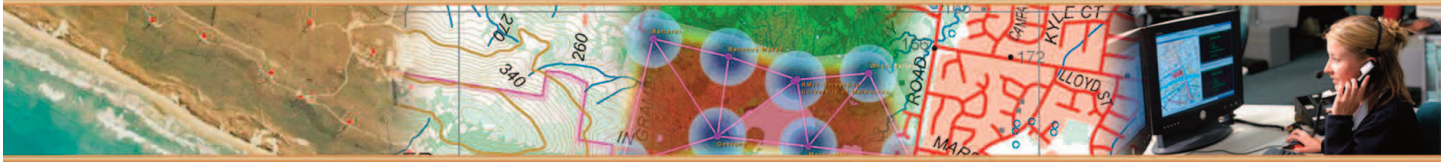


Spatial Data Custodianship



Victorian Spatial Who's Who

SII

The Spatial Information Infrastructure branch of the Department of Sustainability and Environment manages and distributes core spatial information including Vicmap. SII provides the Secretariat for the VSC and runs the Custodianship Programme.

VSC

The Victorian Spatial Council (VSC) represents the peak spatial information associations for business, government, academia and the professions. Its mandate is to develop policy and promote best practice for spatial information development, management and utilisation. Contact the VSC on 03 8636 2529 or email Victorian.SpatialCouncil@dse.vic.gov.au

VSDD

The Victorian Spatial Data Directory. This is the current online Search and Discovery Tool for Datasets available through the Custodianship Programme. It contains a profile for each dataset known as its Metadata. The user can search on keywords such as gas, bird or parks. At national level the VSDD is linked into The Australian Spatial Data Directory allowing searches across all Australian datasets. <http://www.land.vic.gov.au/vsdd>

VSDI

The Victorian Spatial Data Infrastructure: A mechanism for making data available and for sharing and exchanging it to enhance the achievement of social, environmental and economic goals. It incorporates the development of data, technology, policies, institutional arrangements and capacity building (ie equipping people to use the technology and information).

VSIS and VGIS

The Victorian Spatial Information Strategy 2004-2007 and its predecessor, the Victorian Geospatial Information Strategy 2000-2003 have created a spatial information management framework for Victoria. Custodianship is a cornerstone of this framework.

The VSC is currently developing the new Strategy (VSIS 2008 – 2010), with input from all sectors, including agencies, private organisations, government, and academia.

Glossary of Terms

Framework Dataset

These datasets are considered fundamental to the development and operation of Victoria's Spatial Data Infrastructure. They are the building blocks upon which value adding can occur. Examples are the Vicmap suite – Address, Property, Administrative Boundaries, Transport, Geodetic, Elevation, Planning, Imagery, Hydrography. They are maintained under the Custodianship Programme by Government Departments.

Foundation Dataset

These are the basic data layers which are not sensitive and which the Custodian is willing to licence subject to a Distribution Access License Agreement. For example in a utility they would be the distribution boundary, poles or street lights.

Restricted Dataset

These are layers which the Custodian will only license to a limited number of users e.g. Emergency Services or another utility. These may be a dataset of sensitive electricity isolating switches, critical gas regulators, or gas citygates.

Metadata

Data about data. Metadata is structured information that describes, explains, locates or otherwise makes it easier to retrieve, use or manage an information resource. The Wyoming Geographic Information Science Center at the University of Wyoming has a clear and very readable explanation of Metadata with presentations and examples of good and bad metadata. <http://www.sdvc.uwyo.edu/metadata/>

Product Description

Datasets for commercial distribution may have a more comprehensive package of general and administrative information called the product description which includes metadata, a pricing and licensing model, production and/or acquisition methods, future plans, linkages to other organisations/data sets, marketing and associated documents for promotion and dissemination.

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