



## Meeting 02/11: Endorsed Minutes

- Chair:** Ollie Hedberg
- Members:** Abbas Rajabifard, Geoff Spring, Alan Norman, Diane Daniell, Danny Broadbent, Ben Searle, Peter O'Neill, Chris Bellman, Chris McRae, Neil Smith
- Apologies:** Bruce Thompson, John Hennessy
- Guests:** Professor Kate Auty, Commissioner for Environmental Sustainability, Dr Scott Rawlings (Agenda Item 2); Peter Mosley, John Gallagher (Agenda Item 3)
- Secretariat:** Jo Curran, Elizabeth Thomas

**Note:** The following items are minuted as they appear on the agenda and not necessarily the order they were discussed at the meeting.

	Who	Due date
<b>1. PREVIOUS MEETING</b>		
<b>1.1 Minutes of Previous Meeting</b>		
Minutes of the previous meeting were <b>endorsed</b> .		
<b>1.2 Outstanding action items</b>		
Action items register updated; actions arising from Meeting 01/11 included (see attached).		
<b>1.3 Conflict of Interest</b>		
Nil		
<b>2. Commissioner for Environmental Sustainability</b>		
The Chair introduced Professor Kate Auty, Commissioner for Environmental Sustainability, and Dr Scott Rawlings, Manager Environmental Modelling and Analysis, Office of the CES, to the meeting.		
The Commissioner is required to produce a State of the Environment Report in 2013, and has released a framework, <i>Science, Policy, People</i> , to provide a model for preparation of the report.		
The Commissioner noted that science communication, representing information spatially, selecting the indicators that will guide the report, and providing accessible information are major interests of her office.		
The activities and goals of the Council were outlined, and it was noted that the Council could provide input in terms of providing contextual information based on location,		
Other items discussed included the role of crowd-sourcing in building the amount of information available, whether opportunities for making information products available to the private sector for value adding would be considered, consistency between jurisdictions' information products, alignment of the SOE Report with other environment reports (eg State of the Forests, Catchment Condition Reports), making information relevant to local communities, and using case studies to explore major themes.		

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<p>The Commissioner's Office will be finalising a range of indicators in coming weeks.</p> <p>The Chair thanked Professor Auty and Dr Rawlings for the discussion, and it was <b>agreed</b> to continue the discussions between the Council Secretariat and the Commissioner's Office to pursue activities to achieve the two bodies' goals.</p>		
<p><b>3. Address Standard</b></p> <p>P Mosley and J Gallagher from SII attended the meeting to give a briefing on the current review of AS/NZS Standard 4819 – Geographic Information Rural and Urban Addressing, and discuss issues arising out of the current way in which responsibilities for address data are allocated in Victoria.</p> <p>Members noted that the public consultation on the revised standard will begin on 8 April and be open for 9 weeks. It is anticipated that the Standard and accompanying Guidelines will be finalised by the second week of October 2011.</p> <p>An issue that has recently emerged out of the review in Victoria is who should be responsible for 'enforcing' compliance with the standard.</p> <p>The current practice is that SII records the data supplied by Address Custodians (primarily Local Councils) in Vicmap Address. One of the results of this is that some legacy non-standard addressing exists in the dataset, and Vicmap Address is not a complete reflection of the standard.</p> <p>SII always advises that AS/NZS 4819 should be used for assigning address (and AS/NZS 4590 for output/use of address).</p> <p>The Notification for Editing Service (NES) provides opportunities for users to make 'Change Requests' if non-standard addresses are found; Councils then make a decision on whether to make the change.</p> <p>It was <b>agreed</b> that the Council could assist in raising awareness about the standard and what is good practice during the forthcoming consultation phase.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> Participate in the public consultation process on AS/NZS Standard 4819 once it opens.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> Determine an appropriate means by which the Council can contribute to raising awareness of the new AS/NZS Standard 4819 during the forthcoming consultation phase.</p>	Secretariat	March 2011
<p><b>4. Other Business</b></p> <p><b>4.1 VSC Submission to Towards an Australian Government Information Policy Issues Paper</b></p> <p>Members noted the Council's submission to the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner's Issues Paper No.1, <i>Towards an Australian Government Information Policy</i>.</p> <p><b>4.2 Other</b></p> <p>1. E Thomas drew members' attention to the invitation from the Australian Bureau of Statistics to their forthcoming information session on the release of the <i>Land Account: Great Barrier Reef Region, Experimental Estimates, 2011</i>. The information session will be held on 9 March 2011.</p>		

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2.	The Chair noted that he has asked the Secretariat to arrange meetings with the Business Council, and the Department of Sustainability and Environment's Deputy Secretaries for Policy, and Corporate and Business Services.	
3.	B Searle brought members up to date with the review of the Australian Government's spatial capabilities and activities being conducted by Dr Vanessa Lawrence, the Director-General and Chief Executive of Ordnance Survey in the UK. A briefing on the review will be given to ANZLIC Council at its meeting on 10 March 2011, and the report is due for release later in March 2011.	
	Ben also noted that the Department of Regional Australia is developing capability to spatially enable the Australian Government's budget, and that the organisation of the 2011 spatial@gov conference has begun.	
4.	D Broadbent sought advice on whether a presentation could be given at the 2011 GITA conference on the legislation project. The Chair advised that a decision on whether to go ahead with such a presentation would depend on direction first being given by the Government on whether to proceed with the proposal arising out of the Council's 2010 investigation.	
	Danny also asked for an update on development of VSIS at the next meeting.	
5.	N Smith and E Thomas agreed to meet to discuss organising a Victorian Government themed forum and the development of VSIS.	
6.	P O'Neill reported that SIBA had held a breakfast seminar with Defence in the last week of February. He suggested that a presentation from Sypac might be considered for a future Council meeting. This was agreed to.	
7.	J Curran advised that the next Newtech conference will be held in Nagambie in May 2011.	
8.	G Spring asked about progress in resolving the issues with Google over their use of mapping data. The Chair advised that no final commitment has yet been given by Google on the proposals discussed in recent months.	
	Geoff also reported on the success of the APCO Conference held in Melbourne in late February. Imagery and mapping featured prominently throughout the event.	
9.	The Chair noted that there has been no recent progress on developing a national direction for positioning infrastructure in Australia.	
<b>5.</b>	<b>Next Meeting</b>	
	<b>Date:</b> Wednesday 06 April 2011	
	<b>Time:</b> 2.00 pm to 5.00 pm	
	<b>Venue:</b> Archer Room, 16/570 Bourke Street, Melbourne	

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**Summary of Actions and Resolutions**

**Agenda Item 2**

It was **agreed** to continue the discussions between the Council Secretariat and the Commissioner for Environmental Sustainability's Office to pursue activities to achieve the two bodies' goals.

**Agenda Item 3**

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