



Cabinet Economic Growth and Infrastructure Committee

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Minute of Decision

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Capturing Economic Benefits from Location-Based Information

Portfolio: Land Information

On 8 December 2010, the Cabinet Economic Growth and Infrastructure Committee:

Background

- 1 **noted** that better use of the government's non-personal location-based information can significantly contribute to boosting the New Zealand economy and government revenue, and improve public sector efficiency;
- 2 **noted** that better connecting the government's location-based information represents an investment in New Zealand's knowledge and infrastructure, supports several policy drivers of the government's economic objectives, and warrants inclusion in the government's economic agenda;
- 3 **noted** that developing an effective national spatial data infrastructure (a framework that connects providers and users of location-based information) has the potential to reap the greatest benefits for New Zealand from the government's location-based information;

Leadership and governance

- 4 **noted** that clear leadership is needed to develop a national spatial data infrastructure, and that agency participation is required to realise its greatest potential;
- 5 **endorsed** Land Information New Zealand (LINZ) as the lead agency to develop a more formalised spatial data infrastructure, in collaboration with other significant holders of location-based information, including local government, Crown agents, academia and the private sector, on their involvement in a spatial data infrastructure;
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 - 6.1 **noted** that in 2006, the previous government agreed to the vision, key principles, strategic goals and governance arrangements of a New Zealand Geospatial Strategy [POL Min (06) 22/13];
 - 6.2 **agreed** that Ministerial Committee on Government ICT¹ be responsible for approving strategy-related geospatial policy;

¹ Minister of Finance, Minister of State Services, Minister for Communications and Information Technology and Minister of Internal Affairs.

Spatial data infrastructure

- 7 **directed** LINZ and the New Zealand Geospatial Office (NZGO), within the governance arrangements of the Geospatial Strategy, to undertake further work on the design and implementation details of a spatial data infrastructure, and report back to the Ministerial Committee on Government ICT by June 2011, including on any funding or resource requirements;
- 8 **directed** the heads of State sector agencies with location-based information (listed in Annex 2 to the paper under EGI (10) 300) to comply with the spatial data infrastructure framework (once developed) unless there is a compelling reason not to, and to consult with NZGO for guidance on compliance;
- 9 **agreed** that agencies seeking an exemption from compliance with the spatial data infrastructure framework (once developed) for specified datasets apply to their responsible Minister, who can grant an exemption in consultation with the Minister for Land Information;
- 10 **agreed** that each agency retain the responsibility and capability to develop and maintain their own datasets to meet their core business, and that those agencies with location-based information conform, over time, with the spatial data infrastructure requirements;
- 11 **authorised** LINZ to lead a process to create a shared resources model for fundamental datasets to maximise the value for money of these datasets to New Zealand;
- 12 **directed** agencies intending to tender for or purchase new location-based information or services to consult with NZGO to ensure consistency with the spatial data infrastructure requirements and the possible involvement of other agencies, provided that the approach meets the purchasing agency's needs;
- 13 **invited** each Minister responsible for a Crown agent listed in Annex 2 to the paper under EGI (10) 300 to include in their annual letter of expectations an expectation that the Crown agent will comply with the new requirements for location-based information;
- 14 **noted** that the paper under EGI (10) 300 and Cabinet's decisions will be made publicly available.

