
ACTIVITY REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

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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 has defined its purpose as 'facilitating full access to, and application of, spatial information to underpin Tasmania's economic, environmental and social prosperity'.

Strategic direction

In consultation with the Tasmanian spatial information community, TASSIC has developed a three-year strategic plan to reflect and guide priorities in spatial information in the State.

Earlier this month, the Minister for Primary Industries and Water met with TASSIC, endorsed the plan and discussed relevant implications for the future.

The plan is currently being prepared for public release, with a presentation to Members of Parliament planned for early November.

Focus and priorities

TASSIC's vision is for 'abundant and useful spatial information within reach of all'.

The Council is committed to actively involving the spatial information community in achieving this aspirational vision for the future. TASSIC will start work on its strategic priorities once the plan is released. These priorities emerged through consultation with stakeholders and it is hoped that stakeholders will collaborate with TASSIC in this work.

The priorities are to:

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 (SDI) through addressing:
 - a. policies and standards
 - b. data capture, management and access
 - c. enabling infrastructure
3. build skills, capability and capacity.

TASSIC Membership

Members have been nominated to provide a balance of competencies and experiences from private enterprise, academia and government:

- Mr Michael Giudici, Independent Chair;
- Mr Mitchell Knevet, Department of Premier & Cabinet (DPAC)
- Ms Kate Kent, 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 20 October 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.