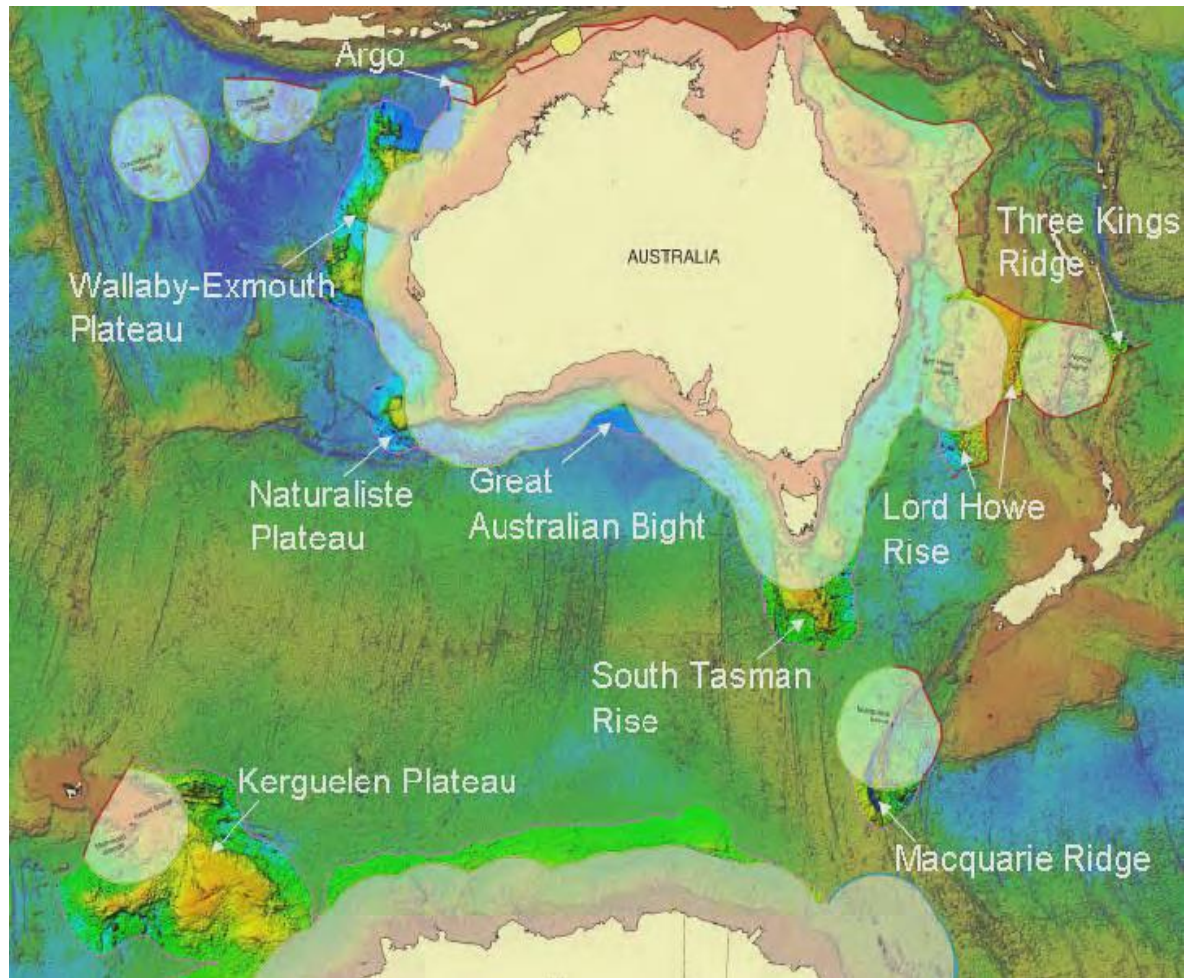


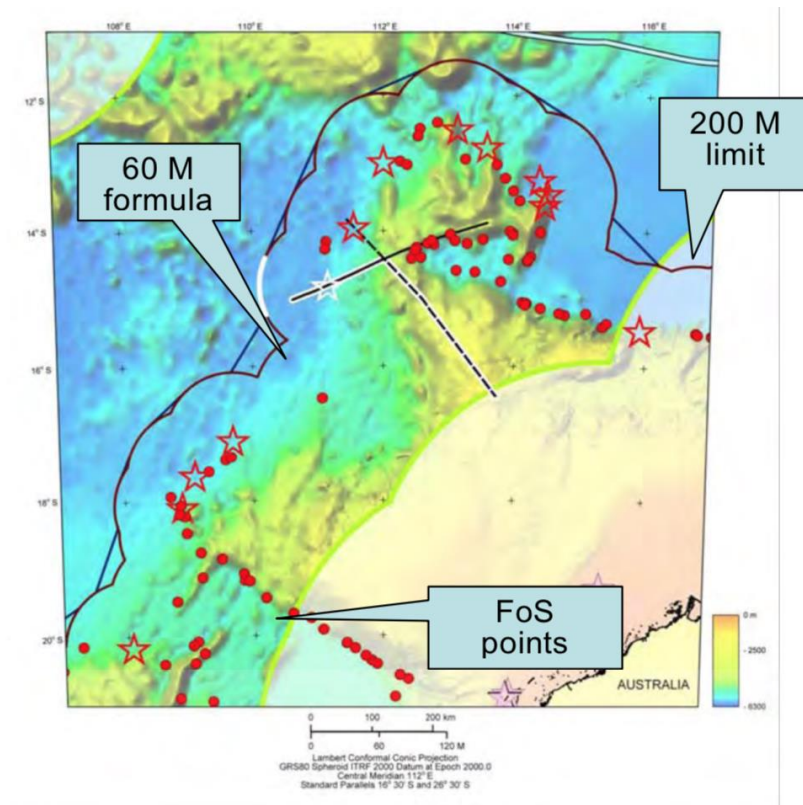
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The nine regions contained in the Australian submission (from Australian Executive Summary).

9. Wallaby and Exmouth Plateaus

The Wallaby Plateau region is a composite structural high made up of the Wallaby Saddle, the Wallaby Plateau itself and the Quokka Rise. It extends from the shallow Carnarvon Terrace. To the north, Exmouth Plateau is also a composite structural high, that includes the Wombat Plateau, the Platypus Spur and the Joey Rise.



Foot of the continental slope points and 60 M formula line in the Exmouth Plateau area as amended by Australia in AUS-CLCS-DOC-52 submitted 21 December 2006 (from Australian Executive Summary).

The Commission accepted the FOS points (after the modification of 2 points) and formula lines.

To construct the outer limits, Australia used a combination of the distance criterion constraint and the depth criterion constraint. Australia considered that the Wallaby Composite High qualified as a submarine elevation (in the sense of article 76, paragraph 6) and was therefore either constraint criteria could be applied. Based on morphology only, Australia determined that the Wallaby Composite High is not a ridge. They also determined that it was formed under the rifting and break-up of the continent in accordance with paragraph 7.3.1.b of the Guidelines. The Commission agreed with this interpretation while noting that the geological origin of the whole composite high was unresolved.

Based on the morphology, Australia classified the Joey Rise as a submarine elevation. They determined that it was not a ridge and like the Wallaby High, formed under the rifting and breakup of the continent. However, the Commission concluded that the data provided did not prove that the Joey Rise should be regarded as a submarine elevation. The Commission did recognise that the FOS envelope of the Joey Rise was part of the submerged prolongation of the continental margin.

The Commission did however conclude that the Exmouth Plateau, including the Wombat Plateau and the Platypus Spur, is continental in origin and part of the continental margin. The also concluded that, like the Wallaby High it could be classified as a submarine high, leaving only the Joey Rise in doubt.

Therefor the Commission considered that the parts of the combined constraint line based on the 2500 m isobaths on the Joey Rise were not justified, the nature of that submarine high with regard to article 76, paragraph 6, was not considered proved. They recommended that the constraint line be adjusted accordingly.