



Meeting 04/10: Endorsed Minutes

- Chair:** Ollie Hedberg
- Members:** Alan Norman, Chris McRae, Chris Bellman, Diane Daniell, Peter O'Neill, Bruce Thompson, Geoff Spring, Danny Broadbent
- Apologies:** Ben Searle, Abbas Rajabifard, John Hennessy
- Guests:** Brian Esposito, GITA Board member (Agenda Item 2), Peter Phillips, Regulatory Impact Solutions (Agenda Item 3), T.O Chan, SII (Agenda Item 4)
- Secretariat:** Elizabeth Thomas, Joanne Curran

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
1. PREVIOUS MEETING		
1.1 Minutes of Previous Meeting		
Minutes of the previous meeting were endorsed		
1.2 Outstanding action items		
Action items register updated; actions arising from Meeting 03/10 included (see attached).		
1.3 Conflict of Interest		
Nil		
2. GITA presentation		
Brian Esposito, GITA Board member, briefed members on the Association's key issues, challenges, objectives and future directions.		
Among their main challenges are increasing the number of members and broadening the range of interests represented.		
The GITA Australia/New Zealand Board is also considering how it could become involved in similar activities as their US counterpart, where they are more engaged publicly and politically.		
GITA has recently become a member of the Australian Spatial Consortium, and is involved in the Surveying and Spatial Sciences Institute.		
The 2010 GITA Conference is currently being organised, which will have a significant focus on Smart Grids and Technologies.		
Council members were particularly interested in the Smart Grids and the strategic direction for their development.		
It was agreed that possible opportunities for collaboration between the Council and GITA should be discussed at a future meeting.		

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An opportunity for the VSC Chair to attend a GITA Board Meeting will also be pursued.		
D Broadbent publicly acknowledged Brian's support, in his capacity as Data Manager, Network Management Automation at SP-Ausnet, for the Custodianship Program.		
Action: Contact GITA to determine if there may be an opportunity for the Chair to attend a Board meeting.	Secretariat	May 2010

3. Legislation project update

Peter Phillips from Regulatory Impact Solutions attended the meeting to give an update on progress of the investigation into the case for legislation and a report on preliminary findings to date.

Peter noted that 10 existing pieces of legislation have been reviewed; members suggested that the Road Management Act also be considered.

The investigation has indicated that there is a strong case for consolidating legislative provisions around spatial information and updating the language used to regulate activities in this area.

There is also a case for 'principles based' legislation under which other instruments such as regulations and guidelines can be established.

Through this approach, the institutional roles and obligations can be clarified and appropriate guidance given on how to meet those requirements. By clarifying these it is likely that compliance will improve.

The review will also consider any impacts on commercialising the data.

The members agreed to invite Land Victoria, MAV, LGSRG, OESC and the DSE Deputy Secretary to participate in the stakeholder consultations.

A further update will be given at the June meeting.

4. CRC Program 3 and Research Agenda

T.O Chan attended the meeting to update members on progress of the Research Agenda.

It has been distributed to the CRC, Universities, Landgate in WA, PSMA and DSE Divisional Executives, and has received a positive response so far.

T.O also introduced members to a draft Research and Development Framework for CRC Program 3 – Spatial Marketplace (being led by B Thompson), which will be used to guide development and assessment of, and investment in projects.

The Framework views the industry as a business system, ie activities driven by market demand and the means of production are used to develop products and services to meet that demand.

It is based on observed trends and theme-based aspirations. The approach it takes is to set goals and then find pathways through the Framework to reach those goals.

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<p>At the next meeting the members will use the Framework to test how it might work in supporting development of an initiative in the VSC's areas of interest.</p> <p>In the meantime, any comments or queries members may have on the Framework are welcome.</p>		
5.	Bing Google VSC Guidelines	
<p>Members endorsed the draft VSC Guideline on the terms and conditions of use of Google Maps and Bing Maps.</p> <p>It is intended to provide guidance only and not be a substitute for consulting Google and Microsoft's Terms and Conditions for the use of their products.</p> <p>The Guideline also makes mention of the need to consider the costs and benefits of using the underlying data as part of viewing tools and applications.</p> <p>It was agreed that the Guideline is a good starting point in considering the issues, and that a further review should be considered in a few months time.</p> <p>It will now be published and SII will implement a communications plan.</p>		
6.	VSIS 2011-2013 Discussion Paper Outline	
<p>Members considered an outline and some preliminary content for the proposed VSIS 2011-2013 discussion paper.</p> <p>The purpose the discussion paper is to introduce readers to new themes that might be considered in the 2011-13 Strategy.</p> <p>A number of examples are included in the outline, such as open access to information, Government 2.0, smart technologies and cloud computing.</p> <p>Members are asked to take the outline back to their sectors and seek input.</p> <p>G Spring made three suggestions at the meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Considering the use of social media • Augmented reality • Including a 'gap analysis' of the implementation of the current VSIS 		
7.	Other Business	
7.1	Report on ANZLIC Economic Study workshop attended by VSC Chair	
<p>The Chair and E Thomas reported on their attendance at the ANZLIC Economic Study workshop in Canberra on 30 March 2010.</p> <p>ANZLIC are conducting the Study to determine how to structure appropriately the costs of providing spatial information from both supply and demand perspectives.</p>		

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<p>It wants to examine the costs, benefits and market efficiencies of government being the distributor of accessible, fit-for purpose spatial data based on cost recovery and commercial pricing where appropriate (the model used by most Australian States), versus being the distributor of raw data at marginal or zero cost (the model argued for in the UK Pollock study and the predominant approach in the USA).</p> <p>A draft report for the first stage of the project is currently being considered by the Study Steering Committee.</p>		
<p>7.2 Update on progress of discussions to establish a national CORS network</p> <p>B Thompson gave an update on recent discussions on the establishment of a National CORS network.</p> <p>Victoria has been interested in progressing such an approach for some time, particularly to provide a 20cm service using existing infrastructure, testing it and building a business model.</p> <p>This would be a necessary first step before seeking a national 2cm network.</p> <p>On 15 April 2010, Victoria, NSW, WA, Qld, SA and representatives from PSMA and ANZLIC met to consider the proposal further and agreed on a set of principles and actions for developing a statement of requirements; station coverage; licensing, pricing and relationship management; and communication.</p> <p>Once the policy position is finalised, it will be issued by media release.</p> <p>The Chair brought members' attention to the development of a National Positioning Policy.</p> <p>ANZLIC established a National Positioning Infrastructure Group to develop the policy, using Victoria's Positioning Policy as a major input. Its recent draft however has a narrower scope than Victoria's approach.</p> <p>Members agreed to a suggestion from B Thompson that the CRC be invited to review the draft national policy as a precursor to making a decision on publishing the Victorian policy.</p>		
<p>Action: Develop a proposal for the CRC to review the draft National Positioning Policy.</p>	Secretariat	June 2010
<p>7.3 Date of July meeting</p> <p>The July VSC meeting will be rescheduled to Wednesday 14 July 2010.</p> <p>Members will be advised via email.</p>		
<p>Action: Advise members of the new July meeting date</p>	Secretariat	June 2010
<p>7.4 Other</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A Norman noted that the e-Plan initiative is progressing with implementation meetings to begin next week. 2. D Daniell advised Council that she had been approached by one of the CMAs about establishing a user group. <p>In the meantime, the Local Government groups are encouraging CMAs and water boards to attend their meetings.</p>		

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Diane also attended the first meeting of the Gippsland User Group which had 25 participants.		
3. B Thompson reported that the Bushfire Royal Commission's recommendations into mapping are being finalised. The Commission is due to present its final report on 31 July 2010.		
4. J Curran advised that the next Newtech Conference is on Thursday 17 June at Silverwater Resort, San Remo.		
5. E Thomas reported that the Australian Government's response to the recommendation of its Government 2.0 taskforce report has been published.		
A copy will be provided to members.		

7. Next Meeting

Date: Wednesday 2 June 2010

Time: 2.00 pm to 5.00 pm

Venue: Level 16, 570 Bourke St, Melbourne (Archer Room)

Summary of Actions and Resolutions

Agenda Item 2

Action: Contact GITA to determine if there may be an opportunity for the Chair to attend a Board meeting. Secretariat May 2010

Agenda Item 5

Members **endorsed** the draft VSC Guideline on the terms and conditions of use of Google Maps and Bing Maps.

Agenda Item 7.2

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