



## Meeting 09/09: Minutes

- Chair:** Ollie Hedberg
- Members:** **VSC:** Peter O'Neill, Alan Norman, Abbas Rajabifard, Chris McRae, Chris Bellman, Diane Daniell, Ben Searle, Geoff Spring, Danny Broadbent, Bruce Thompson  
**VGSC:** Neil Smith, Merrin Mason, Lillian Milla, Jacqui Carter, Ian Clarke, Chris Gilmore
- Apologies:** John Hennessy
- Guests:** Lara Bandarian, Landgate, WA (Observer); Guy Perkins (Agenda Item 2)
- 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
The Chair welcomed Lara Bandarian, Acting Principal Policy Officer, Strategic Business Directions in Landgate, WA who has been invited to observe today's proceedings.		
<b>1. PREVIOUS MEETING</b>		
<b>1.1 Minutes of Previous Meeting</b>		
Minutes of the previous <b>Victorian Spatial Council Meeting</b> and the previous <b>Victorian Government Spatial Committee Meeting</b> were <b>endorsed</b>		
<b>1.2 Outstanding action items</b>		
Action items register updated; actions arising from Meeting 07/09 included (see attached).		
<b>1.3 Conflict of Interest</b>		
Nil		
<b>2. Imagery Acquisition by NearMap</b>		
Guy Perkins, Chief Operating Officer of NearMap demonstrated the developments in imagery acquisition that the company is now marketing and providing.		
NearMap is attempting to link spatial information to the growing on-line media market.		
They are using new technology to acquire imagery more frequently while at the same time reducing cost and the timeframes for processing. Three new methods have been developed to further this goal:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Off the shelf cameras mounted on planes (Hyperpod)</li><li>• Full automation of the process (Hypervision)</li><li>• On-line availability (Hyperweb)</li></ul>		

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<p>Their plan is to capture 7½cm imagery of the major Australian cities every month, with a long term vision to expand this to 700 cities across the world.</p> <p>Imagery is licensed to Government and provided free to the community.</p> <p>Using their methods, NearMap could capture the whole of Victoria at 10cm in 3 months at a cost of \$5 million.</p> <p>The discussion that followed covered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scale of projects – assessed on a case by case basis</li> <li>• Impact on the Coordinated Imagery Program – which will need to be assessed</li> <li>• IP – which remains with NearMap (where work is commissioned the client will have the right to use the imagery in perpetuity)</li> <li>• Terms and conditions of use – any imagery used for business purposes will attract a fee (this will depend on the size of the user)</li> <li>• The system ingests data from multiple sources eg uses Vicmap as a web service</li> <li>• Spatial Accuracy – 0.7m positional accuracy on average</li> </ul> <p>It was <b>agreed</b> that the Imagery Assurance Group (IAG) should further consider the impact on the Coordinated Imagery Program.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> Convene the IAG to discuss the impact of the NearMap model on the Coordinated Imagery Program</p> <p><b>Action:</b> Consider the impact of the NearMap model at the next Local Government Spatial Reference Group meeting.</p>	<p>C Bellman</p> <p>D Daniell</p>	<p>February 2010</p>
<hr/> <p><b>3. Review of the final report of the Public Sector Information Inquiry</b></p> <p>A detailed summary and review of the final report of the Inquiry into Improving Access to Victorian Public Sector Information and Data was presented.</p> <p>Members were advised that the Government response is expected to be tabled in February 2010.</p> <p>B Searle noted that at an Australian Government level the following is due to happen in the near future:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A revised FOI act will be presented in parliament which will propose an Information Commission be appointed</li> <li>• The Government 2.0 Taskforce is likely to recommend that data be made available free.</li> </ul> <p>Members <b>noted</b> the material provided</p>		
<hr/> <p><b>4. Draft Spatial Information Research Agenda</b></p> <p>The first draft of a consolidated research agenda document was presented as a result of work done by the Secretariat in conjunction with SII.</p> <p>The ideas discussed at the last VSC meeting have been incorporated into a joint SII/VSC research agenda to be used as the basis for engaging with the research community to develop specific proposals for new initiatives (including the themes considered by the VSC).</p>		

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<p>It is intended that the document will be further developed to incorporate whole of Victorian Government research needs.</p> <p>The aim will be to develop a research agenda that aligns with Government strategic needs and that can be used to engage with CRCSI-2, researchers (universities) and other collaborators in the private and public sectors to further Government's interests.</p> <p>O Hedberg re-iterated he is keen for the VSC to play a part in the research agenda.</p> <p>B Searle suggested that the Australian Government would also be interested in playing a part.</p> <p>It was agreed that the VSC would determine ways to enable the Australian Government to be involved in the research agenda.</p> <p>O Hedberg also noted that the VSC would also engage with the wider academic sector.</p> <p>It was <b>agreed</b> to publish the Draft Research agenda on the VSC website.</p>		
<p><b>Action:</b> Publish draft Research Agenda on VSC website</p>	Secretariat	January 2010
<hr/> <p><b>5. iTransport Discussion Paper submission</b></p>		
<p>Members considered whether the VSC should make a submission to the Government's <i>iTransport Discussion Paper</i>.</p> <p>The Discussion Paper raises a number of issues around positioning and information management that are also of interest to the VSC and VGSC.</p> <p>It provides an opportunity to reinforce the Council's position on the need for an ongoing information management capability to support Government's activities and the information infrastructure that already exists in Victoria.</p> <p>It also provides an opportunity to present the draft Positioning Policy to a new audience and demonstrate its application to the use of intelligent transport.</p> <p>Members <b>agreed</b> to make a submission which is due by 29 January 2010.</p>		
<p><b>Action:</b> Prepare a VSC submission to the <i>iTransport Discussion Paper</i></p>	Secretariat	January 2010
<p><b>Positioning Policy – letter from ANZLIC</b></p>		
<p>Members noted that a letter had been received from the Chair of ANZLIC's National Positioning Infrastructure Working Group congratulating the VSC on its (quote) '<i>excellent work in relation to the development of a positioning and location policy for Victoria</i>'.</p> <p>The letter goes on to say that '<i>The Working Group has found the (policy) to be first class and we anticipate using substantial portions of it in the National Policy</i>'</p> <p>The Chair indicated that he will write to the CRC passing on these congratulations and commending Geomatic Technologies (in particular, Jessica Davies and Karen Wealands) for its work on the policy.</p>		
<p><b>Action:</b> Write to CRC regarding the Positioning Policy</p>	Chair / Secretariat	February 2010

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<p><b>6. Bing/Google Maps Licence Review</b></p> <p>Members noted that SII is coordinating a review into the Terms and Conditions of the use of Google Maps and Bing Maps by Government Departments.</p> <p>N Smith commented that the review arose out of the increasing use of these products but a lack of understanding about the licensing requirements.</p> <p>It was agreed that this could be a national issue but that this review would form an initial analysis. The findings would be published for wider consideration.</p> <p>The results and implications of the review will be communicated to both Council and Committee members in early 2010.</p>		
<p><b>7. Spatial Datamart access review update</b></p> <p>Members noted the conclusion of the SDM access review.</p> <p>In November 2009, the Director SII wrote to the Chair of SIBA Victoria announcing that agreement had been reached with the DSPs on the terms and conditions under which State Government agencies could obtain direct access to Spatial Datamart.</p> <p>The final terms and conditions will take effect from 1 January 2010.</p> <p>P O'Neill confirmed that the DSPs are satisfied with the result of the review.</p>		
<p><b>8. Other Business</b></p> <p><b>8.1 Newtech Report</b></p> <p>Members noted that the VSC presentation by D Daniell at the recent Newtech Conference was very well received.</p> <p>D Broadbent commented on how good it was to hear how VSIS has been used to guide the development of practical initiatives.</p> <p>Participants agreed that another excellent Newtech Conference was held.</p> <p><b>8.2 Decision on FIG paper abstract</b></p> <p>The VSC's abstract for the FIG Congress in Sydney in April 2010 has been accepted and a paper will be written.</p> <p>More than 840 proposals were received by the organisers.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> Prepare written paper for presentation at the 2010 FIG Congress</p>	Chair / Secretariat	January 2010
<p><b>8.3 Update on Legislation proposal</b></p> <p>A briefing paper to the Minister for Environment and Conservation is in preparation, and an approach will be made to the Emergency Services Commissioner for support for the initiative.</p> <p>The brief will include what is being proposed, why it is important, why legislation is the preferred approach and make a recommendation on a course of action.</p>		

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The Chair suggested that he, B Thompson and G Spring meeting should meet with the Commissioner to brief him on the proposal.		
<b>Action:</b> Arrange meeting with the Emergency Services Commissioner to discuss the VSC's legislation proposal.	Secretariat	February 2010
<b>8.4 Forum Agenda</b>		
Members noted the Agenda and proceedings for tomorrow's VSC Forum.		
<b>8.5 2010 Calendar of Meetings</b>		
Calendars of meetings for 2010 for both the VSC and VGSC were circulated.		
Members noted that monthly VSC meetings will be held on the first Wednesday of the month and bi-monthly VGSC meetings will be held on the third Wednesday.		
<b>8.6 Other</b>		
1. O Hedberg reported that, due to time constraint, it had not been possible to arrange the proposed round table with the MAV that was foreshadowed at the previous meeting. It will now be deferred until early next year.		
2. B Thompson presented a sample map for the Vicmap Urban Extent product that is being developed. This product aims to show where Urban Growth is occurring. The data content is based on the 22kv power network and discussions are underway with the utilities to acquire their data.		
3. B Thompson reported on a presentation he had given at an Information Day held by DIGO, who are looking to partner more with industry outside the military sector. DIGO has also recently published a GEO Strategy.		
4. B Searle noted the planning is now underway for Spatial@gov. He also noted that PSMA is close to signing an agreement with Hanover Fairs as a conference arranger. Through their connections, the spatial industry will be able to reach wider audiences.		
5. O Hedberg advised that the Australian Spatial Consortium have agreed that GITA should become a member.		
6. I Clarke noted a major shift in the Department of Health/Human Services in their approach to spatial information as a result of the bushfire preparedness and swine flu.		
7. D Broadbent advised that he had been contacted by Small Business Victoria to advise them on asset and utility information. It was suggested they might be invited to present to the VSC in 2010.		
8. D Daniell advised that the Metropolitan GIS User Group is likely to be reformed and the Local Government Spatial Reference Group (LGSRG) will be represented.		
9. B Searle reported that OSDM is setting up a standards group to coordinate an Australia-wide approach and to support jurisdictions with open standards.		

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10. C Bellman commented that the number of students selecting spatial science as a preference is up, but the final results will determine how many take up the option.		
11. M Mason noted that DOJ is attempting to coordinate spatial activities across their department.		
12. J Carter noted that the Victoria Police Common Operation Model (EmerGeo) went live on 1 <sup>st</sup> December 2009.		
13. Chris McRae advised that two new pieces of legislation have passed through the Legislative Assembly:		
• The <i>Valuation of Land Amendment Bill</i> (which will make the Valuer General responsible for Statewide data).		
• The <i>Land Amendment Bill</i> (which will require addresses to be created before subdivisions are registered).		
14. The Chair thanked all members for their contributions to both the VSC and VGSC during the year and looked forward to their continuing participation in 2010.		

## 8. Next Meeting

### VSC

**Date:** Wednesday 10 February 2010

**Time:** 2.00 pm to 5.00 pm

**Venue:** 600 Bourke St, Melbourne

### VGSC

**Date:** Wednesday 17 February 2010

**Time:** 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm

**Venue:** 570 Bourke Street, Melbourne

## Summary of Actions and Resolutions

### Agenda Item 2

It was **agreed** that the Imagery Assurance Group (IAG) should further consider the impact on the Coordinated Imagery Program (CIP)

**Action:** Convene the IAG to discuss the impact of the NearMap model on the Coordinated Imagery Program C Bellman

**Action:** Consider the impact of the NearMap model at the next Local Government Spatial Reference Group meeting. D Daniell February 2010

### Agenda Item 4

**Action:** Publish draft Research Agenda on VSC website Secretariat January 2010

### Agenda Item 5

**Action:** Prepare a VSC submission to the iTransport Discussion Paper Secretariat January 2010

**Action:** Write to CRC on their contribution to the development of the Victorian Positioning Policy Chair / Secretariat January 2010

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<b>Agenda Item 8.2</b>		
<b>Action:</b> Prepare written paper for presentation at the 2010 FIG Congress	Chair / Secretariat	January 2010
<b>Agenda Item 8.3</b>		
<b>Action:</b> Arrange meeting with the Emergency Services Commissioner to discuss the VSC's legislation proposal.	Secretariat	February 2010