



# WA ATAR Geography:

## Units 1 & 2



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**WA ATAR Geography: Units 1 & 2** has been written as a student textbook to address the geographical knowledge, understandings and skills of the Western Australian Geography Year 11 ATAR and Year 12 GENERAL geography courses that have been implemented in WA schools from 2015/16. This is a companion textbook to GAWA's Year 12 textbook: **WA ATAR Geography: Units 3 & 4** and follows the same format and structure.

Multiple authors have contributed to the writing of this textbook. These authors comprise geography academics and geography curriculum consultants, who were closely involved in the development of the WA Year 11 & Year 12 syllabuses, as well as specialist geography teachers, who are currently teaching the courses. The input of multiple authors is seen as a strength of this textbook and their various contributions have been integrated into a cohesive textbook by the editor Anna Griffin.

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#### **Natural & Ecological Hazards**

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- ◆ Earthquakes
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- ◆ Tropical storms
- ◆ Malaria
- ◆ Nuclear
- ◆ Ebola

### Unit 2

#### **Global Networks & Interconnections**

- ◆ Overview of Global Networks & Interconnections
- ◆ Automobiles
- ◆ Fast food – McDonald's
- ◆ Wine
- ◆ Football
- ◆ Music
- ◆ Fashion

The book is divided into the two syllabus units: **Unit 1 – Natural and ecological hazards** and **Unit 2 – Global networks and interconnections**. For each unit, the book contains an extensive, introductory overview chapter, which addresses the concepts and understandings of the unit. This overview chapter is followed by six chapters, each of which addresses the syllabus requirements of selected case studies, three from Depth Study 1 and three from Depth Study 2. Chapters are divided into a number of sections, each related to a specific syllabus content statement that is stated at the beginning of the section.

Throughout the text, a variety of graphics, images and photographs are used to illustrate content and at the end of each section, a panel of student *Activities/Questions* is provided to assist in the reinforcement of the syllabus content.

The **Geographical Association of Western Australia** recommends this textbook: **WA ATAR Geography: Units 1 & 2** to both students and teachers of Year 11 ATAR and Year 12 GENERAL geography in WA and would welcome constructive feedback to enable us to improve future editions of this textbook.

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