

DEVELOPMENT OF THE VICTORIAN SPATIAL INFORMATION STRATEGY 2011-2013 – SCOPING OUTLINE

Background

During 2010, the VSC will lead the development of the 2011-2013 Victorian Spatial Information Strategy.

Key Theme

The VSC intends that the theme of the current strategy will carry forward into the new one.

VSIS 2011-2013 will therefore continue the focus on developing a 'spatially enabled Victoria' and introduce consideration of what will be needed to advance the concept of 'managing information spatially' and encourage open access to spatial information.

Development of the Strategy will consider the following questions

- How much will the landscape painted by VSIS 2008-2010 have changed?
- What will still be the same?
- How successfully will it have addressed the challenges it identified?
- How close will we be to achieving a spatially enabled Victoria?
- What will be needed to address the calls for open access to public sector information that are increasingly being made?
- What will be the impact for government of these calls? What does it need to do to ally with the right partners? How will it accept others re-using data to create new products? How will it deal with feedback on the quality of data?
- Will we have taken advantage of developments such as Web 2.0?
- What is the nature of the Web 2.0 community and the issues it poses for data managers?

Environmental Analysis

An updated environmental analysis canvassing the new issues surrounding access to and development of spatial information will be prepared.

The Council has already prepared a number of papers and submissions that have all been based on considering and responding to this theme, and will continue to do so in 2010.

Recent developments, locally and internationally, will also be taken into account, such as

- the Government 2.0 Taskforce Report
- the Victorian Parliamentary PSI Inquiry
- the Victorian Government's iTransport Discussion Paper
- the review of Ordnance Survey in the United Kingdom
- the US Government approach to open access to information

Stakeholder Engagement

The current VSC forum program will be a critical component in engaging with stakeholders during the development of the Strategy.

A specific forum has been scheduled to review progress in implementing VSIS 2008-10, what still needs to be done, and how these might be tackled in VSIS 2011-13.

Timetable

March

- Publish strategy development schedule

April

- VSC internal workshop to agree on the key topics for VSIS (early)
- Publish discussion paper and review of VSIS 2008-2010 (late)
- VSC Forum – The private sector's contribution

May – September

- Proposed structure of strategy (chapter headings) circulated
- Stakeholder consultation and publication of papers
- VSC Forum – Developing a whole of Victorian Government capability

June

- VSC Forum – Modernising the legislative framework

August

- VSC Forum – Scoping VSIS 2011-13

October

- Publish draft Strategy for comment

November

- Prepare final document

December

- VSIS 2011-2013 endorsed by VSC

How you can participate in helping to shape the future of the Victorian Spatial Industry

Your ideas on where Victoria's spatial community is heading are important and you can participate by:

- Visiting this website regularly for updates on VSIS
- Contacting your Victorian Spatial Council Representative (see membership webpage)
- Participating in the Council's 2010 Forums
- Registering for a draft copy of the strategy by emailing Victorian.SpatialCouncil@dse.vic.gov.au
- Commenting on the draft Strategy