

Dear ICSM members,

Welcome to the second ICSM internal newsletter. As mentioned in the last newsletter, the Executive Office and I want to use these newsletters to keep everyone up to date with ICSM developments and achievements.

This time we want to begin to explain how the development of the new 2020-24 ANZLIC Strategy will influence ICSM.

In March, ANZLIC launched their [2020-24 Strategic Plan](#) which outlines their strategic priorities over the next few years. As ICSM is a Standing Committee of ANZLIC, we have a role to both operationalise the ANZLIC policies and also ensure that the long-term spatial challenges and needs for coordination of Australia & New Zealand are reflected in the ANZLIC Strategic Plan. As such, the ICSM Deputy Chairs and I, along with members of the Executive Office, have been working with our counterparts in ANZLIC to ensure that the ANZLIC strategy, roadmap and initiatives align with our own, and vice-versa. I want to highlight that many of the initiatives in the ANZLIC plan have been influenced by our existing ICSM strategy and workplans. This has given us further validation that our existing strategies and work plans are hitting the mark, which we should all take pride in.

It means that in the short term, our work will continue as planned. And in the more medium to long term, it provides us with a much clearer direction on areas in which we, as individual jurisdictions, will need to collaborate.

The key initiatives that ANZLIC have confirmed that they will be looking to ICSM to implement are:

- Modernise ANZLIC's Foundation Spatial Data Framework (FSDF)
- Digital Twins and Smart Cities
- Australian Geospatial Reference System (AGRS) modernisation
- Improved spatial data delivery
- Coordinated earth observation data acquisition
- Place names

You will see more detail of each of these initiatives in the attached document which is a working version of the ANZLIC 'roadmap' that also includes our current reporting. This version of the roadmap differs slightly to the version that ANZLIC has released publicly in that it lists which parts of ICSM will be called on for each initiative. I encourage you all to have a look at both the attached roadmap and the [full ANZLIC strategy](#) to see where you fit in.

As I said, this new strategy will provide us with much clearer direction moving forward and therefore, we will have to collectively consider if there are different ways in which we need to collaborate across working groups. I welcome any thoughts or feedback on that once everyone's had a look at the Strategic Plan.

In the meantime, if you have any ideas you would like to share, or any questions, comments or suggestions for future newsletter topics please send them through to [ICSM@ga.gov.au](mailto:ICSM@ga.gov.au).

I'll be in touch again soon,

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