

The Tasmanian Spatial Information Council (TASSIC) was established in 2008 to provide the forum to facilitate increased collaboration and cooperation between public, private and community sectors in all aspects of spatial information in Tasmania. TASSIC's role is to maximise opportunities for government, industry and the community through the efficient and effective development, maintenance and use of spatial information.

Strategic Direction

Since last report, Council has been progressing work on a strategic plan to reflect and guide priorities in spatial information to meet the needs of business, government, education and the wider community in Tasmania.

In developing this strategic thinking, TASSIC has been canvassing the views of a wide range of organisations, individuals, peak bodies and government agencies, focusing attention and energy on priorities that will make the greatest positive difference to the spatial information sector and to Tasmania.

Earlier this year, a *Statement of Strategic Intent* was circulated and comments invited from over a hundred key individuals from around seventy organisations. Around twenty formal submissions were received.

Comments from these submissions were then used to initiate the next stage of consultation – a series of personal interviews with a similar number of stakeholders – to gain a clear grasp of strategic issues, opportunities and priorities, and to develop an overall framework for the strategy.

On 26 May 2009, TASSIC held its third full day strategic planning session. Significant elements included:

- Key findings from one-on-one stakeholder interviews;
- Review of TASSIC's purpose and vision, taking into account stakeholder comments and feedback;
- Proposal and discussion of key focus areas; and
- The role of TASSIC and the associated application of the strategic plan for strategic information in Tasmania.

Council is now working on documenting and refining the strategic plan. It is anticipated that a draft will be released for final comment before the end of August 2009. Council welcomes all input at any stage, so if you have any comments please don't hesitate to put them forward. Public release of the fully developed plan is anticipated before the end of 2009.

TASSIC Membership

TASSIC has seven permanent members and one interim member, providing a balance of competencies and experiences in different industry sectors. Members and respective nominating organisations are:

- Mr Michael Giudici, Independent Chair;
- Mr Mitchell Knevett, Department of Premier & Cabinet (DPAC);
- Mr Stephen Godfrey, Department of Primary Industries & Water (DPIW);
- Mr Mark Wise, Local Government Association of Tasmania;
- Dr Jon Osborn, University of Tasmania;
- Mr Hugh Clement, Spatial Sciences Institute;
- Mr Malcolm Lester, Australian Spatial Information Business Association;
- Dr Richard Mount (interim member).

Next Meeting

The next TASSIC meeting is scheduled for 14 July 2009.

Further Information

For more information or the submission of comments, please contact the TASSIC Executive Officer, Caroline Palfreyman, on 03 6216 4476 or email caroline.palfreyman@dpiw.tas.gov.au.