Enhancement of Australia's National Geospatial Reference System

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Outline

 What is the National Geospatial Reference System

Why Improve it

How do we plan on proceeding

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National Geospatial Reference System

Definition

- Coordinate system to which all positions and spatial data are referred
- Consists of Three parts
 - Linkage to the International Terrestrial Reference Frame
 - Realization through the Geodetic Infrastructure
 - Systems and services used to make it accessible
- Currently GDA94 and AHD71 are Australia's horizontal and vertical datums respectively



Vision

- Improve the accuracy of the National Geospatial Reference Frame by an order of magnitude
- Develop the infrastructure necessary to promote research and industry in the national interest
- Deliver a high accuracy datum to all Australians in order to keep Australia competitive

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Accuracy Requirements

Category	Accuracy Requirement	Application Examples
1	1mm	Reference Frame Development
		National Datum (GDA, AHD, Gravity Field)
		Geodetic Science (Neo-tectonics, Sea Level Rise, Isostasy, etc.)
2	10mm at 1σ	Mapping / SDI
		Precision Agriculture
		Mining / Construction, Engineering
3	100mm at 5σ	Liability Critical Services
		Safety of Life Applications

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- 19 earthquakes for the last 30 days (magnitude > 2.0)
- red star last 7 days (most recent: 13 April)
- orange star 7 to 14 days
- green star 14 to 30 days (oldest: 25 March)
- grey triangle historical earthquake greater than magnitude 6 EGU2007 Meeting April 2007

Geology and Earth Quake locations



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Infrastructure Cost

EU •Population •Area •Density

494,070,000 4,324,782 km² 114 people / km²

Australia•Population20,2•Area7,6•Density2.6 P

20,264,082 7,617,930 km² 2.6 People / km²

Therefore equivalent infrastructure costs are 44 times larger per person in Australia

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NCRIS Infrastructure Bid

Reference frame enhancement
VLBI, SLR, Gravimetry, GPS

- Improve the Realisation in Australia
 - GPS network covering majority of applications





Proposed VLBI network



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Simulations:

Geodetic results - 6 core stations +



(1) + "slow" Hobart

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- (4) + Hartrao & "fast" Hobart & Yarragadee & Katherine
- (5) + Hartrao & "fast" Hobart & Yarragadee & Katherine & New Zealand

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Hobart height component accuracy





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Stromlo Power Upgrade

- Increased capability to range to the higher satellites (and daylight ranging):
 - GPS (2)
 - · GLONASS (all)
 - Etalon
 - Galileo (27)
 - OPTUS– B (Geostationary)
- Clock Calibration for GNSS satellites
- Improved UT1 from SLR

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total passes from April 1, 2006 through March 31, 2007



HEO passes from April 1, 2006 through March 31, 2007



Gravity

- Acquire a FG5 for routine use around Australian Observatories
- Acquire capability to measure tidal site displacements for input into improved models
- Continued support for the Super conducting Gravity meter at Stromlo

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Gravity Residuals (FG5 – Schwiderski OT model)



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Proposed GPS network

- Cross continental GNSS transects for measuring intraplate deformation
- Station spacing of 200km, resulting in users not being more then 100km from nearest CORS station
- Circum-continental coverage for measuring plate dynamics, and sea level change
- Major road and rail routes covered
- Major agricultural areas covered
- Major population zones covered
- Major areas of environmental research covered
- Some of the existing mining industry areas covered, although it is envisaged that this number would be increase by mine operators adding their sites collaboratively to the network.

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Major tourism areas covered



Conclusion

- Australia is making a significant investment in infrastructure to aid the refinement of the ITRF
- Funding is achievable by making the linkage to national benefit including all of the down stream applications
- Next step is using the data : We look forward to working with you !!