

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

TASSIC is developing 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. The draft plan was released to stakeholders for final comment on 27 July 2009 and is currently being finalised.

TASSIC has identified three critical priorities that reflect the issues raised by many stakeholders and their constituencies:

1. establish recognition of the role and value of spatial information and the Tasmanian spatial information community
2. ensure the development of a more effective Tasmanian Spatial Data Infrastructure through addressing:
 - a. policies and standards
 - b. data capture, management and access
 - c. enabling infrastructure
3. build skills, capability and capacity.

The next phase of activity is to turn the plan into action through the involvement of additional, interested members of the spatial information community. TASSIC will be working with the community in 2009 and beyond to facilitate activities to address each priority.

If you would like to express an interest in being involved in this next phase, please contact the TASSIC Executive Officer.

TASSIC Membership

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

- Mr Michael Giudici, Independent Chair;
- Mr Mitchell Knevet, Department of Premier & Cabinet (DPAC)
- Appointment pending, Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Water & Environment (DPIPWE)
- 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 1 September 2009.

Further Information

For more information, please contact the TASSIC Executive Officer, Caroline Palfreyman, on 03 6216 4476 or email tassic@dpiwwe.tas.gov.au.