

# Preface

The compilation of regional data so as to prepare an early version of USAGE-TERM did not seem at first to be a massive task. It soon became evident that proper documentation would be time-consuming. Detailed documentation, technical refinements, and model applications have taken a number of years.

USAGE-TERM follows in the footsteps of the dynamic USAGE model of the US economy developed by Peter Dixon and Maureen Rimmer over many years. Many of the research memoranda, working papers, and publications authored by Peter and Maureen in devising the USAGE model are cited in the volume. Some of the model enhancements implemented in USAGE have been adopted in USAGE-TERM.

USAGE-TERM development has been the culmination of a team effort. Peter Dixon and Maureen Rimmer have brought the model to life through commissioned projects originating from various US federal departments. Mark Horridge pioneered the TERM approach to CGE modeling. The first application of TERM concerned drought in Australia late in 2002. More recently, Mark and other GEMPACK specialists, Michael Jerie, Florian Schiffmann, and Dean Mustakinov, have responded to the growing technical demands of model users as the theory and database of the model have grown.

Without clients, many of the enhancements of USAGE-TERM would not have been developed. The contributors to this volume are grateful to CREATE at USC, the MITRE Corporation, the Department of Homeland Security, and the US Department of Commerce for their commissioned projects using the model.

The Centre of Policy Studies (CoPS) moved to Victoria University early in 2014. We are grateful to Vice-Chancellor Peter Dawkins for the opportunity to continue research in a new setting.

The saddest recent event in CoPS has been the passing of Ken Pearson in May 2015. He was a selfless, devoted, brilliant colleague. His grand vision of GEMPACK software as a tool to spare the CGE modeler from the need to acquire specialist programming skills has enlarged the CGE community. Every working day at CoPS, we use the software that remains Ken's legacy.

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