. Regional Forest Agreements boundaries include:

New South Wales:

- Upper North East
- Lower North East
- Eden
- Southern NSW

Victoria:

- East Gippsland
- North East
- Central Highlands
- West Victoria
- Gippsland

Tasmania:

- Tasmanian

Western Australia:

- South West Forest Region of Western Australia

Notes: Region names are consistent with the titles of each Regional Forest Agreement.

The North East New South Wales Regional Forest Agreement comprises two regions – Upper and Lower.

A Comprehensive Regional Assessment was completed for the South-East Queensland region, however a Regional Forest Agreement was not signed. The area within the South-East Queensland region is included in this dataset. Victorian RFAs were terminated on 31 December 2024.

Areas outside RFA boundaries are not covered by an RFA and are effectively treated as having ‘no RFA’.

The boundary for the Tasmanian Regional Forest Agreement is defined as the whole State of Tasmania. The terrestrial extent of the State of Tasmania was derived from Geoscience Australia’s *GEODATA Coast 100K* data product.

**Purpose:**

This dataset is designed to support and enable Commonwealth reporting specified in the *National Forest Policy Statement*, the *Regional Forest Agreements Act 2002*, and to fulfil requirements under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*.

**ANZLIC Search words:**

BOUNDARIES  
BOUNDARIES Administrative  
FORESTS  
FORESTS Natural  
INDUSTRY  
INDUSTRY Primary  
LAND

**Geographic extent:**

Australia

West Bounding Longitude: 114.974650

East Bounding Longitude: 153.638340

North Bounding Latitude: -23.579696

South Bounding Latitude: -43.860401

**Data Currency/Status**

**Creation Date:**

2024-05-01

**Metadata Date:**

2024-12-01

**Progress:**

Complete

**Maintenance and Update Frequency:**

Not planned

**Access**

**Stored data format:**

Shapefile

**Available format type:**

Shapefile (4.6 MB zipped)

## Access Constraint

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## Data Quality

### Lineage:

Spatial datasets of individual region boundaries were supplied by relevant state agencies, as credited.

Where relevant, coastlines for regions were derived from Geoscience Australia's *GEODATA Coast 100K* data product to ensure consistent coastline representation for all jurisdictions.

Inconsistencies between internal region boundaries on state borders were rectified by applying geometry information from Geoscience Australia's *GEODATA 100K* data product.

The final dataset is supplied in Geocentric Datum of Australia 1994 (GDA94) geographics.

Areas generated from this data should be calculated using an Albers equal area projection for Australia.

### Credit:

#### New South Wales

- Department of Primary Industries
- Environment Protection Authority
- Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water

#### Queensland

- Department of Agriculture and Fisheries

#### Tasmania

- Department of Natural Resources and Environment
- Department of State Growth

#### Victoria

- Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action

#### Western Australia

- Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions

#### Commonwealth

- Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
- Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water
- Geoscience Australia

### Positional accuracy:

Nominally set at a scale of approximately 1:100,000. The extent, boundaries and attributes of the data conforms with its intended use. Differences may occur between this dataset and corresponding state-based datasets due to, but not limited to, positional accuracy, variation in interpretation of original true coverages and consistency enhancements from the application of Geoscience Australia's *GEODATA* product. See [Use Constraints](#) for further information.

**Attribute accuracy:**

The attributes have been checked for accuracy. Tables were thoroughly checked, with each individual polygon attributed and individually assessed.

**Attributes:**

Field name	Description
REG_NAME	Specifies the name of the region.
REG_TYPE	Specifies the type of region where: RFA = Regional Forest Agreement CRA = Comprehensive Regional Assessment
STATE	Specified the jurisdiction in which the region occurs.

**Logical consistency:**

Dataset attribution has been tested and validated as accurate. Integrity of spatial geometry has been checked and validated to adhere to rules of topology.

**Completeness:**

Complete for Commonwealth Regional Forest Agreements purposes.

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**General constraints:**

The user waives and releases the Commonwealth of Australia to the full extent permitted by law from all liability for loss or damage arising from the use of, or reliance on, material or information made available through this dataset.

The spatial boundaries are a representation of the RFAs as legally defined in the *Regional Forest Agreements Act 2002* and should not be used for detailed analysis. In the event of an inconsistency between this data and the relevant legislation, the latter prevails.

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