Human Geography, Resource and Environmental Planning, and Development Studies Collection Development Policy

Introduction
Massey University Library aims to ensure a collection that is aligned and relevant to the teaching, learning and research needs of the Human Geography, Resource and Environmental Planning and Development Studies undergraduate and postgraduate programmes. There are significant numbers of postgraduate students in these programmes. The collection is physically held at all campuses. Complementing this collection is a large range of electronic resources.

History of the collection
The Human Geography and the Resource and Environmental Planning programmes were established in the 1970s while the Development Studies programme was established in the mid 1980s. The Resource and Environmental Planning programme is a professional degree accredited by the New Zealand Planning Institute; Development Studies offers a Master of International Development which offers a professional rather than a research pathway: together with the Human Geography programme it focuses more widely on the Pacific and Asia and, to a lesser extent, Africa.

Description of the collection

- **Monographs**
  This is a large collection of about 28,000 print monographs and 13,000 ebooks supporting the programmes listed above, quite wide-ranging but with a core of social science topics that branch out to environmental, planning and geographical areas, all with a human impact focus. These include diverse topics such as developing countries, poverty, globalisation, geopolitics, historical geography, economic geography, community, agricultural geography, ecotourism, consumption and place, city planning, regional planning, environmental planning, sustainable development planning, hazard planning and planning law. The collection is primarily located at Manawatū followed by Albany and then Wellington and this collection is also supported by very substantial collections in the areas of environmental science, business, economics and social science.

- **Journals/Databases**
  Massey University Library has subscriptions to most major journal publisher collections plus access to journals via aggregated databases. It has a substantial core journal collection numbering approximately 1100 titles mostly in electronic format across these disciplines. These include core research journals, occasional and working papers and newsletters. The Library has current access to 19 of the 20 most highly-cited geography, planning and development journals in SCImago
Journal Rankings (SJR). Again, this collection is supported by a wealth of other social sciences titles. The relevant print and online New Zealand journals are held.

The Library provides online access to key international and New Zealand databases relevant to human geography, resource and environmental planning and development, the most significant being the *International Encyclopedia of Human Geography*, *Sage Research Methods* and the *International Encyclopedia of the Social and Behavioral Sciences*. Access to statistical data is also provided.

- **Other media**
  This collection consists of documentaries and television programmes. There are several hundred feature films and documentaries in DVD format on a variety of human geography, resource and environmental planning and development topics. The Library subscribes to *Culture Unplugged* and *Ethnographic Video Online* that contain collections of documentaries, and to *eTV*, which gives online access to New Zealand and international television channels and recorded television programmes.

**Collection priorities**
Core and current resources are priorities for acquisition. The Library has an ongoing policy of purchasing journal archives as funds permit.

**Withdrawal and weeding**
The Human Geography, Resource and Environmental Planning, and Development Studies collection is subject to the Library’s 5-yearly weeding cycle. The standard retention policy practised by Massey University Library sees one or two superseded editions of textbooks retained. In the case of New Zealand planning documents, the draft plans are discarded once the full adopted plan is in the collection.

**Related Collection Development Policies**
Physical geography; Sociology and Social Anthropology.