

**Agreement on Marine Delimitation between the Government of Australia and the
Government of the French Republic,
4 January 1982**

The Government of Australia and the Government of the French Republic;
Desirous of strengthening the bonds of neighbourliness and friendship between the two countries;
Recognizing the need to effect a precise and equitable delimitation of the respective maritime areas in which the two States exercise sovereign rights;

Basing themselves on the rules and principles of relevant international law and taking into account the work of the Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea;

Referring to the negotiations which took place in Canberra from 30 September to 2 October 1980 and to the Summary of Conclusions agreed upon by their two delegations on the second of October 1980;

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1

1. Seaward of Australian islands in the Coral Sea, Norfolk Island, and other Australian islands on the one hand and of New Caledonia, the Chesterfield Islands and other French islands on the other hand, the line of delimitation between the Australian fishing zone and the French Economic Zone and between areas of continental shelf over which each State respectively exercises sovereign rights in accordance with international law lies along the geodesics connecting the following points, defined by their co-ordinates, in the order stated:

<u>Point</u>	<u>Latitude S</u>	<u>Longitude E</u>
R 1	15° 44' 07"	158° 45' 39"
R 2	16° 25' 28"	158° 22' 49"
R 3	16° 34' 51"	158° 16' 26"
R 4	17° 30' 28"	157° 38' 31"
R 5	17° 54' 40"	157° 21' 59"
R 6	18° 32' 25"	156° 56' 44"
R 7	18° 55' 54"	156° 37' 29"
R 8	19° 17' 12"	156° 15' 20"
R 9	20° 08' 28"	156° 49' 34"
R 10	20° 32' 28"	157° 03' 09"
R 11	20° 42' 52"	157° 04' 34"
R 12	20° 53' 33"	157° 06' 25"
R 13	21° 12' 57"	157° 10' 17"
R 14	21° 47' 21"	157° 14' 36"
R 15	22° 10' 31"	157° 13' 04"
R 16	22° 31' 38"	157° 18' 43"
R 17	23° 14' 54"	157° 48' 04"
R 18	25° 08' 48"	158° 36' 39"
R 19	26° 26' 30"	163° 43' 30"
R 20	26° 12' 04"	165° 51' 37"
R 21	25° 50' 42"	168° 44' 18"

Article 6

Each Party shall notify the other of the completion of its constitutional procedures necessary to bring this Agreement into force. This Agreement shall enter into force on the day of receipt of the later of those notifications.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the representatives of the two Governments, being duly authorised for this purpose, have signed this Agreement and have affixed thereto their seals.

DONE at Melbourne the fourth day of January, One thousand nine hundred and eighty-two, in two originals, each in the English and French languages, the two texts being equally authoritative.