



Hydrographic Services and Standards Committee

HSSC5-INF8

Australia

Withdrawal of Raster Navigation Charts

Background

- ✦ RNC local service from 1997
- ✦ ENC international service from 2005
- ✦ Initial ENC coverage 2011
- ✦ Full ENC coverage 2012
- ✦ ENC local service from 2012



RNC service

- ✦ “Seafarer RNC”, became “AusRNC”
- ✦ HCRF format
- ✦ Options for:
 - Full update service (12 month subscription)
 - Periodic update service (12 month subscription)
 - No update service (charts do not expire)
- ✦ AHS approved each commercial ECS, with AHS bound by RNC contractual supply arrangements



Facts

- ✦ Low local demand for RNC (after 16 years)
- ✦ Higher local demand for ENC (after 1 year)
- ✦ Not endorsed for international shipping as a stand-alone chart format
- ✦ Cost of RNC service exceeds revenue
- ✦ Some charts also in ARCS
- ✦ Last system / RNC supply agreement expired May 2013
- ✦ Cheap ENC ECS now available



Review

- ✦ Consultation with:
 - major chart agents
 - Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA)
 - Navy
 - Australian Customs Service
 - Australian Yachting Federation
 - Mail-out to existing update customers



Outcome

- ✦ Announced withdrawal in July 1013
- ✦ Current base disk is last one
- ✦ Last update disk June 2014
- ✦ Announced via:
 - Notices to Mariners
 - Chart agents
 - Website
 - Social media



Feedback

- ✦ Either positive or non-existent.
- ✦ Only one negative: “don’t like look of ENC”



Action requested of HSSC

- ✦ Consider and discuss this paper.

