



SPATIAL INFORMATION COMMITTEE (SICOM)

STRATEGIC PLAN 2007

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PURPOSE

The Spatial Information Committee (SICOM) provides a forum for the exchange of information on spatial activities between a broad cross section of the South Australian spatial community.

TARGETS FOR 2007

- > Organisation/agency reports outlining key issues, new developments and future projects will be tabled at each SICOM meeting.
- > Identify opportunities for partnering with other organisations to promote spatial information.
- > Coordinate and deliver Spatial Information Day 2007.
- > Redevelop the SICOM website.
- > Provide SASICC with issues-based papers outlining SICOM's position on spatial policies and standards where required.
- > Prepare a paper that identifies agreed gaps in State spatial information policy for presentation to SASICC.
- > Establish mechanisms for SA representatives on National spatial information committees to inform SICOM members of National spatial initiatives.
- > Members to assess the impact of National spatial information initiatives on State spatial strategy and agree on levels of implementation.
- > Continue to provide feedback to SICOM from National spatial information committees.
- > Distribute jurisdictional report to National spatial information committees where required.

INTRODUCTION

The Spatial Information Committee (SICOM) provides a forum in South Australia for information exchange and discussion on all issues associated with spatial information. SICOM plays a significant role in the promotion of the applications and benefits of spatial information to all tiers of Government, industry, education and the wider community.

Current membership comprises representatives from Local, State and Commonwealth Government, education, industry (through Australian Spatial Information Business Association (ASIBA)) and the Spatial Sciences Institute (SSI) (see Appendix A for a full list). This membership brings together a wide range of organisations involved in the spatial information industry and provides opportunities to influence spatial information development in the State.

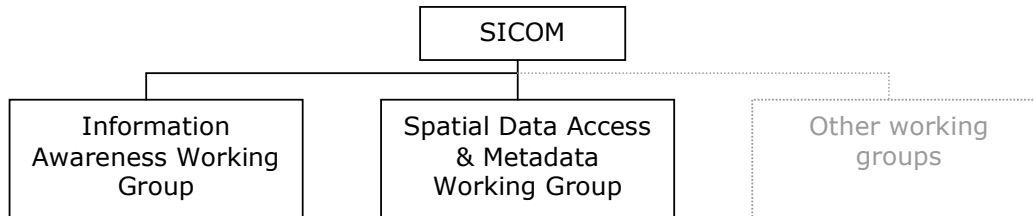
SICOM provides a forum for collaboration and formulation of recommendations on State and National spatial policies and standards. SICOM presents whole-of-industry viewpoints on spatial policies, standards and initiatives.

SICOM also provides a jurisdictional link to ANZLIC – the Spatial Information Council, which is the peak National body responsible for the coordination of land and geographic information. A key concept of ANZLIC is that it works through its structure of coordinating bodies within each jurisdiction. When necessary, SICOM provides a consolidated South Australian viewpoint to ANZLIC for consideration at the national level.

The chair of SICOM is currently the South Australian representative on ANZLIC, creating a linkage between the committees and facilitating information transfer.

SICOM meets quarterly to discuss operational issues and exchange information on current spatial projects and new developments.

SICOM is currently supported by two working groups; the Information Awareness Working Group, and the Spatial Data Access and Metadata Working Group. Other working groups may be established to undertake particular investigations or projects as required.



This Strategic Plan describes the major goals for SICOM over the next twelve months and outlines the strategies and actions that will be undertaken to successfully achieve these goals.

A Work Program has also been developed for SICOM (Appendix B). This document describes the specific actions that will be completed over the next twelve months to achieve the goals outlined in the Strategic Plan.

The Department for Environment and Heritage provides Secretariat support for SICOM. For more information contact the Executive Officer on 8463 3971 or email sicom@saugov.sa.gov.au.

STRATEGIES AND ACTIONS

SICOM has identified four key goals to achieve over the next twelve months.

Goal 1 ***Provide a forum for the exchange of information on spatial initiatives, projects and applications.***

1. Information will be exchanged regularly on all current and proposed major spatial projects and activities being undertaken across the State and on other relevant issues and developments.
 - 1.1. Organisation/agency reports outlining key issues, new developments and future projects will be tabled at each SICOM meeting.
 - 1.2. Provide SASICC with regular updates on the progress of SICOM working groups where appropriate.
 - 1.3. Provide feedback from SICOM meetings to representative agency.
 - 1.4. Identify opportunities for collaboration and data sharing through discussion of new spatial initiatives.

Goal 2 ***Promote awareness of spatial information, its applications and benefits, to State, Local and Commonwealth Government agencies, industry, education and the wider community.***

2. An effective spatial information communication strategy will be developed for the South Australian spatial community.
 - 2.1. Develop and implement a spatial information Communication Plan that targets the SA spatial industry and wider community.
 - 2.2. Identify opportunities for partnering with other organisations to promote awareness of the spatial industry.
 - 2.3. Redevelop the SICOM web site to make it more accessible and informative.
 - 2.4. Coordinate and deliver Spatial Information Day 2007.

Goal 3 ***Contribute towards the development of National and State policies and standards relating to spatial information.***

3. Technical and policy advice will be provided where appropriate to relevant groups and organisations.
 - 3.1. Recommend standards for the collection, maintenance and use of spatial information, which will be promulgated to all sectors of the SA spatial information community.
 - 3.2. Establish a SICOM Working Group to focus on the adoption and delivery of existing standards and the development of new standards.
 - 3.3. Prepare a paper that identifies agreed gaps in State spatial information policy for presentation to SASICC.

Goal 4 *Contribute towards the implementation of national spatial information initiatives and facilitate two-way communication between the State and National spatial information committees.*

4. There will be two-way communication between State and National spatial information committees.
 - 4.1. SICOM members to assess the impact of National spatial information initiatives on State spatial strategy and agree on levels of implementation.
 - 4.2. SA representatives on National spatial committees to inform SICOM members of National spatial information initiatives.
 - 4.3. SA representatives on National spatial committees to distribute a jurisdictional report to National spatial information committees where required.

APPENDIX A

Membership of SICOM

- Department for Environment and Heritage (Chair)
- Department of Water, Land and Biodiversity Conservation
- Primary Industries and Resources SA
- Department for Transport, Energy and Infrastructure
- Department of Health
- Department for Families and Communities
- SA Water
- SA Police
- University of South Australia
- University of Adelaide
- Flinders University
- Onkaparinga Institute of TAFE
- City of Mitcham
- Spatial Sciences Institute
- Australian Spatial Industry Business Association
- Defence, Science and Technology Organisation
- Australian Bureau of Statistics
- National Native Title Tribunal
- Bureau of Meteorology