

AUSTRALIA

SUMMARY OF CLAIMS

TYPE	DATE	SOURCE	LIMITS	NOTES
TERRITORIAL SEA	Dec 1973	Seas and Submerged Lands Act 1973		Act No. 161 of 1973 as amended by Act No. 79 of 1980, Act No. 20 of 1994, and Act No. 73 of 2008. Enabling legislation for establishing claims.
	Feb 1983	Proclamation of Outer Limits (Torres Strait)	3nm	Proclamation based on Seas and Submerged Lands Act 1973. Promulgates geographical coordinates for the outer limits of the TS for certain islands in the Torres Strait and the inner limit of the TS adjacent to Pearce Cay (Queensland).
	Feb 1983	Proclamation of 4 February 1983 (Proclamation of the inner limits (the baseline)) pursuant to section 7 of the Seas and Submerged Lands Act 1973		Proclamation based on Seas and Submerged Lands Act 1973. Amended by Proclamation of 19 March 1987, pursuant to section 7 of the Seas and Submerged Lands Act 1973 . Baselines established for the mainland, Tasmania, and islands off the coasts of the states and Northern Territory; outer limits of TS established for certain islands within Queensland. Both Proclamations revoked and replaced by Seas and Submerged Lands (Territorial Sea Baseline) Proclamation 2006 due to a change in coordinate reference systems.
	Nov 1990	Proclamation of 9 Nov 1990	12nm	Proclamation on the breadth of the TS; based on Seas and Submerged Lands Act 1973. Extends TS from 3 to 12nm, except those specified in the 1983 Proclamation of the outer limits (Torres Strait).
	Aug 2000	Seas and Submerged Lands Act, Proclamation 2000		Extends the TS in the southern area of the Gulf of Carpentaria to include part of the roadstead near the Port of Karumba in Queensland.
	Feb 2006	Seas and Submerged Lands (Territorial Sea Baseline) Proclamation 2006		Revoked and replaced Proclamation of 4 February 1983 (Proclamation of the inner limits (the baseline)) and its 1987 Amendment in order to promulgate revised and updated geographic coordinates using a different coordinate reference system. Does not apply to certain areas.
	Mar 2016	Seas and Submerged Lands (Territorial Sea Baseline) Proclamation 2016		Repealed 2006 Proclamation because it was scheduled to sunset; the 2016 Proclamation replicates the substance of the 2006 Proclamation. Does not apply to certain islands within Queensland which are subject to the Treaty with Papua New Guinea (including the Torres Strait).
	ARCHIPELAGIC, STRAIGHT BASELINES, & HISTORIC CLAIMS	Oct 1967	Ministerial Statement (page 2444)	

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ARCHIPELAGIC, STRAIGHT BASELINES, & HISTORIC CLAIMS, Continued	Dec 1973	Seas and Submerged Lands Act 1973		Act No. 161 of 1973 as amended by Act No. 79 of 1980, Act No. 20 of 1994, and Act No. 73 of 2008. Enabling legislation for establishing claims.
	Feb 1983	Proclamation of 4 February 1983 (Proclamation of the inner limits (the baseline)) pursuant to section 7 of the Seas and Submerged Lands Act 1973		Proclamation based on Seas and Submerged Lands Act 1973. Straight baselines established for the mainland, Tasmania, and islands off the coasts of the states and Northern Territory; outer limits of territorial sea established for certain islands within Queensland. Revoked by Seas and Submerged Lands (Territorial Sea Baseline) Proclamation 2006 due to a change in coordinate reference systems.
	Mar 1987	Proclamation of 19 March 1987, pursuant to section 8 of the Seas and Submerged Lands Act 1973		Declared Anxious Bay, Encounter Bay, Lacedpede Bay and Rivoli Bay as historic bays. Revoked by Seas and Submerged Lands (Historic Bays) Proclamation 2006 due to a change in coordinate reference systems.
	Mar 1987	Proclamation of 19 March 1987, pursuant to section 7 of the Seas and Submerged Lands Act 1973		Amended 4 February 1983 Proclamation of the inner limits (the baseline). Reiterates historic bay claims. Revoked by Seas and Submerged Lands (Territorial Sea Baseline) Proclamation 2006 due to a change in coordinate reference systems.
	Feb 2006	Seas and Submerged Lands (Territorial Sea Baseline) Proclamation 2006		Revoked and replaced Proclamation of 4 February 1983 (Proclamation of the inner limits (the baseline)) and its 1987 Amendment in order to promulgate revised and updated geographic coordinates using a different coordinate reference system. Does not apply to certain areas. Reiterates historic bay claims.
	Feb 2006	Seas and Submerged Lands (Historic Bays) Proclamation 2006		Revoked Proclamation of 19 March 1987, Pursuant to Section 8 of the Seas and Submerged Lands Act 1973 in order to promulgate revised and updated geographic coordinates using a different coordinate reference system. Reiterates historic bay claims.
	Mar 2016	Seas and Submerged Lands (Territorial Sea Baseline) Proclamation 2016		Repealed 2006 Proclamation because it was scheduled to sunset; the 2016 Proclamation replicates the substance of the 2006 Proclamation. Reiterates historic bay claims. Does not apply to certain islands within Queensland, which are subject to the Treaty with Papua New Guinea (including the Torres Strait).

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ARCHIPELAGIC, STRAIGHT BASELINES, & HISTORIC CLAIMS, Continued	Mar 2016	Seas and Submerged Lands (Historic Bays) Proclamation 2016		<p>Repealed 2006 Proclamation because it was scheduled to sunset; the 2016 Proclamation replicates the substance of the 2006 Proclamation. Reiterates historic bay claims to Anxious Bay, Encounter Bay, Lacedpede Bay, and Rivoli Bay.</p> <p><i>The U.S. does not recognize these historic bay claims.</i> U.S. protested these claims in CY 1991.</p>
CONTIGUOUS ZONE	Dec 1973	Seas and Submerged Lands Act 1973		Act No. 161 of 1973 as amended by Act No. 79 of 1980, Act No. 20 of 1994, and Act No. 73 of 2008. Enabling legislation for establishing claims.
	Feb 1994	Maritime Legislation Amendment Act 1994 (Act No. 20)	24nm	Amends the Seas and Submerged Lands Act 1973. Brought claims in line with the 1982 LOS Convention. Established contiguous zone.
	Mar 1999	Seas and Submerged Lands (Limits of Contiguous Zone) Proclamation 1999	24nm	Does not apply to certain northern areas which are subject to the Treaty with Papua New Guinea (including the Torres Strait).
CONTINENTAL SHELF	Dec 1973	Seas and Submerged Lands Act 1973	1958 DEF	Act No. 161 of 1973 as amended by Act No. 79 of 1980. Enabling legislation for establishing claims based on the 1958 UN Territorial Sea and Contiguous Zone and Continental Shelf Conventions. (Later amended by Act No. 20 of 1994 , and Act No. 73 of 2008 .)
	Feb 1994	Maritime Legislation Amendment Act 1994 (Act No. 20)	200nm/ CM	Amends the Seas and Submerged Lands Act 1973. Brought claims in line with the 1982 LOS Convention.
	Aug 1994	Seas and Submerged Lands Act, Proclamation 1994	200nm	Declared breadth and outer limits of EEZ. Included 200nm EEZ claim for Macquarie Island, Heard Island and McDonald Islands, which are managed as part of the Australian Antarctic Territory (AAT).
	Nov 2004	ECS Submission		<p>Submitted request to the UN to extend the limits of its continental shelf beyond 200nm and claimed continental shelf off Antarctica; the UN CLCS made its recommendations in April 2008.</p> <p>In a note to the UN, the U.S. reiterated that it does not recognize Australia's Antarctic claims.</p>

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CONTINENTAL SHELF, Continued	May 2012	Seas and Submerged Lands (Limits of Continental Shelf) Proclamation 2012		Revokes the Seas and Submerged Lands (Limits of Continental Shelf in the Tasman Sea and South Pacific Ocean) Proclamation 2005; the boundary as declared in the 2005 Proclamation is incorporated in the 2012 Proclamation. Confirms the outer limits of a considerable area of the continental shelf based upon the recommendations of the UN CLCS; extended the continental shelf in nine discrete areas. Does not include areas where boundaries with neighboring States have been established by treaty or have not been determined. Includes limits for Macquarie Island, Heard Island and McDonald Islands, which are managed as part of the AAT.
	Sep 2012	M.Z.N. 92 2012		In November 2012, Australia confirmed with the UN that it accepted the CLCS recommendations; a limited number of areas remain to be resolved.
EEZ	Dec 1973	Seas and Submerged Lands Act 1973		Act No. 161 of 1973 as amended by Act No. 79 of 1980, Act No. 20 of 1994, and Act No. 73 of 2008.
	Feb 1994	Maritime Legislation Amendment Act 1994 (Act No. 20)		Amends the Seas and Submerged Lands Act 1973. Brought claims in line with the 1982 LOS Convention. Established EEZ (replaced 200nm fishing zone).
	Aug 1994	Seas and Submerged Lands Act, Proclamation 1994	200nm	Declared breadth and outer limits of EEZ; amended in 2005. Does not include areas where boundaries with neighboring States have been established by treaty or have not been determined. Includes 200nm EEZ claim for Macquarie Island, Heard Island and McDonald Islands, which are managed as part of the AAT. <i>This claim to Antarctic territory EEZ is not recognized by the U.S. The U.S. protested claim in 1995.</i>
ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATION	Dec 1984	Environment Protection (Sea Dumping) Act 1981	200nm	Act No. 101 of 1981 as amended through 2016. Regulates dumping into the sea, incineration at sea and artificial reef placements; extended protected area throughout fishing zone. Does not apply to military vessels or aircraft.
	Nov 1990	IMO Resolution MEPC.44(30)		Identified Great Barrier Reef (GBR) as a Particularly Sensitive Sea Area (PSSA); promulgated geographical coordinates.

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ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATION, Continued	May 1996	IMO Resolution MSC.52(66)		Adopted mandatory ship reporting system for Torres Strait region and the Inner Route of the GBR. EIF 1 January 1997. Ship reporting system between longitude 141°45'E and 143°45'E, centered on 10°S latitude, including the Endeavour Strait, and the waters of the GBR between the Australian coast and the outer edge of the GBR, from the latitude of Cape York (10°40'S) southwards to 22°S. Compulsory pilotage rules in northern section of Inner Route (Cape York to Cairns) and in Hydrographers Passage. Per Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC) 55/23 (Report of the MEPC on its 55 th Session), the Committee agreed that the resolution adopting the Torres Strait pilotage scheme is of a recommendatory nature and did not provide an international legal basis for compulsory pilotage.
	Jul 2005	IMO Resolution MEPC.133(53)		Designation of the Torres Strait as an extension of the GBR PSSA and adoption of a recommendatory pilotage scheme as an Associated Protective Measure; promulgated geographical coordinates.
	May 2015	IMO Resolution MEPC.268(68)		Designation of the South-West Coral Sea as an extension of the GBR and Torres Strait PSSA. Recommends associated protective measures and requests ships act in accordance with those measures.
MARITIME BOUNDARIES	May 1971	Agreement with Indonesia		Maritime boundary agreement with Indonesia signed; EIF Nov 1973.
	Oct 1972	Agreement with Indonesia		Maritime boundary agreement with Indonesia (Timor and Arafura Seas), supplementary to the 1971 agreement, signed; EIF Nov 1973.
	Feb 1973	Agreement with Indonesia		Agreement with Indonesia concerning maritime boundary between Papua New Guinea and Indonesia signed; EIF Nov 1973. The three agreements above established territorial sea, continental shelf and fishery zone boundaries, including in the Torres Strait and Timor Sea areas. Papua New Guinea became independent in Sep 1975, and accepted the validity of these agreements. Go to State Department LIS page , scroll down and click on LIS No. 87 for U.S. analysis.
	Dec 1978	Treaty with Papua New Guinea		Treaty with the Independent State of Papua New Guinea concerning sovereignty and maritime boundaries, including the Torres Strait, signed; EIF Feb 1985.

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MARITIME BOUNDARIES, Continued	Jan 1982	Agreement with France		Maritime boundary agreement with France (Coral Sea and Indian Ocean; New Caledonia, Chesterfield Islands) signed; EIF Jan 1983.
	Sep 1988	Agreement with Solomon Islands		Maritime boundary agreement with Solomon Islands signed; EIF Apr 1989.
	Mar 1997	Agreement with Indonesia		EEZ and continental shelf boundary agreement with Indonesia signed.
	Jul 2004	Treaty with New Zealand (page 40)		EEZ and continental shelf boundary agreement with New Zealand signed; EIF June 2007.
LOS CONVENTION	Dec 1982			Signed Convention.
	Jul 1994			Signed Part XI Agreement.
	Oct 1994			Ratified Convention and Part XI Agreement.
	Mar 2002	Declaration		Declaration regarding dispute resolution.