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Title	Ports of Australia
Custodian	Geoscience Australia (GA)
Jurisdiction	Australia
<b>Description</b>	
Abstract	The Ports coverage contains locations and other data such as weblinks commodities, tonnage of imports and exports and company names. The information regarding the ports was obtained from a search of the WWW with the most informative site and organisation being the Association of Australian Ports and Marine Authorities (AAPMA). South Australia and Queensland also have state port authorities (Flinders Ports, SA; Ports Corporation of Queensland) which also have valuable information.
Search Word(s)	Ports Shipping Imports, exports
Geographic Extent Name(s)	Australia excluding external territories.
<b>Data Currency</b>	
Beginning Date	31Oct2002
Ending Date	Current
<b>Dataset Status</b>	
Progress	Planned
Maintenance and Update Frequency	Bi-annually
<b>Access</b>	
Stored Data Format	DIGITAL - ESRI Shapefile
Available Format Type	DIGITAL - ESRI Shapefile, MS Excel Spreadsheet
Access Constraint	See contact details below.
<b>Data Quality</b>	
Lineage	<p>The data used in the webmap comes from four main sources:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AAPMA</li> <li>• Company/Ports websites</li> <li>• Personal communications</li> <li>• The gazetteer</li> </ul> <p>The original data collected for the Ports coverage was collected from a search of the web and put into an excel spreadsheet (ports.xls). The tonnage and commodity data was collected from the AAPMA website</p>

	(www.aapma.org.au) whilst the location data was generally obtained from the gazetteer. In the case of port coming under the banner of Flinders Ports, they display a location, however I have used the gazetteer as it appears to be more accurate (even though it is only to within 10km). Company/port websites were found in various locations including AAPMA, Flinders Ports and Ports Corporation of Queensland.
Positional Accuracy	Latitudes and longitudes were mostly found in the <a href="#">National Mapping Gazetteer of Australia</a> by reference to the locality name. The locations of actual ports themselves are entered in black text with locations entered in red where a port location was not available and therefore the location of the ports town was entered. The positional accuracy of this data set is relatively poor. These values are accurate to only 10km of actual site. The one location that may be closer to the mark is that for Dampier port, which was obtained from its website.
Attribute Accuracy	Notwithstanding any undetected typographical errors, the information in the webmap is as accurate as that supplied in the source material.
Logical Consistency	not applicable
Completeness	GA cannot guarantee that the ports webmap is fully complete. However it is unlikely that any major ports have been overlooked in the search. Fields have been left blank where particular details have not been reported.
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