

An Introduction to Australia



Area: 7,741,220 sq km.

Coastline: 25,760 km.

Climate: Generally arid to semi-arid, temperate in the south and east, tropical in the north.

Terrain: Mostly low plateau with deserts and fertile plains in the south east.

Highest point: Mount Kosciuszko 2,229m.

Natural hazards: Forest fires, severe droughts and cyclones along the coast.

Population: 21,515,754 (July 2010).

Language: English.

Government: Federal Parliamentary Democracy and Commonwealth realm.

Capital: Canberra.

