

THE COORDINATED IMAGERY PROGRAM (CIP)

PRIVACY STATEMENT

The Victorian Government is committed to protecting information about you and enacted the Information Privacy Act 2000 to provide a statutory framework for privacy and to guide government departments in their personal information handling activities.

The Department of Sustainability and Environment (DSE) values and protects the personal information it collects in the course of undertaking its responsibilities and continues to demonstrate a strong culture of protecting the confidentiality and privacy of clients and members of the community.

This Privacy Statement applies to the Coordinated Imagery Program (CIP), an initiative of Spatial Information Infrastructure (SII) on behalf of DSE and the Victorian Government.

The Coordinated Imagery Program (CIP) is now commencing its sixth year of operation. The Program was established to coordinate the acquisition of aerial and satellite imagery across the State of Victoria, and has since grown to include elevation products as well. The Program will streamline the acquisition, storage and access of aerial imagery and elevation products. This imagery will be used by Victorian Government agencies, statutory bodies, utilities and local government to enhance their GIS applications for urban growth management, planning, engineering, flood modelling, coastal degradation, forest health assessment, asset management, data maintenance and to derive value-added products such as digital elevation models.

In 2008-10 CIP will comprise numerous aerial survey projects, which will include the capture of aerial photography, and elevation (LiDAR) information.

Confidentiality, security and privacy conditions apply to the Contract conditions for the suppliers of imagery via CIP which includes the State Purchase Contract (SPC) Panel for Spatial Imagery and Elevation Products. The Contractors shall be bound by the Information Privacy Principles and any applicable Code of Practice with respect to any act done or practice engaged in by the Contractor for the purposes of their Purchase Order Contract in the same way and to the same extent as the Department or a Purchaser would have been bound by the Information Privacy Principles.

The projects will collect anonymous information, an image of properties, streets, trees, paddocks lakes, coastal terrain and water levels. This information will not be able to identify individuals when viewed alone. The imagery has the potential to identify individuals who own properties when viewed together with certain GIS databases.

SII will maintain a register of all licensed imagery users. In distributing the imagery, SII will issue strict licensing conditions to ensure it is used solely for the purpose of issue. Any unauthorised use outside these license conditions may be prosecuted under the terms of the Privacy Act.

Distribution/publishing via the image web server (IWS), a secured and centralised store for aerial photography, satellite imagery and digital maps, will be restricted to authorised users who will also need to sign a licence agreement for use.

Imagery of this spatial accuracy is a useful reference tool for growth tracking and to create time-phase representations. For this purpose, DSE will store this imagery indefinitely to maintain an accurate archive of the imagery datasets.