

# OPEN ACCESS TO PUBLIC SECTOR INFORMATION (PSI)

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Geoscience Australia, Cnr Jerrabomberra Drive and Hindmarsh Drive, Symonston, ACT

*In a world where access to knowledge has become a key driver of social, cultural and economic innovation governments throughout the world have begun to focus on how they might provide better access to the publicly funded information resources. This raises questions of information management, pricing and economic modelling and legal compliance. This seminar brings together leading experts from around the world and Australia working on projects in this area to provide an overview of the current policy development and what this means for Australian governments.*

## AGENDA

**8:30 Welcome**

Dr Chris Pigram Deputy CEO, Head of Geospatial and Earth Monitoring, Geoscience Australia

**8:40**

### THE WEB 2.0 LANDSCAPE – ACCESS AS A DRIVER OF INNOVATION

Professor Brian Fitzgerald  
(Queensland University of Technology)

**9:00**

### THE POLICY FRAMEWORK: WHAT IS BEING DONE IN OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD?

Chair: Professor Anne Fitzgerald  
(Queensland University of Technology)

#### *European Perspectives on PSI Reuse* (25 mins)

Chris Corbin  
(Analyst ePSIplus, United Kingdom)

#### *United Kingdom Agenda for PSI* (25 mins)

Carol Tullo  
(Director of Office of Public Sector Information, United Kingdom)

#### *New Zealand Policy on Information Access* (20 mins)

Keitha Booth  
(Senior Advisor, State Services Commission)

#### *Open Content and the Canadian Government* (15 mins)

Charles E Henry  
(Federal CTO and Senior Director, Enterprise Technology and Application Strategies, Chief Information Officer Branch Treasury Board of Canada, Secretariat)

**10.30 MORNING TEA**

**11:00**

### THE POLICY FRAMEWORK: AN AUSTRALIAN PERSPECTIVE

Chair: Neale Hooper  
(Principal Lawyer, Office of Economic and Statistical Research)

#### *An Overview of the Emerging Principles* (20 mins)

Professor Anne Fitzgerald  
(Queensland University of Technology)

#### *What do we know about what is known in Australia? Sharing information through the National Statistical Service* (20 mins)

Susan Linacre  
(Deputy Australian Statistician, Social Statistics Group, Australian Bureau of Statistics)

## POLICY IN ACTION

#### *The OSDM Experience* (20 mins)

Ben Searle  
(General Manager, OSDM)

#### *The Government Information Licensing (GILF) Project and Business Case* (20 mins)

Dr John Cook  
(Senior Statistician, Office of Economic and Statistical Research)

**12:45**

### CONCLUDING COMMENTS

Professor Anne Fitzgerald



(SSI CPD = 4 points; ACS CPD = 6 hours)

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### **Speakers Biographic**

#### **8:30 - WELCOME**

**Chair: Dr Chris Pigram Deputy CEO, Head of Geospatial and Earth Monitoring, Geoscience Australia**

Dr Pigram trained as a geologist (a BSc (Hons), PhD) and has over 30 years experience in a wide range of geological research and mapping.

He has been a senior research manager since 1993 and has lead Geoscience Australia's marine and petroleum geoscience and minerals geoscience programs. Dr Pigram has worked in Southeast Asia and the West Pacific as well extensively in Australia. He has authored or co-authored over 90 publications covering tectonics, petroleum, basin analysis and marine geoscience.

Dr Pigram was part of working group that developed Australia's Marine Science and Technology Plan following the development of Australia's Ocean's Policy. He served on the Australian Academy of Sciences Committee that prepared a Strategic Plan for the Earth Sciences in Australia in 2003.

He is a former member of the Australian Academy of Sciences Solid Earth Sciences Committee and past Chairman of the Australian Committee for the Ocean Drilling Program and was the PACRIM Consortium ODP Council Member from 1996-1998.

He has been the GA Board Member for a number of Cooperative Research Centre's (currently serving on the Board CRC for Spatial Information). Dr Pigram has been a member University advisory committees at the ANU Research School of Earth Sciences and the Centre for Ore Deposits Research at the University of Tasmania.

He is a member of Geological Society of Australia; Petroleum Exploration Society of Australia, Australian Society of Exploration Geophysics.

He is graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors (2001). In 2004 he participated in the APS Senior Leadership program- Leader Australia's Future in Asia (LAFIA).

Dr Pigram currently holds the position of Deputy CEO and Chief of the Geospatial and Earth Monitoring Division in Geoscience Australia.

#### **8:40 - THE WEB 2.0 LANDSCAPE - ACCESS AS A DRIVER OF INNOVATION**

**Professor Brian Fitzgerald (Queensland University of Technology)**

##### **Professor Brian Fitzgerald**

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Brian Fitzgerald studied law at the Queensland University of Technology graduating as University Medallist in Law and holds postgraduate degrees in law from Oxford University and Harvard University.

He is a well-known Intellectual Property and Information Technology/Internet lawyer who has pioneered the teaching of Internet/Cyber Law in Australia. He has published articles on Intellectual Property and Internet Law in Australia, the United States, Europe, Nepal, India, Canada and Japan and his latest (co-authored) books are Cyberlaw: Cases and Materials on the Internet, Digital Intellectual Property and E Commerce (2002); Jurisdiction and the Internet (2004); Intellectual Property in Principle (2004) and Internet and Ecommerce Law (2007). Over the past seven years Brian has delivered seminars on Information Technology, Internet and Intellectual Property law in Australia, Canada, China, Brazil, New Zealand, USA, Nepal, India, Japan, Malaysia, Singapore, Norway, Croatia and the Netherlands. In October 1999 Brian delivered the Seventh Annual Tenzer Lecture - Software as Discourse: The Power of Intellectual Property in Digital Architecture - at Cardozo Law School in New York. Through the first half of 2001 Brian was a Visiting Professor at Santa Clara University Law School in Silicon Valley in the USA. In January 2003 Brian delivered lectures in India and Nepal and in February 2003 was invited as part of a distinguished panel of three to debate the Theoretical Underpinning of Intellectual Property Law at University of Western Ontario in London, Canada. During 2005 Brian presented talks in Germany, India and China and was a Visiting Professor in the Oxford University Internet Institute's Summer Doctoral Program in Beijing in July 2005. In 2006 he was nominated by DEST to attend and present as an Australian expert an OECD Workshop on Research Use of Patents held in May 2006 in Spain and in February 2006 was invited as international expert to present at an OECD Workshop on Open Educational Resources in Sweden. In April 2006 Brian was also invited to speak at the Fordham University International Intellectual Property Conference in New York and the Access to Knowledge (A2K) Conference at Yale University Law School. In April 2007 Brian organised the Knowledge Policy for the 21st Century Conference with the University of Western Ontario Law School in Canada and presented at the Fordham University International Intellectual Property Conference in New York. In May 2007 he organised the Legal and Policy Framework for the Digital Content Industry Conference in Shanghai China and in June presented at the Creative Commons iSummit in Dubrovnik Croatia. In July he organised an International

Conference on the Legal Framework for e-Research held on the Gold Coast Australia and also taught in the Oxford Internet Institute Summer School at Harvard University Law School.

Brian is a Chief Investigator and Program Leader for Law in the ARC Centre of Excellence on Creative Industries and Innovation and Project Leader for the DEST funded Open Access to Knowledge Law Project (OAK Law) looking at legal protocols for open access to the Australian research sector and the DEST funded Legal Framework for e-Research examining the legal framework needed to enhance e-Research. He is also a Program Leader for CRC Spatial Information. His current projects include work on intellectual property issues across the areas of Copyright, Digital Content and the Internet, Copyright and the Creative Industries in China, Open Content Licensing and the Creative Commons, Free and Open Source Software, Research Use of Patents, Science Commons, e-Research, Licensing of Digital Entertainment and Anti-Circumvention Law. Brian is a Project Leader for Creative Commons in Australia. He has organised numerous conferences on Intellectual Property and Internet Law in Australia, is a regular speaker at international and national conferences and has made a number of significant submissions to government in the area of Internet and IP Law.

From 1998-2002 Brian was Head of the School of Law and Justice at Southern Cross University in New South Wales, Australia and from January 2002 – January 2007 was Head of the School of Law at QUT in Brisbane. He is currently a specialist Research Professor in Intellectual Property and Innovation at QUT.

## **9:00 - THE POLICY FRAMEWORK: WHAT IS BEING DONE IN OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD?**

**Chair: Professor Anne Fitzgerald (Queensland University of Technology)**

Professor Anne Fitzgerald is a Brisbane-based intellectual property and e-commerce lawyer. She is a Professor of Law Research at QUT Law School where she works as a principal researcher in the OAK Law Legal Framework for E-Research projects and the Queensland node of the CRC for Spatial Information. Anne has been teaching, researching and writing in the fields of intellectual property, internet and e-commerce law since the early 1990s. Recent publications include Internet and E-Commerce Law and Policy, (with B Fitzgerald et al, Lawbook Co/Thomson, 2007) and Intellectual Property Law: In Principle (with B Fitzgerald, Lawbook Co/Thomson, 2004). In 2002 Anne was awarded the JSD degree (Doctor of the Science of Law) by Columbia University, New York and also has a LLM from London University (University College). She is a member of the Queensland Bar.

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## **European Perspectives on PSI Reuse**

**Chris Corbin (Analyst ePSIplus, United Kingdom)**

Christopher Corbin retired in June 2006 after 47 years of working in the private, public and self employed sectors. He has an Information, Communication and Technology background. He is currently completing an assignment as an Analyst within the European Commission eContentplus programme funded ePSIplus Thematic Network (<http://www.epsiplus.net>) that supports the implementation of the European Directive on Public Sector Information Reuse, in the period leading up to its review in 2008.

Over the past 10 years he has also been involved and contributed to a number of European projects and initiatives related to public sector information that included GINIE (Geographic Information Network in Europe), MEPSIR (Measuring European Public Sector Information Resources), ePSINet, ePSINet-CEE and SPREAD (Stimulate and promote good practices in the field of digital content in Eastern and Western Europe). Chris was recently appointed (December 2007) as an expert member of the UK Advisory Panel for Public Sector Information. (<http://www.appsi.gov.uk>). For other online bio visit (if you wish) URL:

[http://www.epsiplus.net/contacts/epsiplus\\_network\\_team\\_analysts/chris\\_corbin](http://www.epsiplus.net/contacts/epsiplus_network_team_analysts/chris_corbin)

## **United Kingdom Agenda for PSI**

**Carol Tullo (Director of Office of Public Sector Information, United Kingdom)**

Carol Tullo Director of the Office of Public Sector Information (OPSI) which operates as the principal focal point for public sector information in the UK. OPSI merged with The National Archives in October 2006 to drive forward a coordinated information management strategy for the UK Government and the wider public sector. As a Director of The National Archives, Carol heads up the Information and Policy Directorate which provides strong, coherent leadership in information policy areas across government and the wider public sector. It spans a strategic focus and operational roles across a broad portfolio of information standards, services, guidance and advice.

Carol retains under Letters Patent the titles of Controller for Her Majesty's Stationery Office (HMSO) and Queen's Printer of Acts of Parliament (1997); Government Printer for Northern Ireland (1997); Queen's Printer for Scotland (1999). HMSO with its core activities of management of Crown copyright and database rights, publication of legislation and provision of official publishing guidance operates from within OPSI.

Following a law degree and call to the Bar by Inner Temple in July 1977, Carol practised in London. She joined Sweet & Maxwell Ltd., Law Publishers and as Publishing Director was responsible for publishing operations in England and Wales, Scotland, Ireland and setting up the Hong Kong subsidiary. She advised the wider international Thomson Information Group on contractual and intellectual property matters relating to digital media before joining HMSO and the Cabinet Office in 1997. Carol is a Visiting Professor in Information Science at City University, London and an Executive Committee member of the International Government Printing and Publishing Association. She represents official publishing interests across a range of professional bodies and lectures widely to the information management community.

### **New Zealand Policy on Information Access Keitha Booth (Senior Advisor, State Services Commission)**

Keitha Booth is a Senior Advisor, E-government Strategy and Policy, New Zealand State Services Commission. She specialises in the development of all-of-government information management strategy and policy. Her recent projects have been leading the development of the Guidelines for Treatment of Intellectual Property Rights in New Zealand government ICT Contracts which were released in January 2008, a member of the Digital Content Strategy Officials Group over 2006/2007, and Project Manager of the Refresh of the New Zealand E-government Strategy, released in November 2006.

Keitha has post graduate qualifications in Information Systems and Librarianship, is an Associate of the Library and Information Association New Zealand Aotearoa, and has worked extensively in both the public and private sectors in New Zealand as an information management specialist, manager and consultant.

She is a current member of the Digital Sustainability Strategic Advisory Group, has been a member of the New Zealand Government Locator Service (NZGLS) Working Group since its inception, and was a member of the Working Group which developed the New Zealand Government Data Management Policies and Standards documents.

### **Open Content and the Canadian Government Charles E Henry (Federal CTO and Senior Director, Enterprise Technology and Application Strategies, Chief Information Officer Branch Treasury Board of Canada, Secretariat)**

Mr. Henry is currently the Chief Technology Officer for the Government of Canada working in the CIO Branch of the Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat for the CIO of Canada. In this role he sets overall policy direction for the Government of Canada for the Management of IT and provides technology guidance to all IT organizations within the Government of Canada. Prior to joining the Treasury Board, Mr. Henry spent thirty years at IBM designing, implementing and consolidating large-scale systems ranging from legacy mainframe (IMS, CICS, and DB2) systems to SAP R/3, Peoplesoft and Siebel running on Mainframe, UNIX and Intel components.

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### **11:00 - THE POLICY FRAMEWORK: AN AUSTRALIAN PERSPECTIVE Chair: Neale Hooper (Principal Lawyer, Office of Economic and Statistical Research)**

Neale is a leading lawyer in information technology, biotechnology and intellectual property law with over twenty years experience with the Queensland Crown Law Office, providing specialist intellectual property, information technology and communications law services to Queensland public sector clients. He has a Master of Laws from University of Queensland. Neale has made numerous presentations to industry, professional seminars and conferences on various aspects of intellectual property and e-commerce law and has engaged in extensive consultations with information technology industry representatives. Since 2003 Neale has been an adjunct lecturer at QUT law school, where he has taught in several intellectual property, internet and e-commerce law courses in the undergraduate and graduate law programs.

During the course of Neale's employment with the Queensland Government, he has drafted and negotiated numerous information technology contracts and advised on a broad range of intellectual property issues. He was closely involved in the development and drafting of the Queensland Government's Intellectual Property Policy and Guidelines.

Currently Neale is the principal lawyer for the Queensland Government's Government Information Licensing Framework Project.

### **An Overview of the Emerging Principles**

**Professor Anne Fitzgerald (Queensland University of Technology) as above**

### **What do we know about what is known in Australia? Sharing information through the National Statistical Service**

**Susan Linacre (Deputy Australian Statistician, Social Statistics Group, Australian Bureau of Statistics)**

Susan is currently Deputy Australian Statistician, Social Statistics Group, Australian Bureau of Statistics, having taken up leadership of the Population Statistics Group in 2002. Prior to this Susan spent a period in the UK, working as head of the Directorate of Methodology and IT in the Office for National Statistics. Susan spent the early part of her career in the ABS as a survey statistician working across both the economic and social fields.

Susan is an elected member of the International Statistical Institute (ISI) and a current member of the ISI Council. She has been elected President Elect of the International Association of Survey Statisticians (2007-2009)

In her current position, Susan is responsible for the social statistics produced by the ABS. This includes a comprehensive program of household surveys and data collections covering areas such as health, family and community, housing, education and training, income, recreation, and crime and justice.

## **POLICY IN ACTION**

### **The OSDM Experience**

**Ben Searle (General Manager, OSDM)**

Ben has over 29 years experience in the spatial data management field, initially in the marine sector with 23 years as the Director of the Australian Oceanographic Data Centre. More recently Ben has been responsible for the ACT Land Information Centre and his current dual roles in the Australian Government consists of General Manager of the Office of Spatial Data Management and acting Group Leader for the National Mapping and Information Group within Geoscience Australia. Ben has a BSc degree from Canterbury University (NZ) and has worked in policy and operational roles at both national and international levels. This includes chairing the International Oceanographic Data and Information Exchange Committee of the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of UNESCO. This committee, comprising 85 member countries, coordinates global marine data management activities in support of international climate change programs. Ben also instigated the development of a European Union program to develop MarineXML, a marine data exchange format.

Ben's strongly supports open access to public sector information and in the spatial community is pushing this agenda through his position as General Manager of OSDM.

### **The Government Information Licensing (GILF) Project and Business Case**

**Dr. John Cook (Senior Statistician, Office of Economic and Statistical Research)**

John graduated from University of Queensland (UQ) and worked from 1961 until 1984 as a licensed surveyor. He worked mainly in real property and mining development and small and large scale engineering construction in rural areas of Queensland.

As a part time external student, John gained an associate diploma in real estate valuations in 1978 issued by the Education Department in Queensland. He graduated from the University of Queensland as a BA with majors in history in 1983; and as a BEcon in 1987. His economic studies concentrated in areas of innovation in institutions and industries, and in information economics.

John lectured at Queensland University of Technology from 1985 to 2006 - mainly in areas of government, economics, land development, natural resource management and real property surveying. His lecturing was mainly involved with students in planning, landscape architecture and surveying.

John graduated with a PhD from Queensland University of Technology in 1994. His studies involved systems theory and cybernetics applied to design of governance structures within complex social and economic organisation. His particular interests were with the information processes required to say whether development is sustainable or unsustainable.

John is currently engaged within the Office of Economic and Statistical Research within Queensland Treasury and is also involved with a current Collaborative Research Centre – Spatial Information research project involving PSI management and policies.

**12:45 - CONCLUDING COMMENTS**

**Professor Anne Fitzgerald (Queensland University of Technology) - as above**