BOLTSS Map Conventions

When you create a map, make sure you include the following:

- Border The border shows the edges of the map and looks like a simple box around the map. The lines of the border should be ruled and should stand out.
- Orientation The orientation shows the direction of the map. Most maps use a North arrow to show orientation.
- Legend A legend (also called a 'Key') is a list of symbols used in the map with a description for each symbol, telling the map reader what all the symbols mean.
- Title The title tells us what the map shows. For example, 'South Australia' or 'My Neighbourhood'.
- Source You should always be able to reference where your information comes from.
- Scale A scale helps to show the size of the map we are creating and the distances between points in the map. A scale can be represented as a ratio (e.g. 1:5000) or a statement (e.g. one centimetre represents five kilometres). Alternatively, you can represent your scale as an image:



Map example:





