

**The topic will be The Australia New Zealand Foundation Spatial Data Framework: an SDI for the 21st Century**

Intelligent transport, precision agriculture, water and energy security, border protection, environmental management, public safety and sustainable global development as just some of the emerging users of geospatial information that are demanding improvements to national and regional foundation spatial data. Custodian agencies continue to face financial and expertise challenges to maintain foundation spatial datasets to these expectations. The Australia New Zealand Foundation Spatial Data Framework is a nationally coordinated program to minimise the cost of maintenance, reduce time to market, maintain interoperability with other important datasets, and maximise the value of foundation spatial data to as many uses as possible.