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**National standardization: toponymic guidelines for  
map editors and other editors**

**Guidelines for the Consistent Use of Place Names  
in Australia**

**Submitted by Australia\*\***

**Summary**

In accordance with the proposal that each country produce toponymic guidelines for map editors and other editors, the Committee for Geographical Names in Australasia (CGNA) adopted a set of toponymic guidelines in 1993. At the national names meetings in 2000 and 2001, CGNA undertook a major revision of the guidelines with a view to simplifying them.

The new guidelines adopted by CGNA in 2001 have now been entitled "Guidelines for the Consistent Use of Place Names". The new simpler title is felt to be more appropriate for users. The 31 clauses in the previous version have been reduced to 20, and the language used in the document has been simplified for easier interpretation. CGNA believes the new guidelines to be a more appropriate document for the twenty-first century.

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