



GEOSCIENCE INFORMATION RESEARCH PROJECT:

Access to Australian geoscientific information – a tragedy of the commons?

GeMPeT <http://www.dmp.wa.gov.au/14776.aspx>

Dear geoscience information colleague

The attached survey is an attempt to gain a clearer picture of one aspect of access to and the provision of geoscience information in Australia. More particularly AGIA <http://agia.org.au/> is interested to see if there is an interest in and/or need for the former Australian Geoscience Minerals & Petroleum Thesaurus, now GeMPeT. Depending on the feedback we get, some updating of the thesaurus may be investigated, although it is not intended to embark on a full revision. I have attached MSWord and pdf formats to assist in your response.

You do not have to be a member of AGIA to complete the survey. The survey has been forwarded to AGIA members, state geoscience agencies and many University libraries where there is an obvious geoscience information coverage. Please forward this document onto a colleague if you feel they may be able to contribute to our collection of background experiences on GemPET, and they have not already received the document.

The data acquired will also contribute to the wider enquiry of the project: *Access to Australian geoscientific information – a tragedy of the commons?* An Information Sheet on this project is also attached.

Can you please return this survey to me kerrylib@westnet.com.au as an email attachment, BY MONDAY 31 MARCH 2014. Please let me know if you are unable to email me your response and I will advise you of a postal address.

With many thanks in anticipation of your response

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Smith', is written in a cursive style.

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SURVEY ON GeMPeT <http://www.dmp.wa.gov.au/14776.aspx>

YOUR ORGANISATION'S NAME:

POSTAL ADDRESS:

CONTACT PERSON: Name:

Email:

Q. 1 Does your information service subscribe to/use any electronic bibliographic databases in the geosciences (e.g. Georef, AESIS, Geobase, GeoScienceWorld) ? YES/NO

Q. 2 If you answered YES to Question 1, please list the geoscience bibliographic databases that you subscribe to/use:

Please now proceed to Q. 4

Q. 3 If you answered NO to Question 1:

(a) Is your information service engaged in indexing/cataloguing/metadata creation for geoscience information? YES/NO

(b) If you answered YES to Question 3(a): what thesaurus/i do you use for vocabulary control for this indexing work? Please list:

Please now go to Question 11



Q. 4 If you have listed the Australian Earth Sciences (AESIS) database(no longer updated though its archive is still accessible through INFORMIT) in your response to Q.2, are you aware that the thesaurus used for this database was the Australian Geoscience Minerals & Petroleum Thesaurus, now GeMPeT? YES/NO

Q. 5 If you use the AESIS database, do you find the indexing terms used by GeMPeT useful? YES/NO

Q. 6 (a) Do you use GeMPeT for indexing purposes in your information work? YES/NO.

Q. 6 (b) If you do not use the GeMPeT thesaurus, please go to Question 11, below.

Q. 7 If you answered YES to Question 6(a), do you find GeMPeT easy to use? YES/NO

Q. 8 (a) If you answered YES to Question 7, please describe the features you like best about GeMPeT:

Q. 8 (b) If you answered NO to Question 7, please describe the features of GeMPeT that you find difficult to use:

Q. 9 In its early history, GeMPeT / the Australian Geoscience Minerals & Petroleum Thesaurus had a facility for users to submit suggestions for the thesaurus and its structure. Do you have any such suggestions to make? YES/NO

Q 10 If you answered YES to Question 9, what suggestions do you have:

Please now go to Question 13.

