

Abstract

Regional water strategies (RWS) set the direction for water planning and management at a regional scale over the next 20-40 years. There are 14 regional water strategies (*including Greater Sydney Water Strategy*), tailored to the unique challenges and needs of each region. They have been developed in partnership with water service providers, local councils, communities, Aboriginal people and other stakeholders across NSW.

The boundaries of regional water strategy areas define regions in NSW for which regional water strategies are prepared. The boundaries are based on several factors, including:

- surface water hydrology
- statutory instruments, such as water sharing plans and water resource plans
- economic, social and cultural factors
- government strategic plans

The boundaries of regional water strategy (RWS) areas mostly, but not exclusively, align with groups of water sharing plan boundaries for surface water sources:

- In coastal areas, RWS boundaries align with Water Sharing Plan boundaries
- In inland areas, RWS boundaries align with Water Resource Plan boundaries.

The NSW Murray RWS also includes the area for the Wentworth weir pool. Its boundary is further defined using the Bureau of Meteorology's (BoM) geofabric AHGF Catchment layer to include the catchments that incorporate the Wentworth Weir pool. The Fish River-Wywendy RWS boundary was also further defined using the BoM geofabric, local council boundaries and National Parks Estate boundaries.

Note: If you would like to ask a question, make any suggestions, or tell us how you are using this dataset, please visit the [NSW Water Hub which has an online forum](#) you can join.

Resource locator

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Data quality statement for NSW Regional Water Strategies boundaries spatial dataset

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[Regional Water Strategy Areas \(FeatureServer\) \(nsw.gov.au\)](#)

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[Historical Data Package-FGDB_Regional_Water_Strategy_Areas_07112024.gdb.zip](#)

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Retired file Geodatabase of Regional Water Strategy areas. Version is as at 07/11/2024.

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Purpose Strategic water resource planning

Status Completed

Spatial representation

Type vector

Spatial reference system

Code identifying the spatial reference system 4283

Spatial resolution 1 m

Topic category

Keyword set	
keyword value	WATER
Originating controlled vocabulary	
Title	ANZLIC Search Words
Reference date	2008-05-16
Geographic location	
West bounding longitude	141
East bounding longitude	154
North bounding latitude	-37.7
South bounding latitude	-28
NSW Place Name	NSW
Vertical extent information	
Minimum value	-100
Maximum value	2228
Coordinate reference system	
Authority code	urn:ogc:def:cs:EPSG::
Code identifying the coordinate reference system	5711
Temporal extent	
Begin position	2019-03-28
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Dataset reference date	
Resource maintenance	
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Lineage	<p>For coastal areas (South Coast RWS, North Coast RWS, Far North Coast RWS, Greater Hunter RWS) the region boundaries align with, and were developed from, Water Sharing Plan boundaries.</p> <p>For inland areas, RWS boundaries align with, and were developed from, Water Resource Plan boundaries. The Murray RWS boundary is further defined using the Geoscience Australia's geofabric dataHR_Regions layer.</p>

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