

AUSTRALASIAN JOURNAL OF REGIONAL STUDIES

Guidelines for authors

The Australasian Journal of Regional Studies (AJRS) is a refereed journal published by the Australia and New Zealand Regional Science Association International Inc. This non-profit organisation is dedicated to improving our understanding of regional economic and social conditions and development processes in the Australasian region through research and the discussion of ideas.

The Journal is distributed electronically, with at least two issues published each year.

1. General invitation

The AJRS welcomes contributed articles falling within the broad disciplines of economics, geography, sociology, political science, urban and regional planning, demography, environmental resource management, and related public policy.

Articles are expected to contribute new knowledge to the field of regional studies, and are generally expected to have an empirical foundation.

Typical areas of interest/publication include:

- contemporary, theoretical and empirical articles on the processes shaping regional communities and economies;
- analyses of current and emerging regional economic and social conditions, particularly when employing innovative data sets and statistical techniques;
- analyses of the short, medium and longer-term prognoses for regional development resulting from globalisation, environmental, political, social and demographic change, evolving macro- and micro-economic settings and/or emergent technologies – among other things, and
- conceptual articles on the capacities of various tiers of government or communities to develop strategies to remedy or ameliorate regional issues identified above.

It is recognised that ‘Regional Studies’ encompasses many fields of research. Consequently, the source material may be drawn from almost any academic discipline. Important to this journal, however, is the need for the research to consider the research topics within a spatial context and have regard to regional issues.

Submissions from outside Australasia, or addressing regional issues outside Australasia, are welcome. Articles may be related to case study examples but, in those cases, it is essential that the article is not simply descriptive and should provide a presentation of the underlying theory, and analysis and explore applicability or otherwise to other regions or projects.

Submissions by students and early-career academics are encouraged. In the case of submissions from PhD or Masters candidates, it is suggested that the contributions of the supervisor to the submission be endorsed by way of their nomination as a co-author.

Examples of the types of articles and general interest areas for the Journal can also be found by a perusal of past editions of the Journal at: <https://www.anzrsai.org/publications/>.

The Editors are willing to provide general but non-binding advice to authors as to the likely suitability of topics under development for later publication in the Journal.

2. Submission guidelines

Manuscripts should be sent electronically to journal@anzrsai.org. Unless otherwise requested by the Editors, all correspondence should be directed through that email address.

Manuscripts should be submitted preferably as a single MS Word file. There is no need to separate the title page, figures or tables into separate documents.

The corresponding author (to whom acknowledgement, queries or reports should be sent) must be clearly identified at the time of submission. The names and affiliations of all co-authors must also be clear on the submission.

Initial submissions do not need to adhere to the formatting requirements of the journal. However, after a revise-and-resubmit decision, all further re-submissions must be in the correct format in order to avoid unnecessary delay to the review and publication process.

All submissions must be accompanied by a cover letter that confirms:

- the authenticity and originality of the submission;
- that the submission, has not been previously published in any substantial way; and
- that the submission (either in full or in substantial part) is not currently under review by any other journal or similar publication.

Articles that are submitted are given an initial review by the Editors and, if deemed aligned with AJRS interests, will be referred for single-blind review by experts chosen by the Editors.

The Editors aim to process submissions expeditiously:

- Submissions should be acknowledged by email within five working days of receipt.
- A decision on whether the paper is to proceed to review should be advised within four weeks.
- Advice on the outcome of those reviews will normally occur within three to four months of submission (depending on the availability of suitable reviewers).

Please note however that the ability of the AJRS and its editors to meet these timelines depends on authors adhering strictly and completely to these guidelines and to their early response to requests for further information, amendments and/or alterations.

The Editors reserve the right to reject or not to proceed with any submission without the obligation for an explanation.

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3. Textual, layout and related requirements

Submissions should be up to about 6,000 words (maximum 7000) in length and should be double spaced. They should also follow the formatting guidelines below.

- (1) A cover page with the title of the paper; authors' names, postal and email addresses; and organisational affiliations. If there is more than one author, please specify the corresponding author.
- (2) Page two must be headed by the article's title and an abstract of up to 150 words maximum. The abstract must be self-contained and not use undefined abbreviations or references. After the abstract, please provide (i) not more than 5 keywords, and (ii) any acknowledgements of, for example, research grants on which the article depends. The article's text immediately follows these preliminaries.
- (3) Tables and figures should be integrated into the main text, immediately after they are referred to in the text. All tables and figures should be mentioned in the text and numbered using Arabic numerals. Figures and line drawings should be of a quality suitable for printing and will not normally be redrawn by the publisher. We may request that figures and line drawings be submitted as separate files during the publication process. Colour figures are acceptable. Please make sure that sources are given for tables and figures.
- (4) Footnotes should be avoided, wherever possible.
- (5) Textual references should give the author's name, with the year of publication in parentheses. Multiple publications by the same author in the same year should reference the year followed by a letter, e.g. 2023a.
- (6) Formatting requirements for final submissions are

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