
ACTIVITY REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

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The Tasmanian Spatial Information Council (TASSIC) was established in 2008 to provide a forum for increased collaboration and cooperation between public, private and community sectors in the collection, maintenance and use 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'.

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.

The plan has now been publicly released, following a presentation to State Cabinet on 9 November 2009. Presentations to other Members of Parliament are anticipated in the near future. A copy of the strategic plan is attached.

Focus and priorities

The Council is committed to actively involving the spatial information community in achieving the vision of 'abundant and useful spatial information within reach of all'.

TASSIC's 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.

Opportunities to be involved in working groups to progress activities against priority areas will be offered in the near future. For more information, please contact the TASSIC Executive Officer.

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 8 December 2009.

Further Information

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