



Meeting 01/10: Minutes

Chair: Ollie Hedberg
Members: Peter O'Neill, Alan Norman, Abbas Rajabifard, Chris McRae, Chris Bellman, Diane Daniell, Geoff Spring
Apologies: John Hennessy, Ben Searle, Danny Broadbent, Bruce Thompson
Guests: John Tulloch and Laura Kostanski (Agenda Item 2)
Secretariat: Elizabeth Thomas, Joanne Curran

Note: The following items are minuted as they appear on the agenda and not necessarily the order they were discussed at the meeting.

	Who	Due date
1. PREVIOUS MEETING		
1.1 Minutes of Previous Meeting		
Minutes of the previous meeting were endorsed		
1.2 Outstanding action items		
Action items register updated; actions arising from Meeting 09/09 included (see attached).		
1.3 Conflict of Interest		
Nil		
2. Geographic Names Guidelines review		
John Tulloch and Laura Kostanski from the Office of Geographic Names briefed members on the status of the review of the Guidelines for Geographic Names and the forthcoming round two consultations.		
The first draft of the new Guidelines has been completed and will be released for stakeholder feedback on 19 February 2010.		
The new Guidelines will have four sections:		
1. Purpose and Principles		
2. Features		
3. Localities		
4. Roads		
The document has been made easier to navigate (through the use of hyperlinks).		
Workshops will be held in mid March to discuss and resolve outstanding issues.		
The Consultation period will close on 19 March 2010.		

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Members agreed that a letter of support from the VSC would be written to accompany the subsequent submission to the Minister.		
Action: Prepare letter of support for the new Geographic Names Guidelines when invited by the Office of Geographic Names.	Secretariat	TBC
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3. 2009 Work Plan report and 2010 Work Plan		
The 2009 Work Plan report was tabled.		
Proposals for inclusion in the 2010 work plan were considered.		
Members were invited to suggest any other activities they would like to see occur during the year.		
G Spring suggested that an opportunity to raise awareness of the contribution spatial can make to the NBN rollout could be considered.		
A Rajabifard suggested developing a monitoring system to assess the impact and take-up of VSIS 2008-2010.		
Members agreed to the activities to be included in the 2010 VSC Work Plan which will now be finalised.		
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4. VSIS 2011-2013 development proposal		
Suggestions for a development plan for the next VSIS were discussed.		
The Chair proposed that the new strategy be an update and addition to the existing document and not a completely new document.		
Members agreed to the VSIS 2011-2013 approach.		
The proposal will be written up into a publishable document for members' approval at the next meeting.		
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5. Legislation proposal		
A proposal to undertake a piece of investigative work to determine the need and feasibility of the legislative approach was put to members.		
It suggest engaging outside expertise to assist in undertaking an investigation to test the conclusions already reached in the VSC issues paper, undertake a review of existing legislation and options for new legislation, review other developments impacting on the availability and management of information, and engage with the wider stakeholder community to build the case.		
Members supported the proposal for a preliminary investigation into the case for legislation.		
C McRae and J Tulloch welcomed the opportunity for a wider stakeholder involvement at this early stage in the process.		
SII has agreed to make \$30,000 available for the project to the end of June 2010.		
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6. Government Response to the PSI Inquiry		
Members noted the Government response to the PSI Inquiry.		
P O'Neil reported that SIBA have written a letter to the Government supporting its response.		

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<p>Members also noted the launch of the mash-up competition to encourage the creation of new applications using government data.</p> <p>Members' attention was also drawn to the Visual Place application launched on the Victorian Government website at www.vic.gov.au.</p>		
<p>7. Membership request</p> <p>A request from ESTA to be considered for membership of the VSC was discussed.</p> <p>It was agreed that, before making a final decision, G Spring would take the request to the ESTA ESO Advisory Committee of the ESTA Board for further discussion.</p> <p>G Spring will report back to Council and further consideration will be scheduled at another meeting</p> <p>Action: G Spring to report back to Council on discussion regarding ESTA membership of the VSC</p>	G Spring	March 2010
<p>8. Other Business</p> <p>8.1 Tabling of VSC paper to FIG Congress</p> <p>8.2 Tabling of VSC submission to iTransport Discussion Paper</p> <p>8.3 Tabling of VSC December Forum report</p> <p>8.4 Tabling of Government 2.0 Taskforce Report</p> <p>The above named documents were tabled for members' information.</p> <p>8.5 Date of next VSC Forum</p> <p>The first forum for 2010 is now likely to be in late March.</p> <p>8.6 Other</p> <p>1. A Norman and C Bellman noted that enrolments in surveying for 2010 are up. They also noted that NSW and SA are keen to participate in the Surveying Taskforce.</p> <p>2. G Spring advised that the Association of Public Safety Communications Officials is conducting its conference in Melbourne in March. B Thompson has been invited to give a presentation on the spatial scene in Victoria, including the VSC.</p> <p>Geoff also reported that trials of bushfire spotting technologies including EYEfi have been announced and the Bushfire CRC will undertake the evaluation.</p> <p>3. D Daniell has been invited back to Ballarat University to present to final year engineering students.</p> <p>She has also been invited by Intergraph to give her recent Newtech presentation at their forthcoming conference in Queensland.</p> <p>Members discussed the VSC position on responding to such invitations from vendor organised events.</p> <p>It was agreed that the VSC would consider such invitations but organisers would be asked to meet the costs.</p> <p>4. P O'Neil advised members that SIBA is organising a Victorian Spatial Industry Day with DIGO to be held on 26 March 2010.</p>		

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The VSC Chair will be invited to speak at the event.		
5.	C McRae informed Council that a Regulatory Impact Statement for a Statewide Valuation Dataset is to be prepared.	
	The Surveyor General's office has submitted a paper to FIG on the Bushfire Surveying Taskforce. The Taskforce's activities were also recognised in the 2009 DSE recognition awards.	
	Land Victoria will be participating in a forthcoming ARC project with Melbourne University (see below).	
	A Business Case for a Survey Accurate Cadastre is in preparation.	
	COAG has set a timetable for Electronic Conveyancing to be in place by 2011. Victoria will have an integral role in the implementation.	
6.	C Bellman reported that the Victorian Region of the SSSI has had its first meeting for 2010.	
	It is also putting in a special effort to better service regional members.	
7.	A Rajabifard noted that the ARC project on National Infrastructure for Managing Land Information (of which Land Victoria is an industry partner) will be launched on 18 February 2010. \$1.2 million in cash and kind has been allocated to the project.	
	Melbourne University has designed a new program for a Master of Spatial Information Science, which will have its first intake this year.	
8.	J Curran noted that the planning for the first Newtech conference for 2010 is underway.	
	It is likely to be held in the Phillip Island region.	
9.	E Thomas noted that the stage 1 of PRV is expected to be completed by end February. A more detailed briefing will be arranged in March or April.	
10.	O Hedberg re-iterated that he is keen to talk to the sectors.	
	Action: Contact secretariats of member bodies to arrange a time for Chair to attend their meetings and brief them on the VSC.	Secretariat March 2010
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9.	Next Meeting	
	<i>Date:</i> Wednesday 3 March 2010	
	<i>Time:</i> 2.00 pm to 5.00 pm	
	<i>Venue:</i> Level 16, 570 Bourke St, Melbourne (Archer Room)	
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Summary of Actions and Resolutions		
Agenda Item 2		
Action: Prepare letter of support for the new Geographic Names Guidelines when invited by the Office of Geographic Names.	Secretariat	TBC
Agenda Item 3		
Members agreed to the activities to be included in the VSC 2010 Work Plan which will now be finalised.		
Agenda Item 4		
Members agreed to the VSIS 2011-2013 development approach		
Agenda Item 5		
Members supported the proposal for a preliminary investigation into the case for legislation.		
Agenda Item 7		
Action: G Spring to report back to Council on discussion regarding ESTA membership of the VSC	G Spring	March 2010
Agenda Item 8		
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