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Abstract

New Zealand Hydrogeological unit map (HUM) separated into aquifers, aquitards, aquicludes and basement developed in a nationally-consistent manner. This dataset includes only outcropping hydrogeological units. This dataset was also joined to the hydrogeological system dataset (Moreau et al. 2019), to provide a single polygon for each unique combination of HUM and hydrogeological system. Summary statistics of surficially mapped products are provided for each polygon (groundwater use, flow, recharge, discharge to the surface; depth to hydrogeological basement; and number of drinking water wells serving >100 people). Each polygon is attributed the following 24 hydrogeological attributes as follows (attribute name as it appears in the dataset is shown in brackets):

- hydrogeological unit type (HUM_type)
- unique name (HUM_name)
- geological era (HUM_era)
- geological age descriptor (HUM_age)
- lithological type (HUM_lith)
- lithological descriptor (HUM_rock)
- unique identification, in younger to older geological time order (HUM_order).
- Hydrogeological System name (HS_name, sourced from Moreau et al. 2019)
- Hydrogeological System type (HS_type, sourced from Moreau et al. 2019)
- polygon area in square km (poly_area)
- estimated minimum depth class to hydrogeological basement: 1 = surficial 7 = very deep (base_MIN, sourced from Westerhoff et al. 2019b)
- estimated maximum depth class to hydrogeological basement: 1 = surficial 7 = very deep (base_MAX, sourced from Westerhoff et al. 2019b)
- estimated mean depth class to hydrogeological basement: 1 = surficial, 7 = very deep (base_MEAN, sourced from Westerhoff et al. 2019b)
- mean estimated volumetric groundwater flow rate (amplitude) class: 1 = low amplitude, 4 = very high amplitude (flow_MEAN, sourced from Westerhoff et al. 2019a)
- predominant estimated volumetric groundwater flow rate (amplitude) class: 1 = low amplitude, 4 = very high amplitude (flow_MAJOR, sourced from Westerhoff et al. 2019a)
- median estimated volumetric groundwater flow rate (amplitude) class: 1 = low amplitude, 4 = very high amplitude (flow_MEDIAN, sourced from Westerhoff et al. 2019a)

- mean probability class of discharge of groundwater to the surface: 1 = low probability, 3 = high probability (GWSW_MEAN, sourced from Westerhoff et al. 2019a)
- predominant probability class of discharge of groundwater to the surface: 1 = low probability, 3 = high probability (GWSW_MAJOR, sourced from Westerhoff et al. 2019a)
- median probability class of discharge of groundwater to the surface: 1 = low probability, 3 = high probability (GWSW_MEDIA, sourced from Westerhoff et al. 2019a)
- sum of estimated groundwater recharge in m³/day (RR_sum_m3d, sourced from Westerhoff et al. 2019a)
- mean estimated groundwater recharge in m³/day per square km (RR_sqkm_m3, sourced from Westerhoff et al. 2019a)
- sum of estimated groundwater use in m³/day (use_sum_m3, sourced from KC 2019)
- mean estimated groundwater use in m³/day per square km (use_sqkm_m, sourced from KC 2019)
- number of drinking water wells serving more than 100 people (DWW_Count, sourced from KC 2019).

Where reference to the data is to be included in a reference list the following citation is suggested: White PA, Moreau M, Mourot F, Rawlinson ZJ. 2019. New Zealand groundwater atlas: hydrogeological-unit map of New Zealand. Lower Hutt (NZ): GNS Science. 86 p. Consultancy Report 2019/144.

The Hydrogeological System dataset utilised is from: Moreau M, White PA, Mourot F, Rawlinson Z, Tschritter C, Cameron SG, Westerhoff R. 2019. Classification of New Zealand hydrogeological systems. Lower Hutt (NZ): GNS Science. 28 p. (GNS Science report; 2018/35). doi:10.21420/42QW-MC74.

Summary statistics are calculated from datasets described in the following reports:

Westerhoff RS, Tschritter C, Rawlinson ZJ. 2019. New Zealand groundwater atlas: depth to hydrogeological basement. Lower Hutt (NZ): GNS Science. 19 p. Consultancy Report 2019/140.

Westerhoff RS, Dark A, Zammit C, Tschritter C, Rawlinson ZJ. 2019. New Zealand Groundwater Atlas: Groundwater Fluxes. Wairakei (NZ): GNS Science. 60 p. Consultancy Report 2019/126.

KC, B. (2019). New Zealand Groundwater Atlas: Groundwater use and drinking water supply wells serving more than 100 people. Prepared for the Ministry for the Environment (MfE). Aqualinc Research Limited. 27 p.

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The uncertainty pertaining to the HUM outcrop polygon GIS data set are a combination of the uncertainty of the HUM stacked polygons and the source data from which summary statistics were derived (KC 2001; Westerhoff et al 2019a, 2019b).

Purpose

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Statement

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