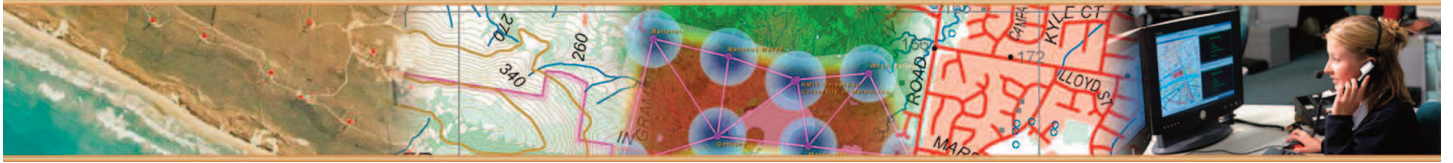


Spatial Data Custodianship



Data FAQ

Some of my data is sensitive. Can I still limit access once it is a published dataset?

Yes, the Custodian always decides the type of access, who has access, and the custodian can change that access at any time. You could have general access or only make certain layers or themes available e.g. gas pipelines but not gas citygates.

What is the difference between Metadata and a Product Description?

Metadata is the most basic level of mandatory documentation. A Product Description is more detailed and tends to be for more comprehensive datasets such as Vicmap. A Product Description contains Metadata.

We do use jargon and technical language that might confuse the regular user.

We will be happy to review your Metadata and Product Descriptions to make sure they are clear. The clearer your descriptions are, the less questions they will generate so your job will be easier.

Where are the Metadata and Product Descriptions stored?

They will be stored in the Spatial Data Mart which is an online database. A prospective user will interrogate the Data Mart, for example typing in "hospitals". User friendly information about any relevant datasets will appear and they can then find out more about them.

How often do I need to update the documentation and how do I do it?

At least annually. You specify the frequency of update in the Metadata itself. You will receive an automated reminder when this is due. On line tools are being developed for updating Metadata.

What if nobody knows the answers to some of the questions in the Metadata template – such as who originally collected the data?

Then you can leave these fields blank.

I am not geared up to distribute the data to organisations who want to license it? Can someone else do that for me?

Yes, either SII or a number of data providers will take on that role. They will field questions about licensing (and pricing, if applicable) and deliver the data. They can also be the first line of support for the data itself, fielding technical questions. Only questions they cannot answer will be referred on to you.

But will I still find out who is using my datasets and what for?

We appreciate this will make your work as a custodian so much more worthwhile, so we are developing processes to handle this, including on-line reports for custodians.