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Abstract	<p><i>Regional Forestry Hubs boundaries (2022)</i> is a spatial dataset comprising the boundaries created by each of eleven Regional Forestry Hubs established under the National Forest Industries Plan (DAWE 2018a). A list of the eleven Regional Forestry Hubs and their date of establishment can be found in Appendix 1.</p> <p>The Regional Forestry Hubs were created under the National Forest Industries Plan and associated budget measures to identify economic and social opportunities and benefits in regions with existing concentrations of wood supply resources, processing and/or manufacturing operations, established transport links, and strong potential for growth.</p> <p>The <i>Regional Forestry Hubs boundaries (2022)</i> dataset was assembled by ABARES for the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment to support the Regional Forestry Hub committees. Each Regional Forestry Hub is led by a committee which worked with local stakeholders such as the forest industry, community groups, forest consultants and state and local governments, to define its specific region. A mix of different geographic elements were used to inform the development of the hub boundaries including Local Government Areas, Regional Forest Agreement regions, and major roads and rivers. ABARES is the central repository of each of the hub boundary datasets, all of which have been endorsed by their respective committees.</p> <p>Further information about the Regional Forestry Hubs can be found on the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment's website: awe.gov.au/agriculture-land/forestry/regional-forestry-hubs.</p> <p>This dataset is available on the Forests Australia website spatial data page.</p>
Purpose	To delineate the Regional Forestry Hubs, established under National Forest Industries Plan measures and as endorsed by the respective committees for each of the eleven Regional Forestry Hubs.

ANZLIC search words	FORESTS FORESTS Natural FORESTS Plantation FORESTS Production FORESTS Agroforestry BOUNDARIES Administrative
Keyword(s)	Australia Farm forestry Forest Forestry Forestry hubs Forest industry Native forestry Plantation Regional Forestry Hub
Sources used to generate this dataset and/or resource	As directed by the respective committee for each of the eleven Regional Forestry Hubs, using a mix of geographic elements such as ABS structures (mesh blocks, statistical areas) (ABS 2016a), non ABS structures (Local Government Areas) (ABS 2016b), Topodata 250K Series 3 (Geoscience Australia 2006) and Regional Forestry Agreement boundaries (DAWE 2018b)
Publication date	31 March 2022
Latest date of information/currency	09 March 2022
Data file name	Regional_Forestry_Hubs_09March2022
Stored data format	GIS files created using Esri ArcGIS 10.6 software: Shapefile feature vector digital data
Compressed file size	7.29 MB
Geographic extent	Australia excluding external territories North bounding Latitude: -8.2° South bounding Latitude: -44.4° East bounding Longitude: 157.2° West bounding Longitude: 109.5°
Scale	1: 250,000
Spatial reference	ESPG:3577 GDA94 Australian Albers Coordinate system: GDA_1994_Albers False Easting: 0 False Northing: 0 Central meridian: 132° Standard parallels: -18°, -36° Latitude of origin: 0° Datum: D_GDA_1994
Positional accuracy	Horizontal: ±50 metres Vertical: not applicable

Attribute accuracy	Attributes are compiled exercising due care and skill. However, accuracy of attributes is in part dependent on accuracy of data supplied to ABARES and therefore cannot be guaranteed.
Completeness	Dataset provides coverage of the eleven Regional Forestry Hubs boundaries in Australia, listed in Appendix 1, as at date of publishing.
Update frequency	As required.
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Access constraints	No restriction, nil cost.
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Security constraints	Classification: Unclassified
Legal constraints	The Australian Government acting through the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment, represented by the Australian Bureau of Agricultural and Resource Economics and Sciences (ABARES), has exercised due care and skill in preparing and compiling the information and data in this publication. Notwithstanding, the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment, ABARES, its employees and advisers disclaim all liability, including liability for negligence and for any loss, damage, injury, expense or cost incurred by any person as a result of accessing, using or relying on any of the information or data in this publication to the maximum extent permitted by law.
Metadata date	31 March 2022
Additional metadata	The date of establishment of the hubs are available in Appendix 1 and on the Regional Forestry Hub page within the website of the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment (DAWE 2022).

Appendix 1

Table 1: Name of regional forestry hub, date the hub was established, and documentation of any hub name changes

Regional Forestry Hub	Date of establishment	Name changes
North East New South Wales	April 2019	None
Central West New South Wales	May 2020	None
South East New South Wales	December 2021	Initially referred to as Eden
Murray Region	September 2019	Originally South West Slopes New South Wales
Gippsland	May 2020	None
Green Triangle	April 2019	None
North Queensland	April 2020	None
South and Central Queensland	April 2020	Originally South East Queensland
Tasmania	Mid-2019	Originally North and North West Tasmania
South West Western Australia	May 2019	None
Northern Territory and Ord Valley	August 2021	None

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