

FSDF SPATIAL INFORMATION MANAGEMENT POLICIES – ACCESS

Objective: Easy access to Foundation Spatial Data.

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FSDF Access Policy

Introduction

1. The objective of the Australian and New Zealand Foundation Spatial Data Framework (FSDF) is to improve access to spatial data to the point where this data will become ubiquitous in all sectors of both the Australian and New Zealand economies. This objective requires a comprehensive understanding of the access needs of the users of FSDF data and a framework to deliver the data in the required format, timeliness etc.
2. The governments of Australia and New Zealand have a high degree of commonality in their policies for access to government information. However, differences exist that require understanding, of the current and future access needs, and an agreed development path to achieve the objective stated above.

Purpose

3. The purpose of this document is to describe the access policy for data under the FSDF. The policy intends that access to national data themes;
 - a. will support research and education, promote innovation, support improvements in productivity and stimulate growth in the digital economy.
 - b. will enhance transparency of government functions, promote information sharing and support evidence-based decision making in the public sector.

Principles

4. The following principles guide the implementation of this policy;
 - a. *Principle 1* – Open by default unless access is restricted for reasons of privacy, public safety, security, confidentiality and compliance with the law.
 - b. *Principle 2* - Data will preferably be made available under the Aus/NZGOAL licensing framework.
 - c. *Principle 3* - Data will be made available at no or minimal cost, with limited exceptions.
 - d. *Principle 4* - Data will be easy to find (discoverable) and accessible in formats that promote its reuse.
 - e. *Principle 5* - Government will follow standards and guidelines relating to release of data and agency accountability for that release.