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Gazetteers, varying in form and content, have been maintained by each of the naming jurisdictions in Australia. In the past, these gazetteers have tended to contain point feature references only, although many of the processes used during the naming of a place clearly indicate the extent of the subject features.

Recent discussion at meetings of the Committee for Geographical Names in Australasia has included the need for the extent of features to be established and held as spatial data. The present paper will discuss the options considered and the possible directions to be followed in the creation of extents of features.

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