

Geospatial Executives Group

Terms of Reference

The Geospatial Executives Group (GEG):

- is collectively accountable for and governs the direction of the New Zealand Geospatial Strategy (Strategy), without compromising the accountabilities or outputs of individual agencies
- brings a collective perspective to all that it does, using collective capabilities effectively and addressing cross-agency issues coherently
- promotes the Strategy to Ministers, agency CEs and other potential champions; and
- delegates executive stewardship of the Strategy to the Geospatial Steering Committee (GSC).

Alignment and Communication

The Geospatial Executives Group:

- aligns the Strategy with other key stakeholder, agency and government strategies
- ensures that GEG member agencies use and promote the Strategy; and
- identifies opportunities for communication and promotion of the Strategy across central, local government and the private sector; and
- champions collaboration between agencies.

Work programme

The Geospatial Executives Group:

- approves the direction of the work programme under the Strategy
- considers risks and mitigation strategies forwarded by the GSC
- approves budgets and provides resources for the work programme through contributions of money, people, and other resources from their own agencies
- sets guidelines for budget variations which GSC members administer; and
- considers and supports cross-agency budget proposals for the work programme.

Monitoring the Geospatial Steering Committee and work programme

The Geospatial Executives Group:

- reviews the effectiveness and adequacy of governance processes
- reviews the membership of the GSC to ensure it has adequate representation and reach
- provides direction to the GSC where necessary
- approves output and outcome measures which track the Strategy's progress; and
- monitors the evaluation activity of the GSC.

Reporting

The Geospatial Executives Group:

- reviews and consults upon regular and annual GSC reports presented to the GEG; and
- reports annually to the Ministers on progress in achieving the Strategy.

Approach

- The Geospatial Executive Group will meet every two months until such time as Geospatial Strategy governance is well established. Thereafter the GEG will meet three times per year.
- The Chair of the GEG is the Chief Executive of Land Information New Zealand, who is responsible for the operation of the NZ Geospatial Office, for ensuring governance processes are open and constructive, and for initiating periodic discussions to review governance performance and test the effectiveness of the geospatial networks.
- The GEG will be supported by administrative services provided by the NZ Geospatial Office.

Membership

The Geospatial Executives Group shall include Chief Executives (or functional equivalents) of:

- Land Information New Zealand
- Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry
- New Zealand Transport Agency
- Department of Conservation
- Statistics New Zealand
- Local Government (representing regional councils and territorial authorities)
- Spatial Industries Business Association (SIBA)
- New Zealand ICT Group.

GEG members representing a sector will have a term of two years, after which the representative Chief Executive will be replaced by another in the sector.

GEG members representing a sector will actively champion that sector's input into the governance of the Strategy and provide two way communications within the sector.

GEG membership shall consist of Chief Executives for agencies fully committed to the success of the NZ Geospatial Strategy, able to actively participate in its governance, with a significant geospatial capability and positioned to serve as leaders for other agencies.