The role of an institutional environment in building creative and innovative spatial capacity

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Introduction

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Summing up the institutional environment

- ☐ Collaboration
- ☐ Sharing
- ☐ Relationships
- ☐ Responsibilities

- ☐ Setting the agenda and…
- ☐ … also responding to external pressures

Strategic direction

- ☐ Creating a 'spatially enabled Victoria'
  - ■ Accessible and available data and services
  - ■ What society needs
  - ■ Spatial information incorporated into problem solving
  - ■ Underpinned by an enabling platform
- ☐ Institutional environment 'the glue' binding everything together
  - ■ Needs a high level of engagement

External influences

☐ Technological and policy change
☐ More open access to information
- ■ Web 2.0 collaboration and communities of interest
- ■ Innovation and creativity
- ■ Improve democracy - transparency

How are we responding to these challenges?

☐ Strong institutional environment needed
- ■ Framework for managing information
- ■ Decision making by and for the spatial information community
- ■ Collaboration and partnerships in new developments

How are we responding to these challenges?

☐ The environment should
- Give custodians tools
- Enable information to be available, accessible and shared
- Define roles
- Improve data management practices

How is it working in practice?

☐ Three case studies
- Protocols for sharing and exchanging information
- Collaborative initiatives – positioning network, topographic mapping
- Adopting new technology – maintaining the quality of fundamental data

Conclusion

- ☐ Spatial information a critical enabling infrastructure, *with* -
- ☐ Potential to play a major role in developing solutions, *but* -
- ☐ Needs a robust institutional environment, *taking* -
- ☐ A holistic approach –
  - ■ Framework for information management
  - ■ Use of new technology
  - ■ Collaboration and partnerships
- ☐ *Providing* -
  - ■ A sound basis for setting the agenda and responding to external influences
- ☐ We are already seeing success

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- ☐ Thank you