



# Australian Government Policy on Spatial Data Access & Pricing

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The Australian Government established the *Policy on Spatial Data Access and Pricing*<sup>1</sup> ('Policy') in 2001. The Policy is based on the principle that the delivery of fundamental spatial data maximise net benefit to the community. Spatial data listed on the Schedule of Australian Government Spatial Data<sup>2</sup> is publicly available and provided free of charge when delivered over the Internet, at the marginal cost of transfer for packaged products (nominally \$99) and the full cost of transfer for customised products.

## Administrative arrangements

Cabinet established the following administrative arrangements to coordinate implementation of the Policy:

- Spatial Data Policy Executive (SDPE)
- Spatial Data Management Group (SDMG)
- Office of Spatial Data Management (OSDM).

The SDPE is a Secretary-level executive committee responsible for overseeing implementation of the Policy and reports annually<sup>3</sup> to the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources on the implementation of the Policy. The SDPE is chaired by Dr Neil Williams (CEO, Geoscience Australia).

The SDMG is an SES-level committee responsible for the operational management of the Policy. In addition, the SDMG establishes working groups to address whole-of-government issues relating to spatial data management. Working Groups are currently focussing on issues related to Metadata, the Schedule and Socioeconomic Spatial Data.

OSDM supports the SDPE, SDMG and its Working Groups. OSDM also supports the Chair of the SDPE in his role as the Australian Government representative on the peak intergovernmental organisation ANZLIC—the Spatial Information Council.

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<sup>1</sup> *Policy on Spatial Data Access and Pricing* (June 2001);  
<http://www.osdm.gov.au/osdm/policy/accessPricing/SDAP.pdf>.

<sup>2</sup> Schedule of Australian Government Spatial Data; [http://www.osdm.gov.au/schedule/schedule\\_search.jsp](http://www.osdm.gov.au/schedule/schedule_search.jsp).

<sup>3</sup> Annual reports, including the *Spatial Data Policy Executive Annual Report 2005–06*, are available from the publications page of the OSDM Web Site at <http://www.osdm.gov.au/osdm/publications.html>.