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A framework for establishing fundamental data sets in New Zealand

One of the four strategic goals of the New Zealand Geospatial Strategy is to put in place the data content for the national SDI that will support the envisioned benefits associated with improved national safety and security, economic growth and societal, cultural and environmental well being.

Our strategic goal is to “ensure the capture, preservation and maintenance of fundamental (priority) geospatial datasets, and set guidelines for nonfundamental geospatial data.”

A framework for fundamental data stewardship and custodianship has been developed at a national level for 10 priority data themes. This framework has been developed collaboratively with Australia, but even between our two countries there are differences in how it is likely to be implemented.

This paper will inform the discussion on national versus international requirements and the likely barriers that will need to be overcome to achieve greater degrees of international interoperability in core reference datasets. It will be informed by the lessons learnt to date in the establishment of New Zealand’s fundamental data management framework.