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Application of Controlled Vocabularies to Foundational Spatial Information

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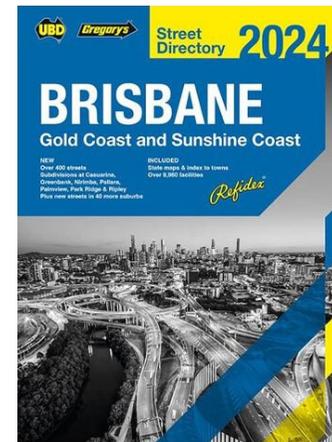


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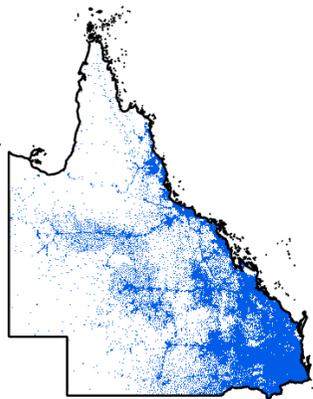


What is an address?

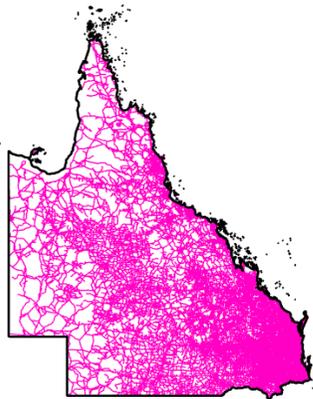
- Provides a means of finding a location, site, building or part of a building
- A string of **unique information**, readily remembered, to enable a place to be found
- Refers to the **physical location** of an address site where there is a requirement:
 - to access, by person or vehicle
 - for the delivery of services, utilities, or mail
- The **AS/ANZ 4819:2011** standard defines the constitute parts of an address



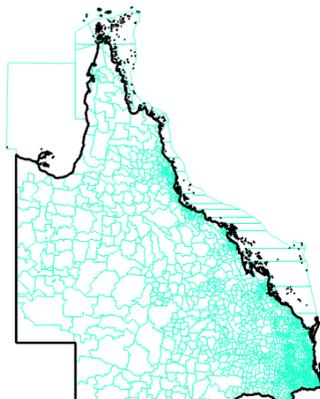
Defining an address spatially



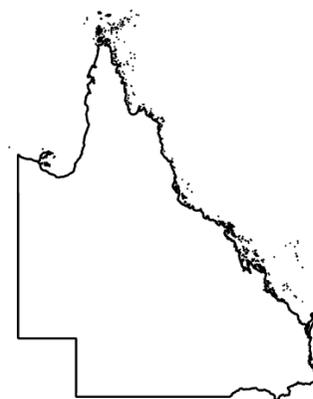
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Road name



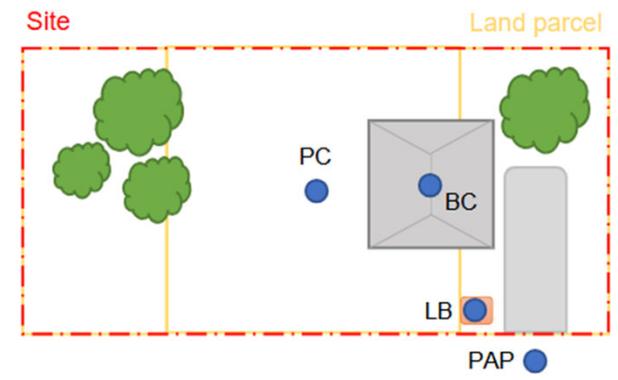
Locality



State

River View, 32 Main Street, Green Park, QLD 4567, Australia

1/12 Main Street, Green Park, QLD



Who is responsible for addressing?

- Addresses are assigned by Local Government for their **Local Government Area**
- under the *Local Government Act 2009* Local Government have the power to approve:
 - road names
 - address numbers
 - including for private developments
- Data is combined for 78 local governments by NRMRRD and we manage the state database
- This database comprises over 2.6 million addresses, and since 2015 has had approximately 50,000 updates annually, reflecting a dynamic and continuously evolving dataset.
- This data is ingested daily for the **national addressing dataset**



The legacy system

Accuracy

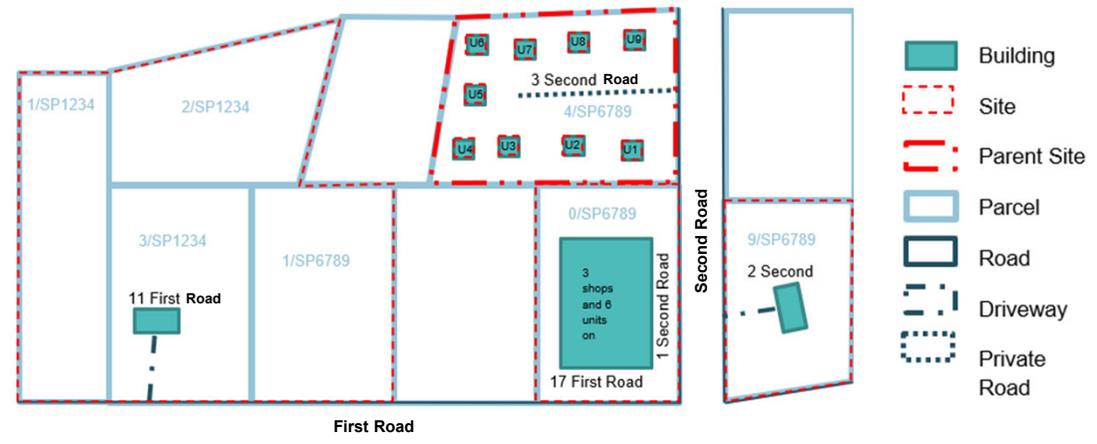
With advancements in consumer technology, there is a growing expectation for highly accurate and more comprehensive address data.

Emerging use cases

Legacy systems and data models struggle to integrate with new applications such as 3D property modelling, Building Information Modelling (BIM), spatial digital twins, and multi-floor buildings.

Complex addressing scenarios

Legacy systems often lack the flexibility to detail the precise location data for complex sites like retirement villages, shopping centres, and hospitals.



Data variations and risks

- Avenue / Av / Ave
- We can interpret these labels as having the same meaning, but we need to make a machine be able to do this too



Council moves to address safety issue on numbering

By Di Stanley

The Central Highlands council will investigate its urban addressing policy after Councillor Gai Sypher claimed "lives will be lost" without a comprehensive review.

Cr Sypher said the issue was raised at a 4 December meeting of the Local Government Disaster Management group, with a resolution moved that urban numbering on existing housing stock in the region should be raised again at the council level for consideration for funding allocation.

The resolution also called for the council to consult with the Gemfields QAS in relation to a platform they established to facilitate address-

one worth noting.

"Claims are not council's responsibility but for the safety of the community living on claims, the QAS has actually developed their own platform so they can have GPS locations to know where people are living when they're called out," she said.

"The need for this urban numbering has been driven for many years by the QAS because if you live in a community that doesn't have housing and you're a relief driver for the ambulance or any emergency services and you're not familiar with the town, it can cost a life.



Delay 'cost my dad's life'

By Sonia Isaacs

A BEERWAH resident has called for an urgent review of Queensland Ambulance Service (QAS) following the recent death of her father, who she believes could have been saved had an ambulance arrived sooner.

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"We were later devastated to discover the Maleny ambulance took a wrong turn due to mapping errors, causing further delays."

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"Something needs to be done before more lives are lost," she urged.

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"If someone is critically unwell, we do not delay, we send the closest available ambulance at all times," she assured.

Story P.3

Sydney man turns up to find home demolished instead of house next door

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Grieving family blames out-of-date street database for dad's death

Mum sues over lost ambulance

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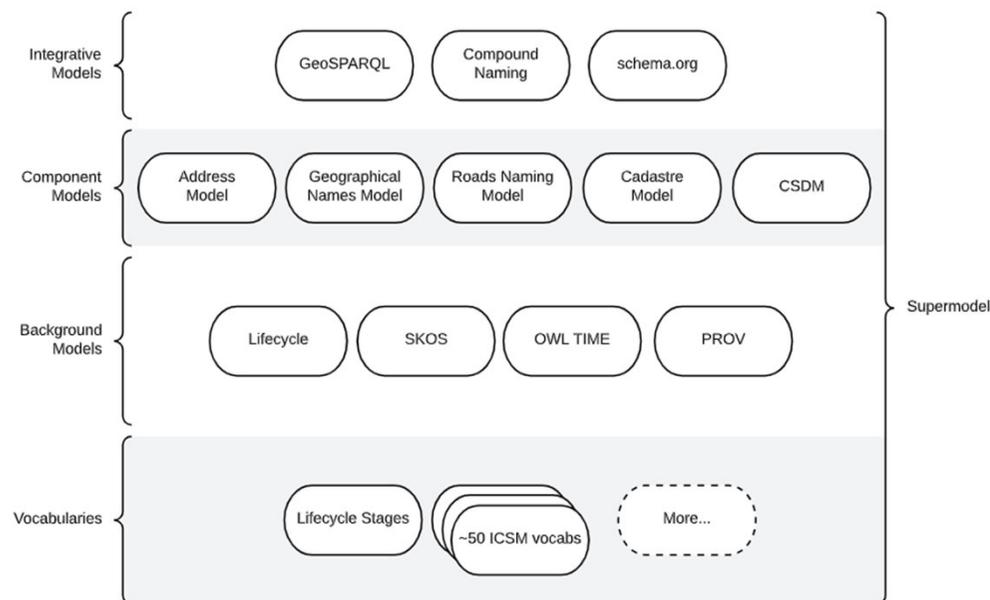
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Address modernisation

- Move to a semantic web-based approach
- Supermodel and component models for both cadastre and addressing
- Based on the **ISO 19160.1 Addressing Part 1: Conceptual model**
- Fully compatible with the Geocoded National Address File (GNAF) relational model
- Highly flexible, reconfigurable and reusable

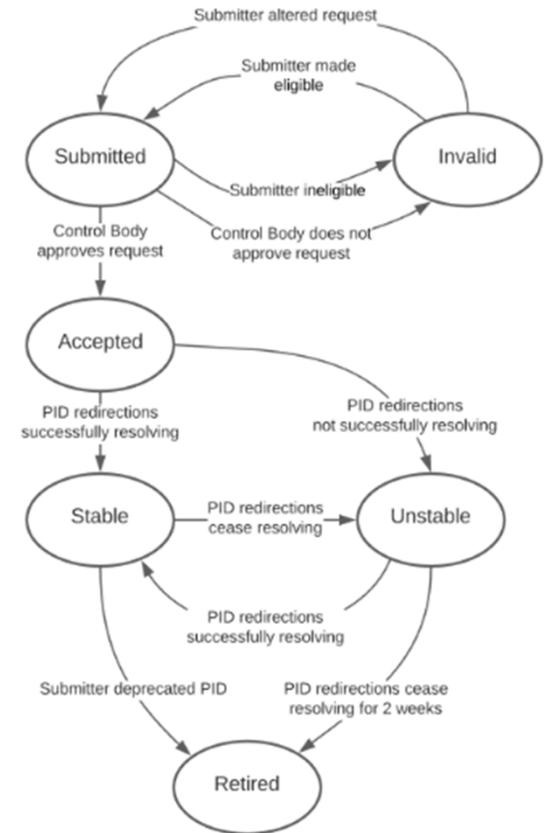


Queensland Spatial Information Supermodel



Controlled vocabularies

- A predefined set of terms used for consistent data classification
- Helps standardize language across systems and datasets
- Reduces ambiguity by ensuring everyone uses the same terminology
- Enhances interoperability between databases and applications
- Reduces duplicate or conflicting terms
- Types you would already know:
 - Simple predefined terms (e.g., country names).
 - Taxonomies: Hierarchical structures (e.g., biological classification).
 - Ontologies: Complex networks of relationships and rules.



State diagram showing status states of a resource and actions causing state change. The Status States Diagram for Guidelines v1.1 <https://www.linked.data.gov.au/>

Controlled Vocabulary for Road Type = Avenue

Collections
Item
Road Lane Count
Road Maintainer
Road Operational Statuses
Road Owner
Road Seasonality
Road Surfaces
Road Trafficability
Road Travel Direction
Road Types
Road User Access

Road Types	
IRI	https://linked.data.gov.au/def/road-types
Type	Concept Scheme
status	experimental
type	Concept Scheme
versionIRI	1.0
versionInfo	1.0
definition	This vocabulary describes road types. A road type is used as part of a road name and distinguishes the type of road. The road types that do not meet AS/NZS 4819:2011 exist to enable inclusion of roads named prior to the creation of AS/NZS 4819:2011. These types should not be used for any new road designations
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creator	Queensland Spatial Information
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Avenue	
IRI	https://linked.data.gov.au/def/road-types/avenue
Type	Concept
type	Concept
is defined by	Road Types
alternative label	AV Av AVE Ave
definition	Broad roadway, usually planted on each side with trees. Should be an open ended thoroughfare
history note	AS/NZS4819:2011, AS4590.1:2017, NSW, QLD, TAS, VIC, WA, NZ roads data. Definition from AS/NZS4819:2011.
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IRI = Internationalized Resource Identifier





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