

Tactical Atlas of Australia

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Foreword



Senator The Hon. Gareth Evans, QC,
Minister for Resources and Energy.

As an integral part of government's resources and energy portfolio, the Division of National Mapping (Natmap) has now been proudly satisfying the Commonwealth's mapping programs for many years.

For both government and all those Australians who wish to know more about our nation's physical and human resources, an atlas is a vital reference tool. Consequently a significant amount of Natmap's mapping activity covers the production of maps and atlases of Australia containing a wealth of information on many diverse subjects.

To date these products have been designed for the sighted members of our community. However, this unique two-volume braille atlas is the first step in providing similar information for the visually impaired, particularly the youth, amongst whom there is a growing demand for equal opportunity in education.

The contents are based on Natmap's *Atlas of Australian Resources* and provide a national overview of Australia's physical characteristics, its industry, transportation, people and social structure. Additional sections have been added to depict Australia's neighbours and the world at large as well as the main geographical features of Australia's major metropolitan areas. All maps are accompanied by brief explanatory commentaries which not only provide descriptive information about each map but in many cases guide the reader around the map.

The *Tactual Atlas of Australia* is a comprehensive and up to date atlas which I commend to all visually impaired Australians. It is an essential learning tool which will provide the reader with an authoritative and appealing source of essential information.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, which appears to read "Gareth Evans".

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