

GIS Snapshot

GIS Consulting Services for Local Government

A corporate Geographic Information System (GIS) requires an ongoing investment in data, technology and people to deliver results. Payback for this investment is spread across many years and business areas. GIS projects tend to have both discrete and less defined deliverables. Given this, local government needs to regularly re-assess the level and targeting of investment for GIS projects.

OMNILINK has recently helped a number of council's to review their investment in GIS. In many cases this has been initiated to ensure the effectiveness of the ongoing investment is in line with current issues. Often a technology review was called for to align the systems to the user expectations or to consolidate systems to one.

To assist senior management to evaluate the effectiveness of ongoing GIS investment and then to chart the way forward, we are now offering a **GIS Snapshot Review** consultancy. This is intended to cover the three core elements of the GIS programme to ascertain the key issues to address. We believe the following are essential:

Data



- Assess the key datasets available as part of the GIS. Are there other GIS datasets maintained by individuals that could be made available corporately?
- Determine if the datasets are up-to-date. Are they being maintained internally or through external sources? How does this impact on operations?
- Are there datasets that could easily be added or purchased to benefit a business process?

Technology



- Document the software components and licenses levels available of the GIS system(s).
- Determine if the latest software versions are installed and available to users.
- Review the licence level to check that the organisation is not paying for extra software.
- Outline the available upgrade paths for the current technology. Does the licence programme entitle the agency to other software.

Delivery



- Review the business applications available to users.
- Assess the current and required level of integration to other key business systems, especially with the core land, asset management and community applications.
- Review the structure of the GIS staff, and gauge the effectiveness of the current structure.

The **GIS Snapshot Review** is a targeted 5 day review to highlight the key areas to consider for improvement and provide the inputs to align the GIS strategy with that of other information management strategies and business outcomes. The GIS Snapshot Review is designed to allow management to quickly assess where extra effort is required. OMNILINK consultants will deliverable a report outlining the key findings and a set of recommendations. Thereafter OMNILINK can work with management to address one or more of the recommendations as an additional consultancy exercise (as required). Recent local government clients include:



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OMNILINK is a multi-million dollar Australasian Company which has been providing GIS consulting and enterprise data management for clients for over 20 years. Our clients come from all tiers of Government and the private sector both in Australia, New Zealand.. The company has developed special expertise and skills with regards to the GIS and data management requirements of Government and other large organisations particularly for spatial data. OMNILINK provides information management services in disciplines such as:

- GIS Consultancy
- Data Capture & Conversion
- Data Loading & Integration
- Data Capture Specifications
- Data Brokerage & Acquisition
- Data Management Plans
- Data Analysis
- Application and Database Development
- IT Business Consultancy

We have provided consulting services to local government across Australia on how to best utilise the data, technology and skills they have now. Our consultants have experience from working in local government as GIS managers, and through many consulting projects have developed a thorough appreciation of the issues of implementing and managing GIS.

OMNILINK is proudly vendor independent, and at the same time maintains technology systems and staff expertise in the leading GIS and database products, as well as skills in open source technologies.

Our consultants have the ability to work with both management and technical staff. Profiles of two of our senior consultants are listed below:



Doug has over 10 years of dedicated GIS experience in local government, including working as a GIS Manager at a NSW council. Doug has a wealth of experience with data integration, spatial and business information systems to increase the power of GIS information.



Peter has 30 years experience in government mapping agencies in the areas of surveying, GIS and project management. Peter was formerly the GIS Manager of the Albury Wodonga Corporation and worked closely with local government in northern Victoria.

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