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1. Introduction

Geospatial information (site coordinates) is an important parameter for many radiocommunications licences. Geospatial information is used to define geographic areas for spectrum licences, record the locations of radiocommunications devices in the Register for Radiocommunications Licences (RRL) and define areas where specific rules apply—such as location-based spectrum embargos, band plans and class licences.

Geographic areas are a core condition of spectrum licences under section 66 of the *Radiocommunications Act 1992* (the Act). The geographic area core condition specifies within which area of operation a licensee may deploy a service and helps with spectrum trading. The geographic separation between spectrum licence areas also helps incumbent licensees not to cause one another unacceptable levels of interference.

When the spectrum licence regulatory framework was introduced in the 1990s, a spectrum map grid (SMG) was developed to help identify geographic areas for spectrum licences. The SMG used a coordinate reference system based on the datum available at the time, Australian Geodetic Datum 1966 (AGD66).

The ACMA reviewed the SMG as part of its work on the expiring spectrum licence processes and decided that it was timely to provide an update to the grid, including changes to the way it communicates geospatial information on spectrum licences.[1] For example, the ACMA currently uses coordinate references to define the geographic area core condition of a spectrum licence using the AGD66 datum. Any change to another datum would increase the complexity of the coordinates, as well as the risk of human error in attempting to transcribe the coordinate references. Instead, the ACMA has decided to apply a different means of describing the geographic area that moves away from the use of coordinates. This approach is intended to simplify the way that geographic areas are defined in spectrum licences and relevant legislation such as designation notices and reallocation declarations.

The paper explains the changed way in which the ACMA will communicate geospatial information relating to the SMG. These changes are summarised as:

- updating from AGD66 to the Geocentric Datum of Australia 1994 (GDA94) to align with government policy
- improving the existing SMG by:
  - introducing a naming convention that moves away from the use of complex coordinates to define geographic areas for spectrum licences
- providing a greater level of granularity in the definition of geographic areas.

1.1. Datum change

AGD66 was developed to consolidate all surveying and mapping in Australia to a single datum, replacing a number of datums with applicability to particular jurisdictions. Although a revision to the datum was accepted in 1984 (known as AGD84), many jurisdictions continued to use AGD66 until changing to GDA94 in accordance with government policy—a process completed in 2000. In order to align with the policy, the

[1] For the purposes of this paper, 'spectrum map grid' applies broadly to both the old SMG and the new ASMG.

ACMA updated the datum used in its own geospatial information systems from AGD66 to GDA94 in September 2015.

The datum change is not intended to substantially change spectrum licences but is intended to ensure continuity in the way that geographic areas are defined for both existing and new spectrum licences from 2012. The points on the ground that define an existing spectrum licence will not change, but a transformation method will be applied to ensure that these points are referred to using the updated GDA94 datum instead of AGD66 coordinates. Further information on datums is in Chapter 2 and further information on the transformation method is in Chapter 4.

The ACMA has also updated the RRL so that the geospatial information of licences uses the GDA94 datum.

In 2017, an update to the GDA94 datum known as the Geocentric Datum of Australia 2020 (GDA2020) was defined to realign the GDA datum with the International Terrestrial Reference Frame (ITRF) as of 1 January 2020. This update results in coordinate adjustments of 1.5–1.8 m from GDA94. The ACMA will be updating its geospatial records to use the GDA2020 datum in the near future and will update the RRL at the same time. In preparation for this change, this document has been updated to include information about transforming GDA94 datum coordinates to GDA2020 coordinates. Adoption of GDA2020 by the ACMA will not affect the description of spectrum licence areas.

1.2. Improving the spectrum map grid

Although not explicitly stated, prior to September 2015, the ACMA used AGD66 to communicate geospatial information for spectrum and apparatus licensing. The SMG was based on AGD66 and used cells of varying sizes:

> 3 x 3 degrees
> 1 x 1 degree
> 5 x 5 minutes of arc.

The SMG referred to three sizes of cell because access to maps of areas of low population density was limited; consequently, areas with low population density were represented with large cells. This arrangement has limited the flexibility for trading in these areas.[2]

This paper marks an update to the SMG, as the ACMA releases what will now be known as the *Australian spectrum map grid 2012* (ASMG). The ASMG, while aligning with the SMG, will be able to be used with other GDA94 geospatial information. Rather than the three cell sizes on which the SMG relied, the cells of the ASMG will be 5 x 5 minutes of arc. This consistency simplifies the trading of spectrum between licensees.

[2] In some cases, geographic areas of approximately 90,000 square km were the minimum area that could be traded.

2. Background

Coordinate sets—both geographic coordinates (latitude/longitude) and grid coordinates (zones/eastings/northings)—are on their own insufficient to uniquely define a location. Rather, coordinates must be specified with reference to a datum.

A datum is a mathematical system used to map coordinates to locations on the surface of the Earth. Because the Earth is unevenly shaped, there are numerous different datums that have been created and could be used.

It is important to note that the datum used to define geographic areas for spectrum licences has been superseded during the tenure of existing licences. Therefore, in order to align with government policy, the ACMA describes the geographic areas in new spectrum licences using the GDA94 datum. For new spectrum licences issued from 2020 (resulting from the outcomes of expiring spectrum licence processes and new allocations), all regulatory and technical frameworks for licences will reflect the promulgation of the GDA2020 update to GDA94.

The four main datums currently relevant to Australia are noted below.

2.1. AGD66

Presently, for the purposes of radiocommunications, the ACMA applies spatial data defined using AGD66.[3] AGD66 was the primary datum used between the 1960s and 2000. AGD66 is a local datum that was optimised for the Australian region. This optimisation resulted in a good approximation of the surface of the Earth for the Australian region. However, some limitations were identified (for example, AGD66 is not oriented around the centre of the Earth's mass). As of 2020, AGD66 is considered a legacy or historic datum for geodesy purposes.

2.2. GDA94

GDA94 was formally defined in 1995, and the Inter-governmental Committee on Surveying and Mapping (ICSM) was charged with coordinating its adoption by Commonwealth and state surveying and mapping agencies.[4] GDA94 is an Earth-centred datum compatible with satellite-based navigation systems and other major international geographic systems, such as the World Geodetic System 1984 (WGS84).

2.3. GDA2020

GDA2020 was formally defined in 2017 as an update to GDA94 to realign with the WGS84 datum as of 1 January 2020, at which time the coordinate discrepancies between GDA2020 and WGS84 will be less than 10 cm. The need to update arises from the motion of the Australian tectonic plate in a roughly north-north-east direction at approximately 7 cm per year. The coordinate discrepancy between GDA94 and GDA2020 varies from approximately 1.5 m in south-eastern Australia, to approximately 1.8 m in north-western Australia. The UTM grid coordinate set associated with GDA2020 is known as the Map Grid of Australia 2020 (MGA2020).

Given the increasing importance of accurate location information to society, particularly for navigation purposes, the ICSM has indicated that it would like to keep

[3] The grid coordinates derived from a Universal Transverse Mercator projection of the AGD66 coordinates, using the Australian National Spheroid, is known as the Australian Map Grid 1966 (AMG66).

[4] The UTM grid coordinate set based on GDA94 is known as the Map Grid of Australia 1994 (MGA94).

Australia's reference datum aligned to the ITRF to within 0.5 m. This suggests that datum updates could be expected every seven to eight years from 2020.

2.4. WGS84

The World Geodetic System 1984 (WGS84) is used by the Global Positioning System (GPS) and is periodically revised to maintain close alignment with the ITRF. WGS84 is used for surveying and mapping in some parts of the world, notably the polar regions, as well as being used by data suppliers with world-wide scope.

2.5. The challenge of using different datums

The ACMA currently uses GDA94 for geospatial information relating to radiocommunications (including the ASMG), unless otherwise noted. For example:

- coordinates of radiocommunications sites in the RRL
- coordinates of sites in spectrum embargoes and class licences.

Both GDA94 and WGS84 are currently in widespread use and adoption of GDA2020 is commencing.

While it is important to update to GDA2020 to align with mapping and surveying agencies, any update requires a transformation from GDA94—just as was required to transition from AGD66 to GDA94. During this transformation, some errors may occur. Although the coordinate discrepancy between GDA94 and GDA2020 is much smaller than the approximately 200 m discrepancy between AGD66 coordinates and GDA94 coordinates, at 1.5–1.8 m, the tectonic motion isn't uniform and this needs to be reflected in the transformed coordinates. Use of the correct transformation method described in Chapter 4 is designed to minimise the potential for misrepresentation.

The difference between WGS84 and GDA94 is still small (1.5–1.8 m, as of 2020). While there are circumstances where the two can still be considered being close enough to treat as being the same, using GDA2020 instead of GDA94 is a better alternative.

3. Australian spectrum map grid 2012

The ASMG takes into account the transition from AGD66 to GDA94 by retaining the locations on the ground, which are used to define a spectrum licence area. As part of the transition, a transformation method is applied to the AGD66 coordinates, in order to derive GDA94 coordinates for their respective locations.

The ASMG is created in four steps, by defining:

1. the outer boundary of the ASMG around the Australian land mass
2. the cells of the grid (within the boundary)
3. the transformation methods used to transform between different datum
4. the Hierarchical Cell Identification Scheme (HCIS).

On the basis of these four steps, the ASMG improves on the SMG in the following ways:

> **Cells of the grid—augmentation**. The cell size has been changed to allow for 5 x 5-minute cells Australia-wide. This allows far greater granularity in the description of areas and, in many cases, the ability to trade smaller areas, particularly in regional Australia.

> **Transformation**. The boundaries of the new ASMG (defined in GDA94) align with the existing spectrum map grid (defined in AGD66). The method used for transformation between AGD66 and GDA94 is identified in Chapter 4. With the update to GDA2020, this document has been revised to incorporate transformation of the ASMG from GDA94 to GDA2020. The ACMA is anticipating that datum updates will be more frequent in the future and will revise this document as new datum information becomes available.

> **HCIS**. The HCIS is a way of describing geographic areas aligned with the ASMG. This naming convention succeeds in communicating geographic areas in two ways. First, the HCIS removes the need to refer to complex coordinate sets to describe a geographic area (reducing the risk of errors). Second, the HCIS may be used to describe areas regardless of the datum used. This means that although a newer datum may apply in the future, the HCIS will remain consistent in the way areas are described.

4. Transformation between datums

Any transformations between AGD66 and any other datum should use the methods recommended by the Intergovernmental Committee on Surveying and Mapping (ICSM).[5] The ICSM's methods are employed by the ACMA and a number of Australian and state-based surveying and mapping agencies. The ACMA relies on the ICSM for its coordination and standards for surveying and mapping national datasets.

4.1 Transformations of points between datums

The *Geocentric Datum of Australia (GDA) Technical Manual* produced by the ICSM recommends the High Accuracy Transformation (grid transformation) for transformations between AGD66 and GDA94 in Australia[6], provided that a point is within the transformation grid extent. All transformations of points between AGD66 and GDA94 should be performed using the method identified in the GDA Technical Manual. Further information on this method, including links to free software to perform the transformations, are available in the GDA Technical Manual.

4.2 Transformations of lines between datums

The mathematical approximation of the shape of the Earth in GDA94 differs from that used in AGD66. As such, the line across the Earth's surface between two locations slightly differs between the two datums. Provided that the end points are separated by no more than one degree of latitudinal or longitudinal arc, this difference is acceptably small. This is important because, when transforming from AGD66 to GDA94, the boundaries of geographic areas must remain consistent and accurate.

In some uncommon cases, the end points may initially be separated by more than one degree of arc. For these cases, following a particular method will allow information to be displayed with minimal difference between AGD66 and GDA94. These methods are:

- The coordinates chosen must be those for corners of cells defined in the ASMG as transformed to GDA94 by the required method.
- If the boundary segment is more than one degree but less than two degrees (in AGD66 coordinate terms) in length, the GDA94 coordinates of the ASMG cell corner nearest the centre of the segment is to be used. If two cell corners are equidistant from the centre of the boundary segment, the GDA94 coordinates of either cell corner may be used.
- If the boundary segment is two degrees or more (in AGD66 coordinate terms) in length, the GDA94 coordinates for each ASMG cell corner along the boundary segment with an integral value (in degrees, in AGD66 coordinate terms) of latitude or longitude (as appropriate for the particular boundary segment) are to be used.

Geospatial data in computerised systems should incorporate each intervening ASMG cell corner along a boundary segment of an area, in order to accurately represent the geographic area in a transformed state.

[5] See https://www.icsm.gov.au/.

[6] *Geocentric Datum of Australia Technical Manual* (version 2.4), ISBN 0-9579951-0-5, https://www.icsm.gov.au/publications/gda94-technical-manual.

4.3 Updating to use GDA2020

The *GDA2020 Technical Manual*[7] does not document any method to directly transform from AGD66/AGD84 to GDA2020 but advises that coordinates first be transformed from AGD66/AGD84 to GDA94, and then from GDA94 to GDA2020.

As a consequence, the ACMA will be transforming the ASMG coordinates in the existing published GDA94 ASMG spatial datasets to produce GDA2020 spatial datasets.

The transformation process documented in the *GDA2020 Technical Manual* with the best accuracy uses NTv2 grid transformation, as is documented in the *GDA Technical Manual* and used by the ACMA to transform AGD66 coordinates to GDA94 coordinates. However, there are two transformation grids defined for the GDA94 to GDA2020 transformation: 'conformal' and 'conformal and distortion'. There are pros and cons for both choices. On balance, the ACMA has selected the 'conformal and distortion' transformation grid for transforming its spatial data from GDA94 to GDA2020, as it appears to best serve the ACMA's purposes.

Transforming the GDA94 coordinates for the ASMG to GDA2020 coordinates follows the methods outlined in sections 4.1 and 4.2 above, except that the GDA94 to GDA2020 'conformal and distortion' transformation grid is used, as documented in the *GDA2020 Technical Manual*. GDA94 coordinates outside the extent of the NTv2 'conformal and distortion' transformation grid, which includes some locations on or very close to the ASMG boundary, require the use of the seven-parameter similarity transformation documented in the *GDA2020 Technical Manual,* instead of the NTv2 grid transformation.

[7] *Geocentric Datum of Australia 2020 Technical Manual* (version 1.3 or later), https://www.icsm.gov.au/gda2020-and-gda94-technical-manuals.

Attachment A—Australian spectrum map grid

The boundary of the ASMG

Figure 1 shows the outline of the ASMG. The boundary appears to approach the coast in a number of areas, but this is an artefact of the scale of the map—the boundary typically gets no closer to the coast than 10 kms. The ASMG is the area within this polygon. It is important to note that the ASMG does not include the external territories.

Table 1 lists AGD66 coordinates for the vertices of the ASMG. The boundary of the ASMG is found by joining consecutively numbered points from the table below.

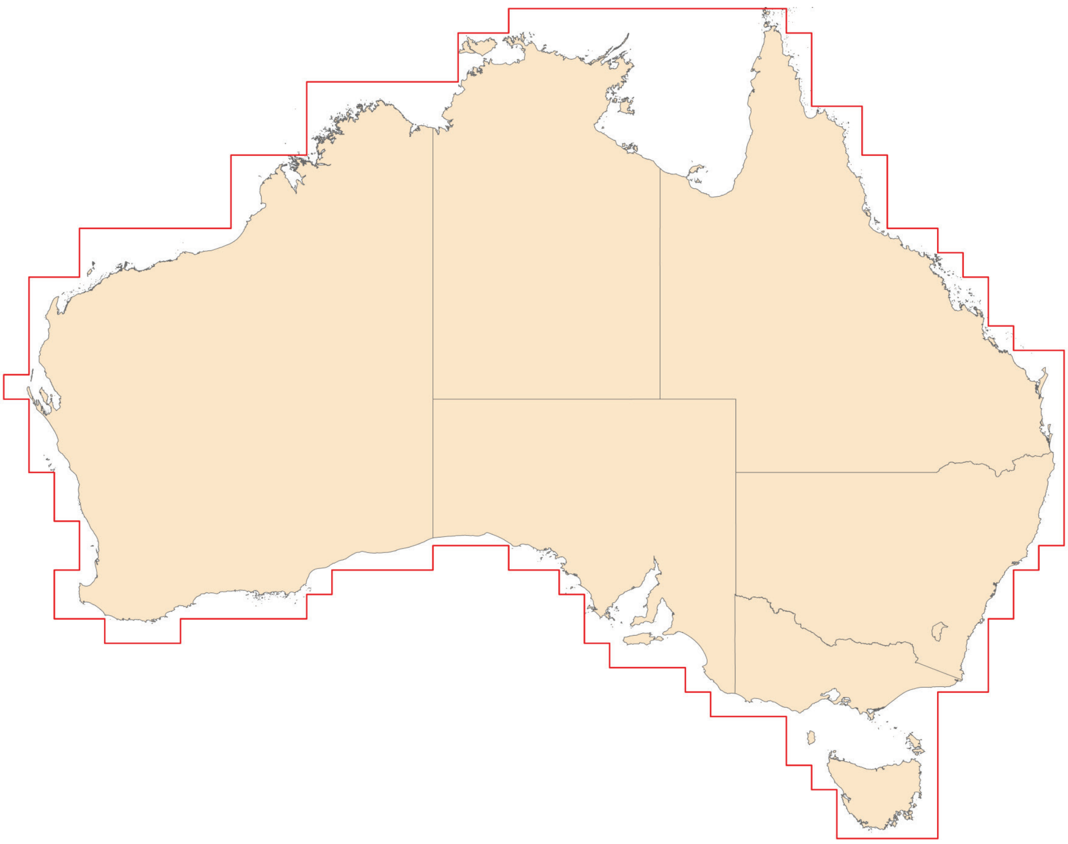
Table 2 lists GDA94 coordinates for the vertices of the ASMG, along with necessary intermediary points to preserve accuracy.

Table 3 lists GDA2020 coordinates for the vertices of the ASMG, along with necessary intermediary points to preserve accuracy.

The cells of the ASMG

The area bound by the outer limits (illustrated in Figure 1) is subdivided into cells to form the ASMG. The cells have boundaries at five-minute arc intervals of both latitude and longitude (in AGD66), originating at the northernmost and westernmost edges of the ASMG outer boundary, respectively. These points can be transformed into GDA94 and GDA2020, using the methods described in Chapter 4.

Figure 1: ASMG outline



Attachment B—ASMG boundary in AGD66

The outer limit of the ASMG is illustrated in Figure 1. The outer limit of the ASMG is represented by a line that starts at the location specified by the first set of AGD66 coordinates and passes sequentially through the locations specified by each subsequent set of coordinates, to the location of commencement.

Table 1: ASMG boundary vertices in AGD66

Vertex no.	Latitude (degrees minutes and seconds) south	Longitude (degrees minutes and seconds) east
1	25 00 00	112 00 00
2	25 00 00	113 00 00
3	21 00 00	113 00 00
4	21 00 00	115 00 00
5	19 00 00	115 00 00
6	19 00 00	121 00 00
7	16 00 00	121 00 00
8	16 00 00	124 00 00
9	13 00 00	124 00 00
10	13 00 00	130 00 00
11	11 00 00	130 00 00
12	11 00 00	132 00 00
13	10 00 00	132 00 00
14	10 00 00	143 00 00
15	11 00 00	143 00 00
16	11 00 00	144 00 00
17	14 00 00	144 00 00
18	14 00 00	146 00 00
19	16 00 00	146 00 00
20	16 00 00	147 00 00
21	19 00 00	147 00 00
22	19 00 00	149 00 00
23	20 00 00	149 00 00
24	20 00 00	150 00 00
25	21 00 00	150 00 00
26	21 00 00	151 00 00
27	23 00 00	151 00 00
28	23 00 00	152 00 00
29	24 00 00	152 00 00
30	24 00 00	154 00 00
31	32 00 00	154 00 00
32	32 00 00	153 00 00
33	33 00 00	153 00 00
34	33 00 00	152 00 00
35	35 00 00	152 00 00
36	35 00 00	151 00 00
37	38 00 00	151 00 00
38	38 00 00	149 00 00
39	44 00 00	149 00 00
40	44 00 00	145 00 00
41	42 00 00	145 00 00
42	42 00 00	144 00 00
43	41 00 00	144 00 00
44	41 00 00	143 00 00
45	39 00 00	143 00 00
46	39 00 00	140 00 00
47	38 00 00	140 00 00
48	38 00 00	139 00 00
49	37 00 00	139 00 00
50	37 00 00	136 00 00
51	36 00 00	136 00 00
52	36 00 00	135 00 00
53	34 00 00	135 00 00
54	34 00 00	134 00 00
55	33 00 00	134 00 00
56	33 00 00	132 00 00

57	32 00 00	132 00 00
58	32 00 00	129 00 00
59	33 00 00	129 00 00
60	33 00 00	125 00 00
61	34 00 00	125 00 00
62	34 00 00	124 00 00
63	35 00 00	124 00 00
64	35 00 00	119 00 00
65	36 00 00	119 00 00
66	36 00 00	116 00 00
67	35 00 00	116 00 00

68	35 00 00	114 00 00
69	33 00 00	114 00 00
70	33 00 00	115 00 00
71	31 00 00	115 00 00
72	31 00 00	114 00 00
73	29 00 00	114 00 00
74	29 00 00	113 00 00
75	26 00 00	113 00 00
76	26 00 00	112 00 00
77	25 00 00	112 00 00

Attachment C—ASMG boundary in GDA94

The point coordinates in Table 2 have been transformed from the point coordinates in Table 1 using the method in Chapter 4 to create the AMSG boundary in GDA94.

The outer limit of the ASMG is illustrated in Figure 1. The outer limit of the ASMG is represented by a line that starts at the location specified by the first set of GDA94 coordinates and passes sequentially through the locations specified by each subsequent set of coordinates, to the location of commencement.

Table 2: ASMG boundary vertices in GDA94

Vertex no.	Latitude (decimal degrees) south	Longitude (decimal degrees) east
1	24.998757	112.001377
2	24.998744	113.001346
3	23.998738	113.001340
4	22.998729	113.001347
5	21.998721	113.001338
6	20.998713	113.001332
7	20.998705	114.001326
8	20.998698	115.001297
9	19.998688	115.001319
10	18.998681	115.001312
11	18.998673	116.001310
12	18.998666	117.001309
13	18.998658	118.001306
14	18.998650	119.001304
15	18.998642	120.001301
16	18.998630	121.001292
17	17.998630	121.001289
18	16.998626	121.001281
19	15.998622	121.001274
20	15.998616	122.001271
21	15.998607	123.001262
22	15.998601	124.001256
23	14.998601	124.001255
24	13.998599	124.001249
25	12.998597	124.001244
26	12.998592	125.001239
27	12.998586	126.001234
28	12.998581	127.001229
29	12.998576	128.001224
30	12.998571	129.001218
31	12.998580	130.001200
32	11.998567	130.001205
33	10.998568	130.001202
34	10.998567	131.001191
35	10.998568	132.001181
36	9.998561	132.001184
37	9.998558	133.001177
38	9.998554	134.001170
39	9.998550	135.001162
40	9.998546	136.001154
41	9.998543	137.001145
42	9.998539	138.001137
43	9.998535	139.001128
44	9.998532	140.001118
45	9.998528	141.001108
46	9.998510	142.001113
47	9.998506	143.001104
48	10.998494	143.001114
49	10.998513	144.001081
50	11.998507	144.001084
51	12.998499	144.001091
52	13.998493	144.001090
53	13.998490	145.001081

54	13.998488	146.001070
55	14.998483	146.001074
56	15.998478	146.001078
57	15.998474	147.001067
58	16.998469	147.001072
59	17.998465	147.001078
60	18.998465	147.001089
61	18.998456	148.001071
62	18.998451	149.001058
63	19.998451	149.001064
64	19.998441	150.001050
65	20.998438	150.001056
66	20.998432	151.001042
67	21.998429	151.001049
68	22.998434	151.001058
69	22.998420	152.001041
70	23.998428	152.001046
71	23.998411	153.001033
72	23.998405	154.001018
73	24.998402	154.001025
74	25.998401	154.001033
75	26.998397	154.001041
76	27.998398	154.001049
77	28.998397	154.001059
78	29.998395	154.001068
79	30.998395	154.001078
80	31.998395	154.001088
81	31.998405	153.001103
82	32.998404	153.001116
83	32.998415	152.001132
84	33.998414	152.001145
85	34.998416	152.001158
86	34.998426	151.001172
87	35.998427	151.001188
88	36.998431	151.001203
89	37.998434	151.001218
90	37.998444	150.001236
91	37.998457	149.001255
92	38.998459	149.001268

93	39.998464	149.001286
94	40.998469	149.001304
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105	40.998524	144.001387
106	40.998536	143.001403
107	39.998529	143.001383
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142	34.998788	119.001513
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146	35.998832	116.001543
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155	30.998798	114.001458
156	29.998789	114.001441
157	28.998773	114.001422
158	28.998787	113.001428
159	27.998776	113.001417
160	26.998768	113.001394
161	25.998754	113.001362
162	25.998767	112.001389
163	24.998757	112.001377

Attachment D—ASMG boundary in GDA2020

The point coordinates in Table 3 have been transformed from the point coordinates in Table 1 using the methods in Chapter 4 to create the AMSG boundary in GDA2020.

The outer limit of the ASMG is illustrated in Figure 1. The outer limit of the ASMG is represented by a line that starts at the location specified by the first set of GDA2020 coordinates and passes sequentially through the locations specified by each subsequent set of coordinates, to the location of commencement.

Table 3: ASMG boundary vertices in GDA2020

Vertex no.	Latitude (decimal degrees) south	Longitude (decimal degrees) east
1	24.998744	112.001387
2	24.998731	113.001356
3	23.998725	113.001351
4	22.998715	113.001358
5	21.998708	113.001348
6	20.998699	113.001343
7	20.998692	114.001336
8	20.998685	115.001307
9	19.998675	115.001329
10	18.998668	115.001322
11	18.998660	116.001320
12	18.998652	117.001318
13	18.998644	118.001316
14	18.998636	119.001313
15	18.998629	120.001310
16	18.998616	121.001302
17	17.998616	121.001298
18	16.998612	121.001291
19	15.998609	121.001283
20	15.998602	122.001280
21	15.998594	123.001271
22	15.998587	124.001266
23	14.998586	124.001265
24	13.998585	124.001258
25	12.998583	124.001253
26	12.998578	125.001248
27	12.998572	126.001243
28	12.998567	127.001238
29	12.998562	128.001232
30	12.998557	129.001226
31	12.998566	130.001209
32	11.998554	130.001215
33	10.998554	130.001210
34	10.998553	131.001199
35	10.998554	132.001189
36	9.998548	132.001193
37	9.998544	133.001186
38	9.998540	134.001178
39	9.998536	135.001170
40	9.998532	136.001162
41	9.998529	137.001154
42	9.998525	138.001145
43	9.998522	139.001136
44	9.998518	140.001127
45	9.998515	141.001117
46	9.998497	142.001122
47	9.998493	143.001112
48	10.998480	143.001122
49	10.998499	144.001089
50	11.998493	144.001093
51	12.998486	144.001099
52	13.998479	144.001098
53	13.998477	145.001089
54	13.998475	146.001078
55	14.998470	146.001082
56	15.998465	146.001086
57	15.998460	147.001075
58	16.998456	147.00108
59	17.998452	147.001085
60	18.998452	147.001096
61	18.998443	148.001078
62	18.998438	149.001065
63	19.998438	149.001071

64	19.998428	150.001057
65	20.998425	150.001063
66	20.998419	151.001049
67	21.998416	151.001056
68	22.998421	151.001065
69	22.998408	152.001048
70	23.998415	152.001053
71	23.998398	153.001040
72	23.998392	154.001024
73	24.998390	154.001032
74	25.998388	154.001039
75	26.998384	154.001047
76	27.998385	154.001055
77	28.998385	154.001064
78	29.998382	154.001073
79	30.998382	154.001083
80	31.998383	154.001093
81	31.998392	153.001109
82	32.998391	153.001122
83	32.998402	152.001137
84	33.998401	152.001150
85	34.998403	152.001163
86	34.998413	151.001177
87	35.998415	151.001193
88	36.998418	151.001208
89	37.998422	151.001223
90	37.998432	150.001241
91	37.998444	149.001261
92	38.998446	149.001273
93	39.998452	149.001290
94	40.998457	149.001308
95	41.998463	149.001327
96	42.998469	149.001347
97	43.998476	149.001368
98	43.998486	148.001387
99	43.998498	147.001405
100	43.998509	146.001423
101	43.998521	145.001441
102	42.998514	145.001418
103	41.998509	145.001390
104	41.998518	144.001414
105	40.998511	144.001393
106	40.998523	143.001409
107	39.998516	143.001389
108	38.998509	143.001364
109	38.998521	142.001385

110	38.998532	141.001400
111	38.998544	140.001413
112	37.998531	140.001391
113	37.998548	139.001408
114	36.998540	139.001388
115	36.998553	138.001403
116	36.998565	137.001415
117	36.998576	136.001427
118	35.998563	136.001410
119	35.998581	135.001421
120	34.998570	135.001409
121	33.998556	135.001405
122	33.998572	134.001406
123	32.998567	134.001392
124	32.998582	133.001395
125	32.998595	132.001402
126	31.998581	132.001405
127	31.998592	131.001404
128	31.998601	130.001413
129	31.998609	129.001421
130	32.998628	129.001428
131	32.998640	128.001436
132	32.998650	127.001444
133	32.998661	126.001454
134	32.998673	125.001466
135	33.998685	125.001476
136	33.998701	124.001489
137	34.998705	124.001499
138	34.998717	123.001505
139	34.998735	122.001515
140	34.998743	121.001515
141	34.998755	120.001520
142	34.998775	119.001523
143	35.998779	119.001544
144	35.998792	118.001548
145	35.998805	117.001551
146	35.998818	116.001554
147	34.998818	116.001539
148	34.998828	115.001543
149	34.998832	114.001539
150	33.998823	114.001522
151	32.998808	114.001503
152	32.998809	115.001507
153	31.998792	115.001489
154	30.998787	115.001471
155	30.998785	114.001469

156	29.998775	114.001452
157	28.998760	114.001433
158	28.998774	113.001439
159	27.998762	113.001427

160	26.998755	113.001404
161	25.998740	113.001372
162	25.998754	112.001400
163	24.998744	112.001387

Attachment E—the Hierarchical Cell Identification Scheme

The Hierarchical Cell Identification Scheme (HCIS) is a naming convention developed by the ACMA that applies unique 'names' to each of the cells of the ASMG. Each five-minute of arc square cell in the ASMG is assigned a unique identifier, derived from the cell's position in a hierarchically arranged grouping of cells. The hierarchy has four levels.

An illustration of the HCIS is at Figure 2.

The use of the HCIS permits the description of areas that align with ASMG cells to be made independent of coordinate and datum references, by listing the identifiers of cells within the area.

Descriptions for each level of grouped cells are in Table 4.

Figure 2: Illustration of the HCIS

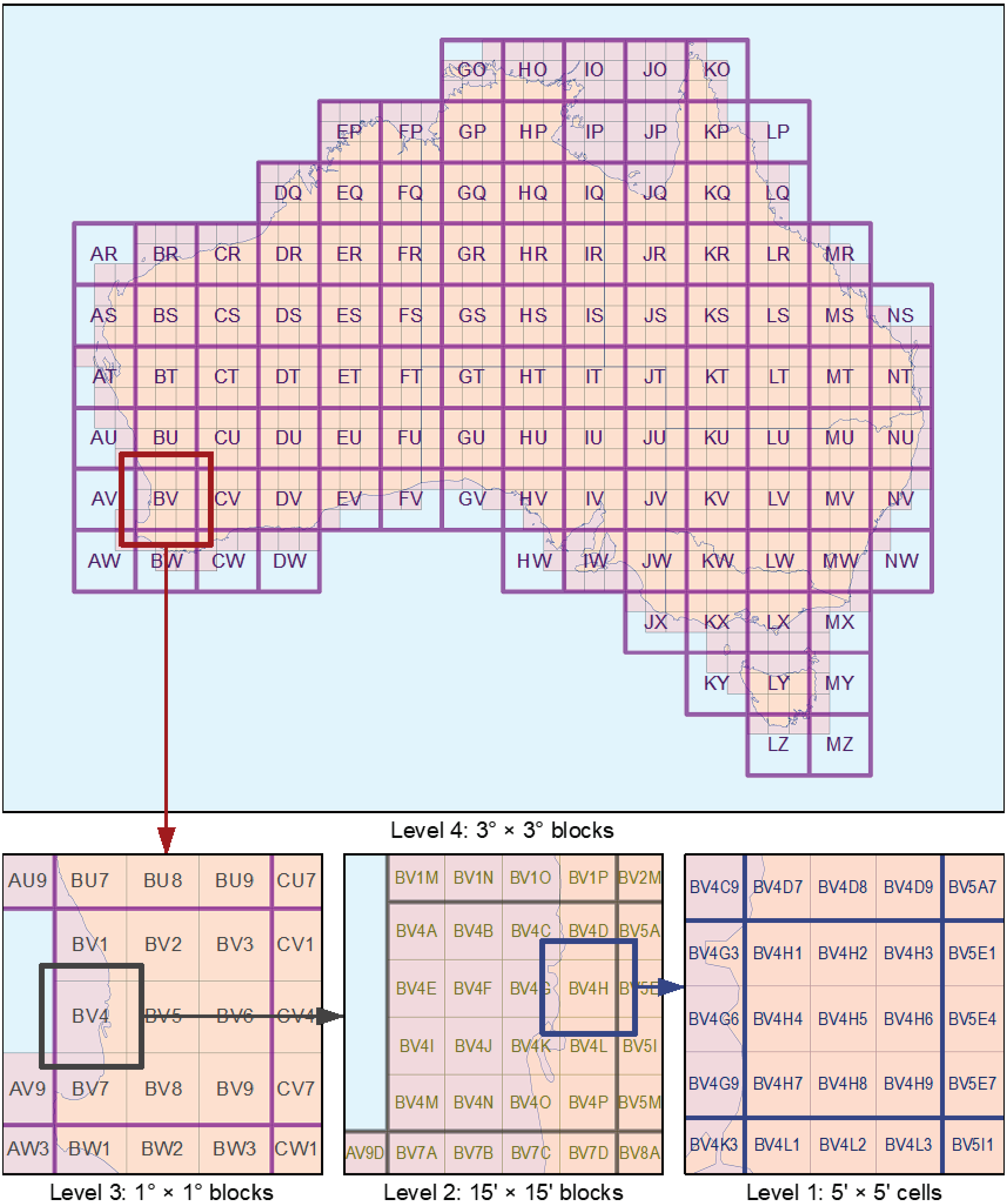


Table 4: HCIS levels

Level	Description
4	> The highest level in the hierarchy is formed by grouping cells into blocks 3° east to west by 3° north to south, commencing at the westernmost and northernmost edges of the ASMG outer boundary, respectively.[8] > Each block is assigned a two-letter identifier, with the first letter in the range A–N according to the block's position from the westernmost edge of the ASMG, and the second letter in the range O–Z according to the block's position from the northernmost edge of the ASMG. > Blocks not completely within the ASMG outer boundary (for example, the block with identifier AR) are defined only for the purpose of providing identifier structure to blocks at lower levels in the hierarchy, and their identifiers are not valid in area descriptions.
3	> Each Level 4 block of cells is subdivided into blocks 1° east to west by 1° north to south, commencing at the westernmost and northernmost edges of the Level 4 block, respectively. > Each block is assigned an identifier composed of the identifier of the Level 4 block and a numeric suffix. > The numeric suffix is in the range 1–9, assigned sequentially from left to right, and top to bottom. > Blocks not within the ASMG outer boundary (for example, the block with identifier AR1) are not valid in area descriptions.
2	> Each valid Level 3 block of cells is subdivided into blocks 15' east to west by 15' north to south, commencing at the westernmost and northernmost edges of the Level 3 block, respectively. > Each block is assigned an identifier composed of the identifier of the Level 3 block and an alphabetic suffix. > The alphabetic suffix is in the range A–P, assigned sequentially from left to right, and top to bottom.
1	> Each five-minute of arc cell is assigned an identifier composed of the identifier of the Level 2 block that encloses it and a numeric suffix. > The numeric suffix is in the range 1–9, assigned sequentially from left to right, and top to bottom according to the cell's position within the Level 2 block.

[8] The westernmost edge is 112° E and the northernmost edge is 10° S (AGD66).

Attachment F—Working example of a sample licence

Table 5 and Figure 3 demonstrate the way in which HCIS information appears in a sample licence for an area within Adelaide.

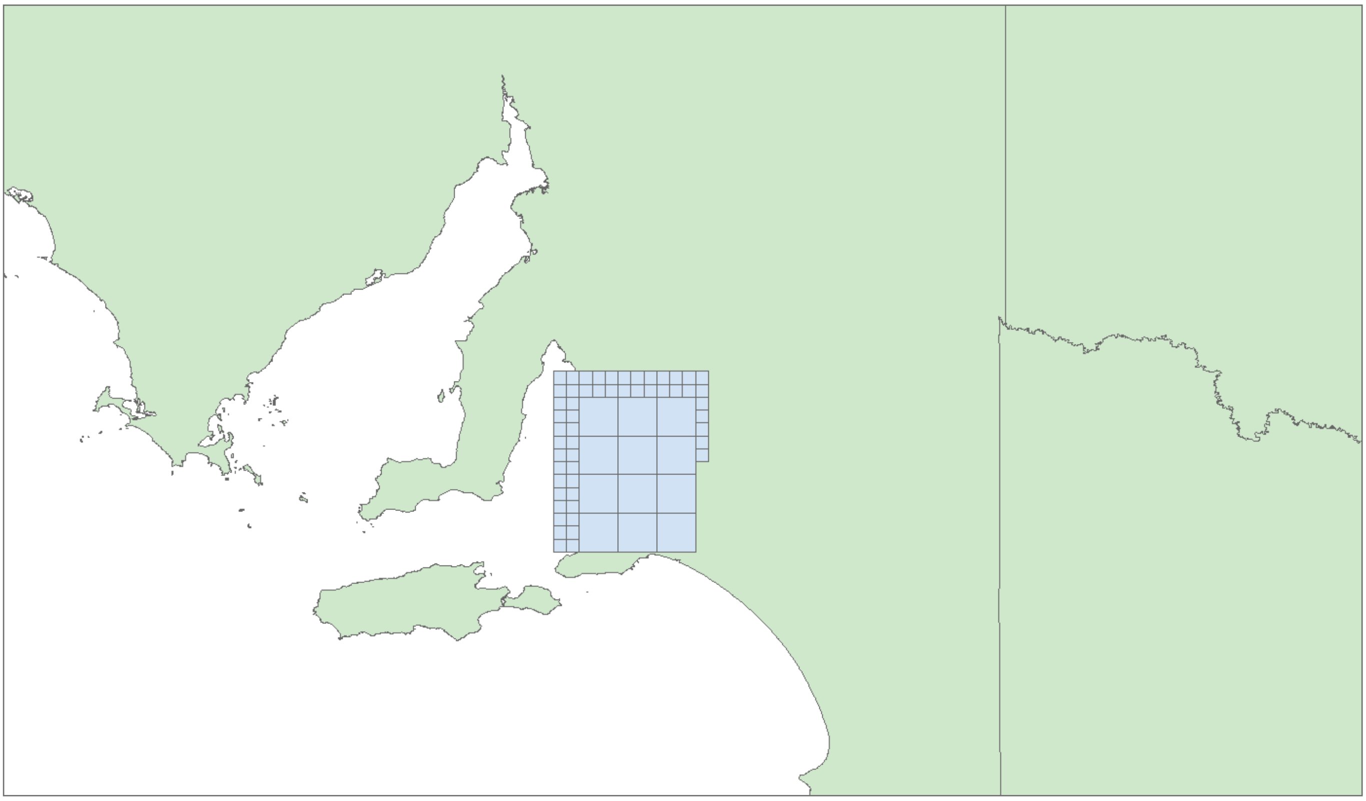
Part 3—Geographic area

For core condition 2, the area within which operation of radiocommunications devices is authorised by this licence is, with respect to the HCIS in the ASMG, as follows:

Table 5: HCIS for example area

HCIS identifiers
IW3J, IW3K, IW3L, IW3N, IW3O, IW3P, IW6B, IW6C, IW6D, IW6F, IW6G, IW6H, IW3E5, IW3E6, IW3E8, IW3E9, IW3F4, IW3F5, IW3F6, IW3F7, IW3F8, IW3F9, IW3G4, IW3G5, IW3G6, IW3G7, IW3G8, IW3G9, IW3H4, IW3H5, IW3H6, IW3H7, IW3H8, IW3H9, IW3I2, IW3I3, IW3I5, IW3I6, IW3I8, IW3I9, IW3M2, IW3M3, IW3M5, IW3M6, IW3M8, IW3M9, IW6A2, IW6A3, IW6A5, IW6A6, IW6A8, IW6A9, IW6E2, IW6E3, IW6E5, IW6E6, IW6E8, IW6E9, JW1E4, JW1E7, JW1I1, JW1I4, JW1I7, JW1M1, JW1M4.

Figure 3: HCIS—Map of example area



Attachment G—The extended ASMG

The ASMG recognises geographic areas as small as 5 × 5 minutes of arc, which is approximately 9 km square. The ASMG assists in spectrum licensing where it is difficult to describe smaller geographic areas.

However, there are other licensing purposes, especially at mmWave and higher frequencies, where it would be advantageous to be able to describe much smaller areas. The area-wide apparatus licence type, intended to be used in the non-spectrum licensed parts of the 26 GHz and 28 GHz bands, is one example.[9]

This attachment describes an extension of the grid concept for these smaller areas—down to a grid resolution of approximately 500 m × 500 m. It is important to note that there are no changes to the outer boundary or any other details of the ASMG—this extension is only subdividing the existing ASMG Level 1 cells.

This attachment also describes an extension to the ASMG's Hierarchical Cell Identifier Scheme (HCIS) to provide HCIS identifiers for cells in the additional grid levels subdivided from the ASMG.

Extending the ASMG by subdivision

To reach the target of the smallest grid cells being approximately 500 m × 500 m, two grid levels below the ASMG's Level 1 will be required:

a) Level 0, with each ASMG Level 1 cell subdivided into 25 cells each 1 × 1 minutes of arc (approximately 1.8 km × 1.8 km)

b) Level 00, with each Level 0 cell subdivided into 12 cells each 20 × 15 seconds of arc (approximately 608 m × 463 m at the northern edge of the ASMG, approximately 444 m × 463 m at the southern edge of the ASMG).

The Level 00 cells are not square in geographic coordinate terms because at these cell sizes, the cell width (west to east dimension) becomes substantially smaller (in linear coordinate terms) than the nominal target of 500 m, particularly in the southern half of the ASMG.

Extending the HCIS to the ASMG subdivisions

The HCIS is described in Attachment E of this document.

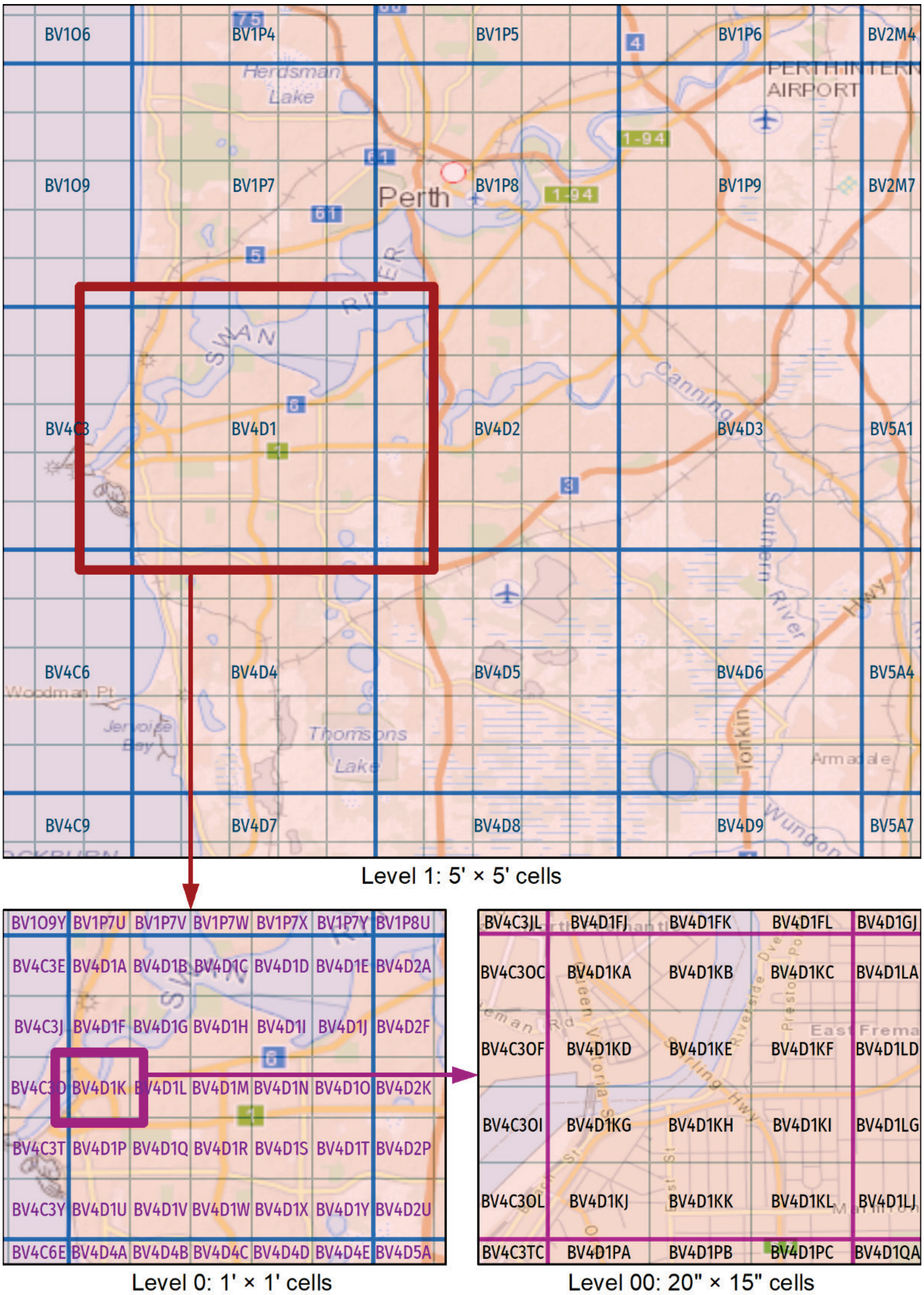
The additional levels subdivided from the ASMG are described over in Table 6, which should be read as adding rows to Table 4 in Attachment E. An illustration of these additional HCIS levels is at Figure 4.

[9] Further information on the area-wide apparatus licences is available on the ACMA website.

Table 6: HCIS extension levels

Level	Description
0	> Each valid Level 1 cell is subdivided into cells 1’ east to west by 1’ north to south, commencing at the westernmost and northernmost edges of the Level 1 cell, respectively. > Each subdivided cell is assigned an identifier composed of the identifier of the Level 1 cell that encloses it and an alphabetic suffix. > The alphabetic suffix is in the range A–Y, assigned sequentially from left to right, and top to bottom, according to the cell’s position within the Level 1 cell.
00	> Each valid Level 0 cell is subdivided into cells 20” east to west by 15” north to south, commencing at the westernmost and northernmost edges of the Level 0 cell, respectively. > Each subdivided cell is assigned an identifier composed of the identifier of the Level 0 cell that encloses it and an alphabetic suffix. > The alphabetic suffix is in the range A–L, assigned sequentially from left to right, and top to bottom, according to the cell’s position within the Level 0 cell.

Figure 4: Illustration of the extended HCIS



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