



## WALIS SMG

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**DATE:** Wednesday 20 May 2009  
**TIME:** 2:00pm  
**LOCATION:** Department of Water

#### ATTENDEES:

Mike Bradford	Landgate
Des Hutchinson	Public Sector Commission (PSC)
Paul Harris	WAC representative
Howard Drabsch (for Robyn Barrow)	Planning and Infrastructure (DPI)
Neville D'Antoine (for Rick Rogerson)	Mines and Petroleum (DMP)
Kim Wearne (KW)	Dept of Water (DOW)
Mike Waters	FESA
Eric Wright	Agriculture and Food (DAFWA)
Dave Currell	Water Corporation
Georgina Wilson	Treasury and Finance
Ian Hyde (IH)	Landgate
Marnie Leybourne	WALIS Office (WO)
Derrick Chan	WALIS Office (WO)
Marion Gilbert	WALIS Office (WO)

In addition, a group of Indonesian Public Service Officers in attendance, who are in Perth at present undertaking training in SDI and governance issues through Landgate.

#### APOLOGIES:

Philip McGuigan (PM)	Local Government (WALGA)
Robyn Barrow	Planning and Infrastructure (DPI)
Rick Rogerson	Industry and Resources (DOIR)
Chris Payne	Treasury and Finance (DTF)

Mike Bradford introduced the Indonesian fellows; they are here to learn about governance issues associated with SDIs, and are here to observe how WALIS undertakes its business.

#### **1. Minutes of previous meeting and progress on action items**

Minutes accepted. Investment logic framework/referential topology action item is on the agenda. The action item on information systems architecture will be dealt with during the PIR agenda item.

The actions can be removed.



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#### 2. 3D Modelling in SLIP

Mike Bradford spoke to this agenda item. A lot of possible needs for 3D, particularly in local government. Landgate has started looking at 3D options for SLIP, however unfortunately the current state of technology doesn't really allow open systems architecture for 3D. Landgate has done some work with McMullen Nolan and has done some initial work. Landgate would now like to work with the WALIS community to look at the sort of information that people would like and how they would wish to use it. Where do we want to take this? We want to work collaboratively to maximise potential benefits. A workshop is planned for 3 June 2009 to gauge interest from the WALIS community of 3D.

**Action: WALIS Office to send information on the workshop to SMG members.**

#### 3. WALIS Governance Issues

Due to the government's desire to reduce costs and the number of committees, WAC has been disbanded. This provides an opportunity to take a good look at the governance structure of WALIS and develop a new model. Many other jurisdictions are developing their own governance models, based on WALIS, and we can look at improving on other systems that are, in themselves, improvements on the current WALIS structure.

WAC members are disappointed at the decision, however understand that this is an opportunity to build a better model.

We could look at collapsing the EPC, given it doesn't really function, and could consider pulling together WAC, SMG and EPC into a new Board structure for WALIS and SLIP.

During this period, we do need to ensure we do not lose contact with industry and ensure that we keep them involved in developing a new model.

WALIS will develop a working group comprising Dave Currell, Mike Waters, Paul Harris, another WAC member, and a Council member, plus WALIS Director.

**Action: WALIS Office to form group and develop a first draft report for SMG consideration in July.**

#### 4. SLICP Policy

WALIS Office is seeking SMG endorsement of the current approach in this policy, which is essentially as forceful as WALIS' mandate allows. The intention is to make this a Premier's Circular to oblige state and local government to provide details of all proposed or desired image capture so that the efficiencies that we are seeking are able to be gained.

The SLICP tender was released last week. Landgate has taken a different approach for the tender this time; it has allowed opportunities for a range of different types of capture and a range of needs.

Issue of custodianship versus ownership; we need to ensure there is a distinction between these, and decide in each case who will be the custodian. This is a particular problem when



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an agency purchases data for which it is not the custodian. DoW is struggling with this issue over the capture done 18 months ago.

**Action: SMG members to get further comments back by COB 22 May.**

**Action: WALIS Office (Jade George) to refine the draft policy for consideration by WALIS Council, and to return to the July SMG meeting as a final draft.**

#### 5. PIR of SLIP Update

The draft report highlights some recommendations to improve the governance of SLIP, and also some deficiencies at present, such as an inability to be able to articulate the business benefits of SLIP, for either government or the private sector.

In order to consume SLIP services, applications do need to be built. Landgate can help clients to articulate requirements, however the intention is for the private sector to then build the applications. SLIP helps them as the “hunting gathering” component of finding the data for applications is already there.

The challenge now as a group – now that we have opened up access to data, we will now need to start addressing data quality (need to raise the profile of this).

SMG agreed to provide comment on the report, have the report finalised and presented at the next meeting and then provide a response for the next meeting.

**Action: WALIS Office to draft a formal response from SMG, after which time both the report and the response can be put onto the WALIS website.**

#### 6. WALIS Forum update

Planning is well underway. ESRI will hold an event on the Monday and Tuesday, and other spatial groups will also hold meetings during that week. The EM Group will also hold meetings on Monday and Tuesday. Web special will shortly be available until 30 June, at \$380 (last year’s price), \$60 less than the early bird special.

ISDE bid is well underway, and the conference will most likely come to Australia so WALIS is competing against other states. However, the organising committee comprises some people from across Australia, which makes the bid quite powerful.

#### 7. Referential Topology Workshop

DPI and Water Corporation want to work very closely together and WALIS Office will provide a coordinating role. Will look at projects that can now start to be developed.

**Action: WALIS Office (Jenny Smith) will provide a report to the next SMG meeting.**

#### 8. WALIS Office report



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SMG took this as read.

#### 9 General business

There have been several applications for Associate Membership of WALIS. Workforce Solutions is accepted; ER Mapper/ERDAS accepted in principle, however as both companies have been bought out by Leica, the appropriate company needs to be worked out before finalising their membership.

**Action: WALIS Office to confirm ER Mapper/ERDAS before finalising.**

CRCSI – Peter Woodgate is providing a briefing 21 May at 8.30am at NGIS Office on the rebid process.

EM Spatial Information working group is developing some national protocols to respond to emergencies.

The meeting finished at 3.40pm; the next meeting is 22 July 2009.

Actions arising from May 2009 meeting	Action Item	Actioned By	Required By	Status
WALIS Office to send information on the 3-D modelling workshop to SMG members.	2009_3/1	WO	ASAP	
WALIS Office to form group and develop a first draft report for SMG consideration in July re WALIS Governance issues	2009_3/2	WO	ASAP	
SMG members to get further comments on the draft SLICP Policy back by COB 22 May.	2009_3/3	ALL	22 May 2009	
WALIS Office (Jade George) to refine the draft SLICP policy for consideration by WALIS Council, and to return to the July SMG meeting as a final draft.	2009_3/4	WO	July meeting	
WALIS Office to draft a formal response from SMG, to the SLIP PIR, after which time both the report and the response can be put onto the WALIS website.	2009_3/5	WO	July meeting	
WALIS Office (Jenny Smith) will provide a report to the next SMG meeting on the Referential Topology workshop	2009_3/6	WO	July meeting	
WALIS Office to confirm ER Mapper/ERDAS - which company is joining WALIS as an Associate Member before finalising.	2009_3/7	WO		

Actions arising from previous meetings	Action Item	Actioned By	Required By	Status
Members to find out what (if anything) is happening in their agency regarding changes Information Systems Architecture,	Action 2009_7	ALL	Next Meeting	



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and report back to SMG at April meeting for discussion of potential for collaboration				
Read "Priorities for WALIS 2009-10" and think of 4-5 key things to make WALIS more relevant.	<b>Action: 2008_5/5</b>	ALL	04/02/09	As discussed in WO work plan (Feb 09 meeting)