

# Australian Hydrological Geospatial Fabric (Geofabric) Data Product Specification

## Surface Catchments

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## Preface

This document is based upon the AS/NZS ISO 19131:2008 Geographic information - Data product specifications standard<sup>1</sup>. The document provides a framework for the completion of a Data Product Specification (DPS) for geographic data product produced as part of the Geofabric project.

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<sup>1</sup> AS/NZS, "AS/NZS ISO 19131:2008 Geographic information - Data product specifications" (AS/NZS, July 21, 2008), [www.saiglobal.com/online/](http://www.saiglobal.com/online/).

## 1 Overview

### 1.1 Data product specification title

Geofabric Surface Catchments

### 1.2 Reference date

2011-08-30

### 1.3 Responsible party

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### 1.4 Data product specification language

English

### 1.5 Terms and definitions

Please refer to the Glossary in the Geofabric Product Guide

### 1.6 Abbreviations and acronyms

AHGF	Australian Hydrological Geospatial Fabric
ANUDEM	Australian National University Digital Elevation Model
ANUDEM Streams	ANUDEM Derived Streams V1.1.2
ANZLIC	Australian and New Zealand Land Information Council
AWRC	Australian Water Resources Council
Bureau	Australian Government: Bureau of Meteorology
DEM	Digital Elevation Model
DEM-9S	GEODATA 9 Digital Elevation Model Version 3
GA	Geoscience Australia

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GDA94	Geodetic Datum of Australia 1994
GIS	Geographic Information System
ISO	International Organization for Standardization
DPS	Data Product Specification
ESRI	Environmental Systems Research Institute Inc.
FGDC	Federal Geographic Data Committee
NCB	National Catchment Boundaries
SDE	Spatial Database Engine

### 1.7 Informal description of data product

The Geofabric Surface Catchments product is largely based on feature classes created from ANUDEM Derived Streams V1.1.2 (ANUDEM Streams) as supplied by Geoscience Australia (GA). The GA supplied data products were integrated into the Geofabric Maintenance Geodatabase using a series of scripted procedures that created additional features and unique IDs – HydroIDs – which are generated during the data post-processing load procedures carried out by the Australian Bureau of Meteorology (Bureau). The data product is delivered as a series of related feature classes as an ESRI File Geodatabase.

Geofabric Surface Catchments is intended to support the Geofabric and provide a topographic basis for classification and reporting of analyses of subcatchments.

The AHGFCatchment polygons are converted from a regular 9 second grid delineating the National Catchment Boundaries (NCB) for the Australian continent. The NCB delineate hierarchically nested catchments derived using an automated drainage analysis procedure, based on a multi-flow extension of the version 3.1 flow direction grid associated with the 9 second DEM (GEODATA National 9 Second Digital Elevation Model [DEM-9S] Version 3, ANZLIC unique identifier: ANZCW0703011541).

At the highest levels in the hierarchy the NCB aggregate the 9 second drainage basins into 12 topographically-defined Drainage Divisions (Level 1), and 191 catchment units (Level 2), approximating the Australian Water Resources Council (AWRC) River Basins where possible (Australia's River Basins v1 GA, 1997, v1. ANZLIC identifier: ANZCW0703005427). At lower levels, the Level 2 units are subdivided into successively finer sub-catchments using a modified version of the Pfafstetter reference system (Pfafstetter), (Verdin, K. L. and Verdin, J. P. (1999), A topological system for delineation and codification of the Earth's river basins, *Journal of Hydrology*, vol. 218, no. 1–2, pp. 1–12.

The data product extent is Geographic Australia (as defined by *Acts Interpretation Act 1901*). The product will be updated periodically to reflect changed attribution and new data sources.

## 2 Specification scope

### 2.1 Scope identification

Global

### 2.2 Level

Dataset

### 2.3 Level name

Global scope

### 2.4 Level description

This is the default root level global scope used by this data product and relates to all data within the product.

### 2.5 Extent

#### 2.5.1 Description

Data for this scope relates to Australia, excluding external territories - Geographic Australia (as defined by *Acts Interpretation Act 1901*).

#### 2.5.2 Geographic extent

##### West bound longitude

112.8 °

##### East bound longitude

154.1 °

##### South bound latitude

-44.0 °

##### North bound latitude

-8.9 °

### 2.5.3 Temporal extent

**Start date**

1992-01-01

**End date**

Now

### **3 Data product identification**

#### **3.1 Title**

Geofabric Surface Catchments

#### **3.2 Alternate title**

Geofabric Surface Hydrology Catchments 1:250,000 scale 2011

#### **3.3 Product ID**

ANZCW0503900105

#### **3.4 Abstract**

The Geofabric Surface Catchments product is derived from the NCB V1.1.4. This data defines a catchment for every stream segment contained within the Geofabric Surface Network product according to the DEM-9S. These stream segment level boundaries may be used individually or in aggregation. The product is designed to represent geographic surface boundaries that have a hydrological relationship to surface water features. The NCB Level 1 and NCB Level 2 features are the top two levels in the NCB Catchment hierarchy and have been provided as polygon boundaries.

This product contains one Geofabric feature type called Catchment.

It also contains three NCB feature types: NCBLevel1Drainage Division, NCBLevel2Drainage Basin, and NCBPfafstetter.

#### **3.5 Purpose**

This product is intended to support the creation or definition of topologically consistent and hydrologically enforced streamflow aggregation boundaries. The catchment attributes can be extended by linking the NCB Pfafstetter table to include the Pfafstetter reference system for identifying and aggregating catchments.

This product is intended to supplement the Geofabric Surface Cartography and Geofabric Surface Network data products. This product is also used as the basis for building contracted catchments in the Geofabric Hydrology Reporting Catchments product and provides a spatial framework for analysis and assessment of streams and their catchments.

##### **3.5.1 Use case**

Stream network analysis and surface hydrologic analysis by aggregated catchment boundaries.

### **3.6 Topic category**

- 003 - boundaries
- 007 - environment
- 012 - inland water
- 018 - transportation

### **3.7 Spatial representation**

vector

### **3.8 Spatial resolution**

#### **3.8.1 Spatial denominator**

250,000

#### **3.8.2 Resolution distance**

250 metres

### **3.9 Geographic bounding box**

#### **3.9.1 West bound longitude**

112.8 °

#### **3.9.2 East bound longitude**

154.1 °

#### **3.9.3 South bound latitude**

-44 °

#### **3.9.4 North bound latitude**

-8.9 °

### **3.10 Geographic identifier**

#### **3.10.1 Identifier authority**

ANZLIC – the Spatial Information Council

#### **3.10.2 Identifier code**

AUS

#### **3.10.3 Code space (register URL)**

ANZLIC

<http://asdd.ga.gov.au/asdd/profileinfo/anzlic-allgens.xml>

### **3.11 Reference to specification scope**

Global

## 4 Data content and structure

### 4.1 Description

The product consists of the following components which combine to give a complete data product:

#### Vector data

The data is available as an ESRI File Geodatabase: Geofabric Surface Catchments. The ESRI File Geodatabase reflects the stored environment of the data Spatial Database Engine (SDE) export format. In its native ESRI File Geodatabase format, Geofabric Surface Catchments consists of a single feature dataset/theme – SH\_Catchments – containing three feature classes, one relationship class and one ancillary lookup table. The geodatabase structure provides greater efficiencies in the management and revision of source topographic data, which are now reflected in a more sophisticated data product suitable for a range of hydrological applications.

#### Geofabric Product Guide

This guide describes the Geofabric Surface Catchments, particularly the geodatabase format, with the aim of describing:

- important and common geospatial data characteristics
- geodatabase components and data concepts
- hierarchy of feature structure and attributes
- accuracy of the data.

#### Licence Agreement Creative Commons

The licence agreement details the conditions of use for the data including any referencing requirements.

## 4.2 Feature information

### 4.2.1 Application schema

Refer to Geofabric Surface Catchments – Geodatabase Product Schema V2.0 2011 available from [www.bom.gov.au/water/geofabric/documentation.shtml](http://www.bom.gov.au/water/geofabric/documentation.shtml)

### 4.2.2 Feature catalogue

The following table lists the feature classes, their geometry and AHGF feature type number for Geofabric Surface Catchments.

**Table 1 - Product Feature Type Registry for Geofabric Surface Catchments**

<b>SH_Catchments - Feature Class/TableName.Subtype(Type)</b>	<b>Feature Class Geometry</b>	<b>AHGF Feature Type Number</b>
AHGFCatchment	polygon	21
NCBPfafstetter	na	table
NCBLevel1DrainageDivision	polygon	na
NCBLevel2DrainageBasin	polygon	na

## 4.3 Reference to specification scope

Global

## **5 Reference systems**

### **5.1 Spatial reference system**

#### **5.1.1 Name**

GDA94

#### **5.1.2 Code**

4283

#### **5.1.3 Code space**

EPSG\_v65

### **5.2 Temporal reference system**

Gregorian calendar

### **5.3 Vertical reference system**

Not applicable

### **5.4 Reference system scope**

Global

## 6 Data quality

### 6.1 Data quality scope

#### 6.1.1 Scope code

Dataset

#### 6.1.2 Extent

Australia (excluding external Territories)

#### 6.1.3 Scope description

The data quality metadata relates to the entire dataset comprising this data product.

### 6.2 Data quality lineage

#### 6.2.1 Lineage statement

##### Data sources

Geofabric Surface Catchments is part of a suite of Geofabric products produced by the Bureau. The geometry of this product is largely derived from the NCB V1.1.4. It consists of catchments, NCB Level 1 Drainage Divisions, NCB Level 2 Drainage Basins and the NCB Pfafstetter table. The feature class terminology for Geofabric Surface Catchments components has been modified to distinguish it in terms of the product's underlying data model.

This AHGFCatchment feature is based upon polygons converted from a regular 9 second grid delineating the NCB for the Australian continent. The NCB delineate hierarchically nested catchments derived using an automated drainage analysis procedure, based on a multi-flow extension of the version 3.1 flow direction grid associated with the DEM-9S (ANZLIC unique identifier: ANZCW0703011541).

At the highest levels in the hierarchy the NCB aggregate the 9 second drainage basins into 12 topographically-defined Drainage Divisions (Level 1), and 191 Drainage Basins (Level 2), approximating the AWRC River Basins (Australia's River Basins, GA, 1997 ANZLIC identifier: ANZCW0703005427) where possible. At lower levels, the Level 2 units are sub-divided into successively finer sub-catchments using a modified version of the Pfafstetter procedure (Verdin, K. L. and Verdin, J. P. (1999) A topological system for delineation and codification of the Earth's river basins, *Journal of Hydrology*, vol. 218, no. 1–2, pp. 1–12. This layer delineates the lowest level catchment units being the sub-catchments draining directly to a stream segment in the ANUDEM stream layer or, where there are no ANUDEM Streams, the 9 second drainage basin. The higher level catchment membership of each of these sub-catchments is derived from its NCB code.

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### Processing steps:

1. V1.1.4 NCB dataset is received and loaded into the Geofabric development GIS environment.
2. Feature classes from NCB are recomposed into composited Geofabric Framework Dataset feature classes in the Geofabric Maintenance Geodatabase.
3. Re-composited feature classes in the Geofabric Maintenance Geodatabase Feature Dataset are assigned unique Hydro-IDs using ESRI ArcHydro for Surface Water (ArcHydro: 1.4.0.180 and ApFramework: 3.1.0.84).
4. Feature classes from the Geofabric Maintenance Geodatabase Feature Dataset are extracted and reassigned to the Geofabric Surface Catchments Feature Dataset within the Geofabric Surface Catchments Geodatabase.

A complete set of data mappings, from input source data to Geofabric Products, is included in the Geofabric Product Guide, Appendices, which is available at [www.bom.gov.au/water/geofabric/documentation.shtml](http://www.bom.gov.au/water/geofabric/documentation.shtml)

### 6.3 Quality scope

Global

## **7 Data capture**

### **7.1 Data capture statement**

This is primarily a derived data product from AusHydro v1.7.2 (AusHydro) and ANUDEM Streams. Refer to the AusHydro data lineage in the Geofabric Product Guide for information about data capture and processing of source data used to create this product.

The Geofabric Product Guide is available at  
[www.bom.gov.au/water/geofabric/documentation.shtml](http://www.bom.gov.au/water/geofabric/documentation.shtml)

### **7.2 Data capture scope**

Global

## **8 Data maintenance**

### **8.1 Maintenance and update frequency**

Irregular

### **8.2 Other maintenance information**

The product will be updated periodically, as deemed necessary, to reflect changed attribution and new data sources.

### **8.3 Maintenance scope**

Global

## **9 Portrayal information**

### **9.1 Portrayal information**

Not applicable

### **9.2 Portrayal scope**

Global

## 10 Data Product Delivery

### 10.1 Delivery format

#### 10.1.1 Format name

ESRI ArcGIS File Geodatabase

#### 10.1.2 Format version

ArcGIS v9.3

#### 10.1.3 Language used within the dataset

English

#### 10.1.4 Character set coding

Utf8

### 10.2 Delivery medium

#### 10.2.1 Units of delivery

National dataset

#### 10.2.2 Estimated size of a unit in the specified format

SH\_Catchments.gdb = 873 MB

#### 10.2.3 Medium name

onLine

#### 10.2.4 Online delivery URL

[www.bom.gov.au/water/geofabric/download.shtml](http://www.bom.gov.au/water/geofabric/download.shtml)

### 10.3 Other delivery information

Also supplied as ESRI Shapefiles (requires written request to [ahgf@bom.gov.au](mailto:ahgf@bom.gov.au))

ESRI File Geodatabase and ESRI shapefiles are also available on DVD from the Bureau.

#### **10.4 Delivery scope**

onLine

## 11 Additional information

### 11.1 Additional information

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#### Special features of the supplied data product or its component parts

Spatial data in the ESRI File Geodatabase, Geofabric Product Guide and Geofabric Data Product Specifications.

#### Limitation or constraints on product use

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#### Layer files or queries that operate on the data product

Geofabric\_Surface\_Catchments.lyr

#### Related data products

- Geofabric Surface Cartography
- Geofabric Surface Network
- Geofabric Groundwater Cartography
- Geofabric Hydrology Reporting Catchments
- Geofabric Hydrology Reporting Regions.

### 11.2 Additional information scope

Global

## 12 Metadata

### Metadata format requirements

Metadata compliant with ANZLIC Metadata Profile Version 1.1 of AS/NZS ISO 19115 was produced for this data product. The metadata profile is available at dataset level. Feature level metadata is provided within the ArcGIS ArcCatalog FGDC style sheet for all feature types included within this product and describes the lineage of feature.

### Metadata encoding requirements

ArcGIS FGDC and ANZLIC compliant feature metadata.

### References to metadata for data product and component parts

An ISO 19115 compliant XML file of the Geofabric Surface Catchments metadata statement accompanies the Product (SH\_Catchments.xml) and is viewable using either the ArcGIS ISO 19139 ArcCatalog metadata style sheet or the ANZMet Lite version 1.0 metadata creation tool available from:

[www.osdm.gov.au/Metadata/ANZLIC+metadata+resources/ANZMet+Toolkit+%28final+draft+-+07.2009%29/default.aspx](http://www.osdm.gov.au/Metadata/ANZLIC+metadata+resources/ANZMet+Toolkit+%28final+draft+-+07.2009%29/default.aspx)



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