

DATA PRICES *HEAVILY DISCOUNTED*



The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry, Science and Resources, Warren Entsch, recently announced the introduction of a new pricing and delivery scheme for AUSLIG's GEODATA TOPO-250K dataset as well as other selected datasets.

"This scheme will improve access to fundamental mapping data and provide a 66 per cent reduction in the price of some map data," Mr Entsch said.

The new Recommended Retail Price (RRP) for the data is \$100 for a map tile all inclusive, and generous bulk discounts apply. The previous RRP was \$300 per tile. For national coverage, the RRP has dropped from approximately \$43,000 to \$13,000.

The new pricing scheme for data will also apply to AUSLIG's 1:100 000 scale and 1:1 million scale Mapdata.

"Our aim here is to help industry and the community by providing ready access to management and planning tools," Mr Entsch said.

"The data is now more affordable for those with limited funds such as Landcare groups, small businesses and research institutions. It will also aid sustainable development in rural and outback communities."

Within the next year, map data users may also have the option of acquiring the data on-line via the Internet.

NEW PRICING STRUCTURE

Price per tile is \$100, all themes inclusive (3 themes for \$100 for TOPO-250K Series 1) (5 themes for \$100 for TOPO-250K Series 2)

BULK DISCOUNTS

(bulk discounts apply to a tile, not a theme)

- 1-10 tiles - full price
- 11-100 tiles - 50% of RRP
- 101-200 tiles - 25% of RRP
- 200 + tiles - 15% of RRP

EXISTING RRP COMPARED TO NEW RRP FOR TOPO-250K

	Tiles	Existing price \$100 per tile per theme	New price \$100 per tile
TAS	1	\$300	\$100
	4	\$1,100	\$400
	5	\$1,250	\$500
	10	\$2,000	\$1,000
	20	\$3,500	\$1,500
VIC	30	\$5,000	\$2,000
	50	\$6,750	\$3,000
NSW	67	\$8,025	\$3,850
SA	75	\$8,625	\$4,250
	100	\$10,500	\$5,500
NT	107	\$11,025	\$5,675
QLD	144	\$13,800	\$6,600
	150	\$14,250	\$6,750
WA	184	\$16,800	\$7,600
	200	\$18,000	\$8,000
	300	\$28,000	\$9,500
All of Australia	500	\$40,500	\$12,500
	535	\$43,125	\$13,025

TOPO-250K SERIES 2 - *NOW AVAILABLE*

A number of TOPO-250K Series 2 tiles are now available from AUSLIG or your AUSLIG authorised distributor.

TOPO-250K Series 2 is the revised TOPO-250K product featuring a wealth of new features in addition to those contained in the original product.

Some of the new features of the dataset are contours, reserved land areas, vegetation, rural buildings and homesteads. The data is provided in GDA94 format.

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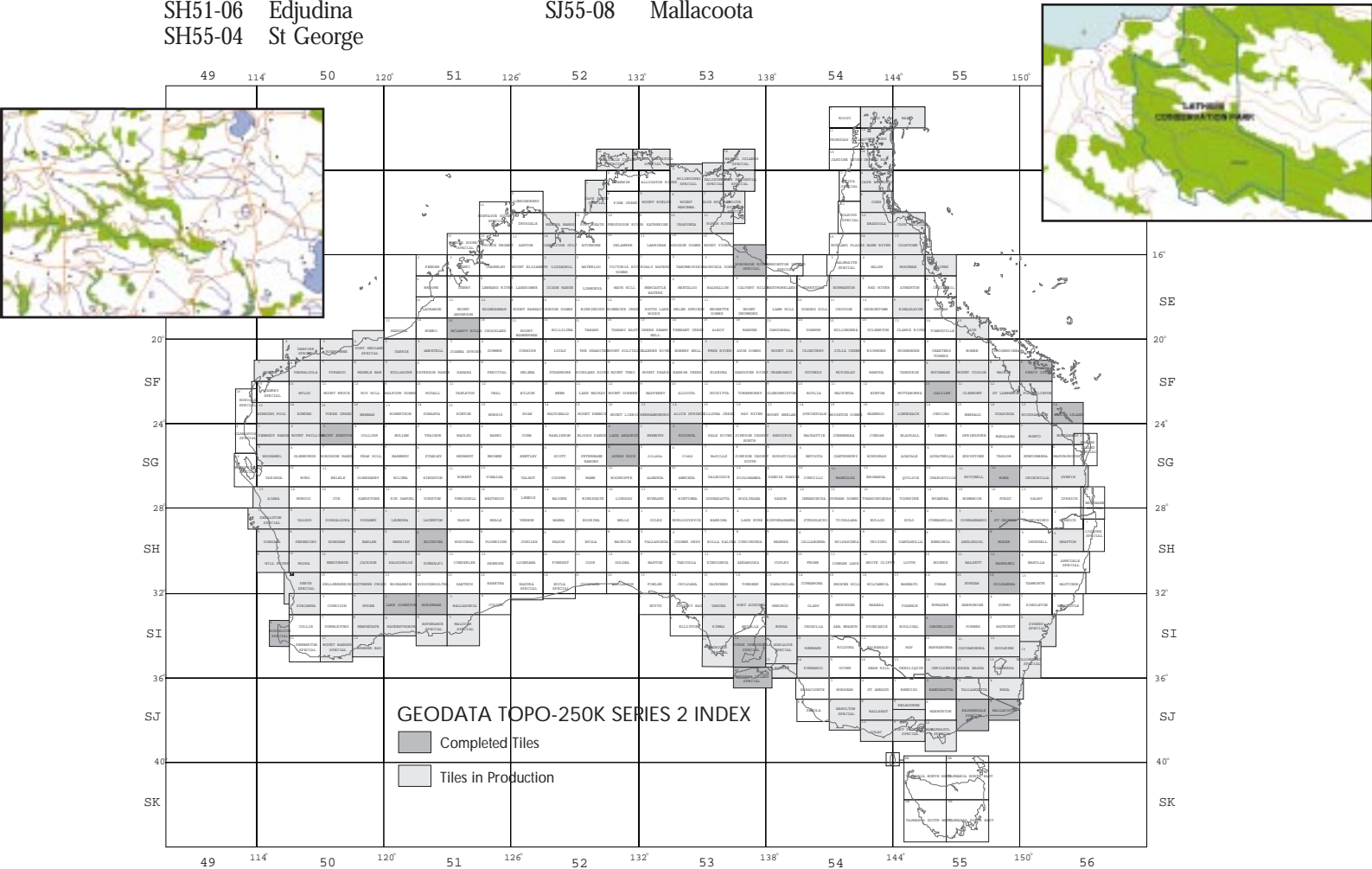
TOPO-250K SERIES 2 – **NOW AVAILABLE** (CONT. FROM PREVIOUS PAGE)

As of the date of this publication the following tiles are available:

SE51-15	McLarty Hill	SH55-08	Moree
SE53-04	Robinson River Special	SH55-12	Narrabri
SF55-10	Galilee	SH55-16	Gilgandra
SF56-05	Percy Isles	SI50-05	Busselton Special
SF56-14	Heron Island	SI51-01	Lake Johnston
SG50-03	Mount Egerton	SI51-02	Norseman
SG52-04	Lake Amadeus	SI53-12	Yorke Peninsula Special
SG52-08	Ayers Rock	SI53-16	Kangaroo Island Special
SG53-02	Rodinga	SI55-06	Cargelligo
SG54-11	Barrolka	SJ55-02	Wangaratta
SG55-12	Roma	SJ55-07	Bairnsdale Special
SH51-06	Edjudina	SJ55-08	Mallacoota
SH55-04	St George		

Data is available in MapInfo and ArcInfo. DXF and SDTS format data will also be available in the near future.

Free sample data for TOPO-250K Series 2 is now available on AUSLIG's Internet site at www.auslig.gov.au under the "Freebies" icon.



NEW DATA AT 1:2.5 MILLION SCALE

A seamless and up-to-date mapping dataset is now available from AUSLIG at 1:2.5 million scale. Titled "TOPO-2.5M", this dataset provides data at a scale particularly suited to national, State-wide and larger regional applications.

TOPO-2.5M has been designed specifically as a base map for the production of hard copy and digital maps. As a fundamental base layer of geographic information, it can be combined with a variety of other

data including resource and environmental data, satellite imagery or demographic data.

TOPO-2.5M is a vector representation of the Australian landscape as represented on the AUSLIG 1:2.5 million scale topographic maps. Data was primarily sourced from AUSLIG's GEODATA TOPO-250K dataset.

The TOPO-2.5M dataset includes water-bodies, reefs, State borders,

islands, built-up areas, roads, streams, canals, localities and railways. Attributes are provided for some features and include road classification and stream perenniality attributes.

Data is available on CD-ROM in the following formats: ARCINFO Export Format, ArcView Shape Files, MapInfo Interchange Format, MapInfo Tables and DXF. The Recommended Retail Price of the data is \$550 for national coverage.

SATELLITE IMAGERY **ON-LINE**

GEODATA SPOT-LITE is a new product from AUSLIG which allows those in the GIS industry to gain access to satellite imagery in a timely fashion at an affordable price. Satellite imagery provides unique benefits as it covers vast tracts of land with accurate, detailed photographic and computer-ready views of the earth's surface. The main benefit to the GIS industry is the ability to use imagery as a backdrop to show most features on the ground.

GEODATA SPOT-LITE is a detailed satellite image mosaic covering much of Australia that you can purchase and download directly from the Web. It is available in a series of "tiles", each one covering an area of approximately 25km by 25km. The Recommended Retail Price of each tile is \$300.

SPOT-LITE is derived from data acquired by the PAN (panchromatic) sensor on board the SPOT series of satellites. The PAN sensor provides black and white images of 10 metres resolution. That is, the smallest object that can be seen on the image is about 10m x 10m. SPOT-LITE images are between six months and five years old.

SPOT-LITE tiles are supplied in industry standard GeoTIFF format. This means they can be displayed easily by any graphics package that can read TIFF. In addition, many Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and Image Analysis Systems (IAS) can read the georeferencing information stored in the GeoTIFF header and can therefore readily integrate SPOT-LITE tiles with other georeferenced information. SPOT-LITE tiles are geocoded to an average accuracy of 20m with a worst case of 60m.



These images were originally used for AUSLIG's national mapping program and, as a by-product of that program, have been made available to the public at a very reasonable price. Current SPOT-LITE coverage includes all Australian capital cities and extensive surrounding areas. The database will be updated regularly with images processed for AUSLIG's on-going national mapping program.

For more information or to download SPOT-LITE images, see the SPOT-LITE web site at www.auslig.gov.au/spotlite

GDA - ONE YEAR TO GO

It is now less than a year until the Year 2000, when the Geocentric Datum of Australia (GDA) is adopted by all government agencies within Australia. On the technical side of things, all Commonwealth, State and Territory surveying and mapping agencies are on track. Some implementation plans are already complete and others on schedule to convert by the end of 2000.

In the GDA promotions area, the thrust has shifted slightly to focus on a broader user community to include people using spatial information in recreational activities. Over 30,000 'Know Where You Stand With GDA' brochures were distributed in 1998. Copies of the brochure are still available by contacting Kelley Zammit.

This year will see the release of an introductory GDA video with a complementary CD-ROM version and a series of fact sheets to assist with the transition to the

new datum. Information regarding the video and fact sheets will be posted on the GDA web site, as it becomes available.

The GDA web site contains details on the Commonwealth, State and Territory Mapping Agency GDA Implementation Strategies, GDA news updates, the GDA Technical Manual and lots more. Bookmark the site and keep a check for regular updates.

For more information see the GDA web site at www.anzlic.org.au/icsm/gda/index.htm or contact Kelley Zammit, the GDA Promotion Officer on 02 6201 4357 or email KelleyZammit@auslig.gov.au



ASDD OFFICIALLY RELEASED

The Australian Spatial Data Directory (ASDD) was officially released by the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry, Science and Resources, Warren Entsch, in Canberra on 17 November 1998.

The ASDD makes geographic information held by government agencies throughout Australia more accessible to the public.



The development of the ASDD by Commonwealth and State government agencies was coordinated by AUSLIG, Environment Australia and the Bureau of Rural Sciences.

"The Directory provides access to data catalogues held by many Australian government agencies via the World Wide Web," Mr Entsch said.

The extent of geographic or spatial information available about a particular area can now be gleaned from the one inquiry. This will benefit resource and environmental managers, researchers, planners and others who rely on geographic information to do their job.

The ASDD provides direct access to more than 19,000 datasets distributed throughout Australia through a simple method of search, discovery and retrieval of spatial datasets.

The Internet address for the ASDD is www.environment.gov.au/net/asdd/



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