

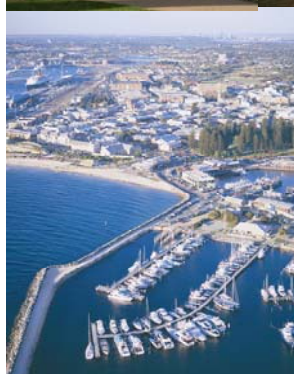


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# WALIS

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## ***What is WALIS***

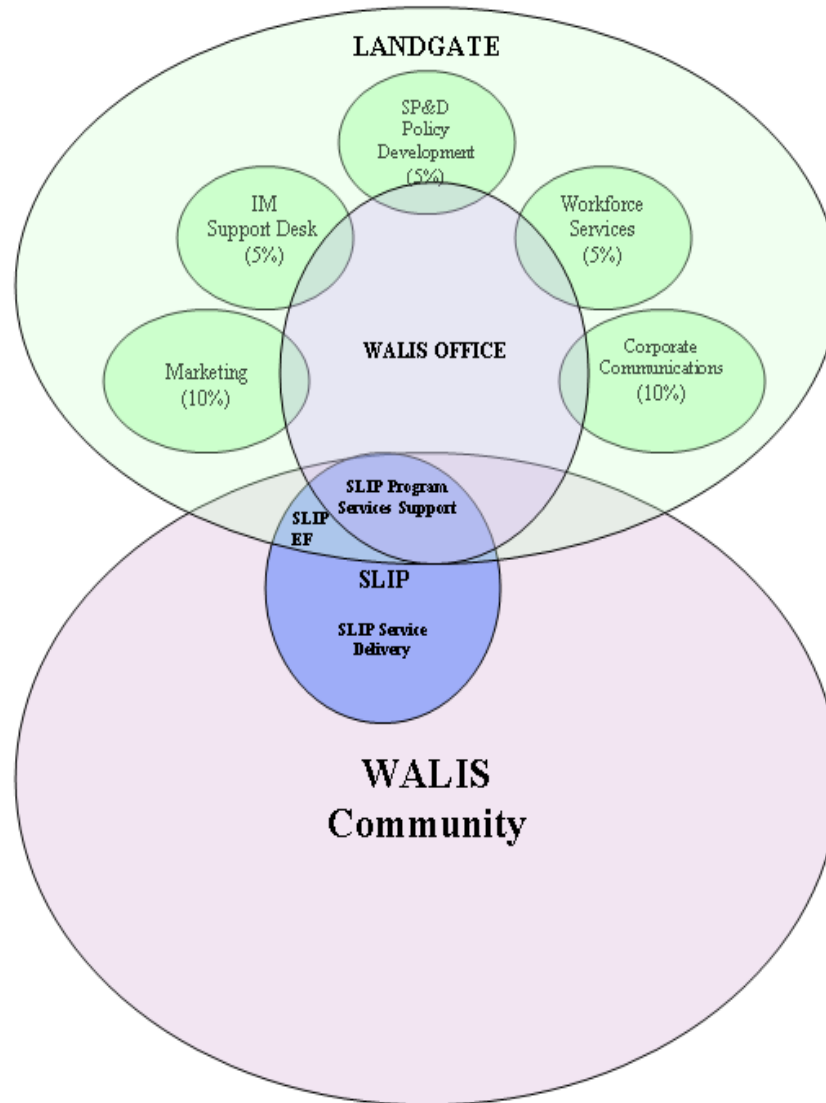
Established in 1981, WALIS is the longest standing LIS/GIS cooperative arrangement in Australia. WALIS is not a GIS but is the WA government's mechanism for coordinating the management of spatial information. It is a partnership of government agencies working with business, education and the general community to SHARE, MANAGE, IMPROVE and PROMOTE the State's geographic information.

WALIS is made up of a partnership of State Government agencies and an alliance between these agencies and representatives from Federal and Local Government authorities, Private sector businesses and Community organisations

WALIS has been successful in resolving many data management issues that will underpin future access mechanisms. For instance, custodianship, pricing, marketing, metadata and data licensing.



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## ***WALIS and Landgate***



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## ***WALIS Vision***

### **The WALIS vision is to Provide:**

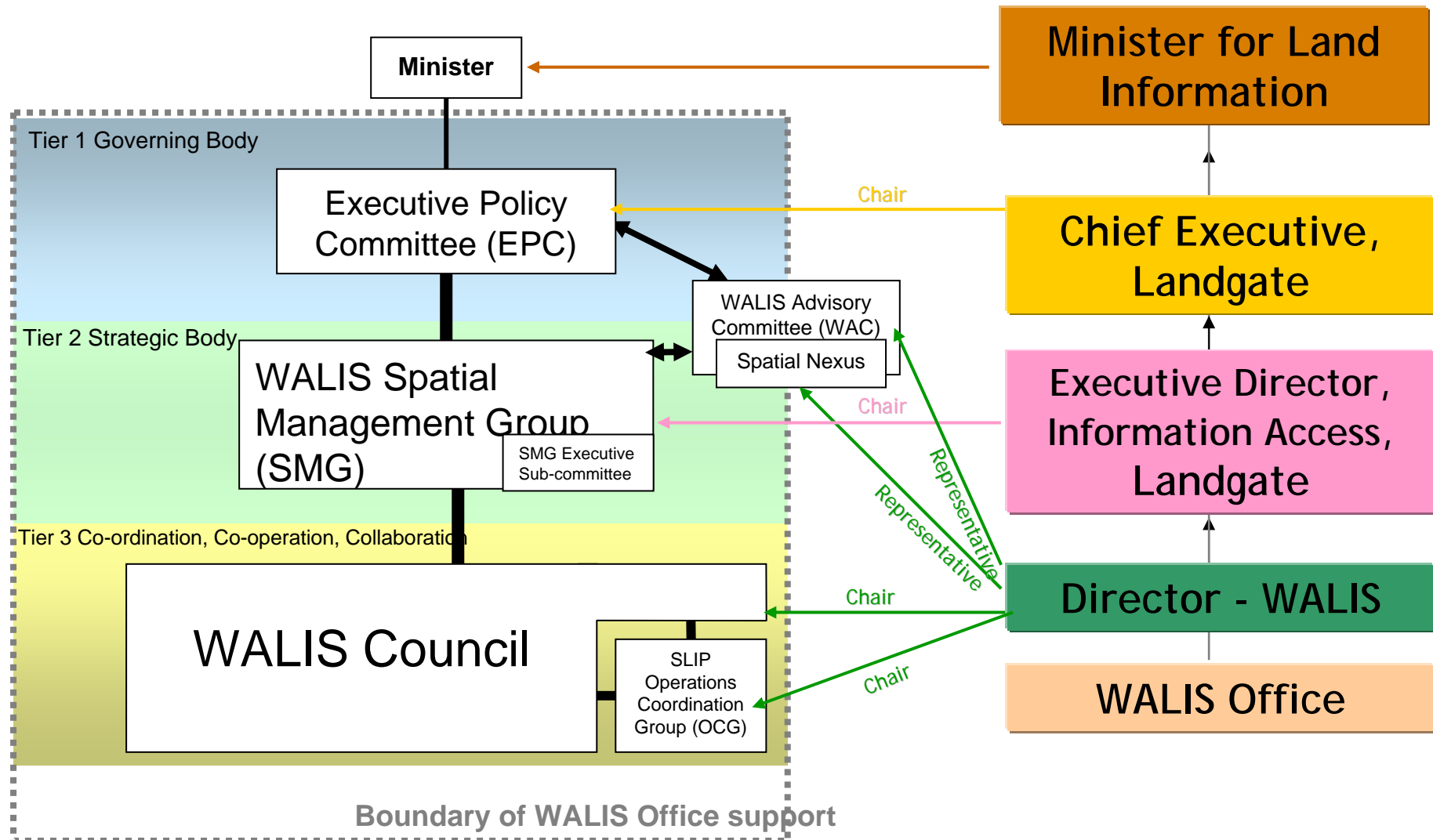
Seamless access to WA spatial information, from anywhere, for any use, by anybody.

### **Objectives:**

1. Strengthening and expanding partnerships (people).
2. Providing geographic information to support business outcomes (information).
3. Implementing an infrastructure to enable full integration of geographic information (technology).
4. Setting and maintaining both policy and governance structure to support the WALIS community goals (framework).
5. Improve the WALIS community's ability to understand, use and access geographic information (education).



# WALIS Governance Model





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## ***WALIS EPC***

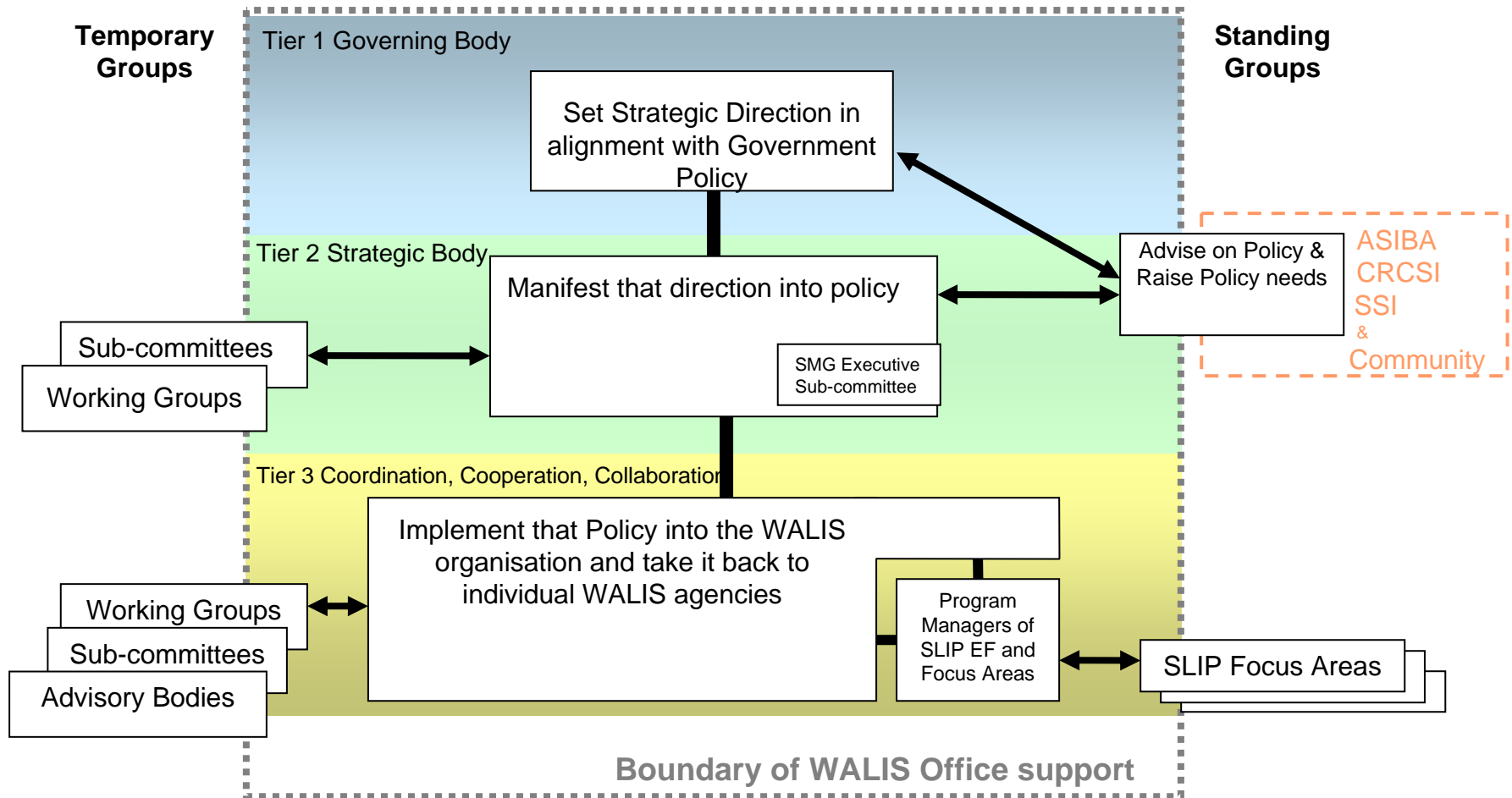
The WALIS Executive Policy Committee (EPC) is the governing body of WALIS and comprises Chief Executive Officers and Directors General of eight WALIS member agencies. These agencies are Landgate; Department for Planning and Infrastructure; Department of Agriculture and Food Western Australia; Department of Mines and Petroleum; Fire and Emergency Services Authority; Department of Environment and Conservation; Public Sector Commission and Department of Water.

These agencies have custodianship responsibilities for the majority of the Western Australia Government's spatial datasets.

It is currently chaired by the Chief Executive, Landgate. The role of the EPC is to provide strategic direction and endorse overall policy and strategic plans, ensuring alignment with Whole of Government policies and priorities for sharing spatial information. As of October 2006, the EPC is also the peak body responsible for the ongoing implementation and growth of Shared Land Information Platform (SLIP).



# Committee Roles





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## ***WALIS Spatial Management Group***

The WALIS Spatial Management Group (SMG) is the strategic body for WALIS and will advise and be responsible to the EPC. The SMG was created as part of the strategy for integrating and streamlining the governance arrangements for the recent amalgamation of WALIS and the Shared Land Information Platform (SLIP).

The SMG is made up of Director-level representatives from core areas of WALIS. This tier 2 group drives and directs policy and strategic direction for WALIS as well as the implementation of SLIP. Reports on projects such as the Electronic Land Development Plan and Natural Resources Management are delivered at this level.

The SMG will report directly to the EPC and provide half-yearly updates on:

- achievements against the approved Strategic Plan;
- achievements against the Annual WALIS Office Work Program; and
- decisions that are made under powers delegated by the EPC.



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## ***WALIS Advisory Committee***

The WALIS Advisory Committee (WAC) consists of representatives from industry, community, education and local government. WAC aims to represent the common interests of the private sector and community in Western Australia. WAC contributes to the development of WALIS Strategic Plans and topical policy and strategic issues as they arise, such as pricing, data access, data quality, representation of geographic information in education and marketing of WALIS.

The purpose of the committee is to:

- Provide advice on the development of policies, procedures, technical standards by WALIS, and assist in the definition of issues requiring resolution;
- Facilitate communication between geographic information stakeholders in the private sector and community and the Western Australian Government on policy and technical matters;
- Assist and help guide, through vision and leadership, the implementation of WALIS strategies and plans; and
- Provide a geographic information industry perspective for WALIS, and advise on the development and maintenance of partnerships and communication between WALIS and the geographic information industry.



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## ***WALIS Council***

WALIS Council, is comprised of representatives from each of the WALIS member agencies, which focuses on operational co-ordination and information exchange.

WALIS Council is the information hub of WALIS and provides professional advice on technical issues. Meetings are held every second month to discuss:

- Agency custodianship of datasets and compliance with standards;
- Metadata policy;
- Agency reports on activities and projects;
- To raise any concerns or to ask for assistance and guidance; and.
- The opportunity to present a project to the group.

WALIS Associate Members (non State-government departments) are invited to attend the Council meeting and receive the minutes. This provides them with the opportunity to stay up-to-date on WALIS related activities being undertaken within and across state government.



## **WALIS Office**

A small team of 10 staff, based within Landgate who provide the policy, coordination and administrative support to run WALIS activities

- Rutable Road Centrelines
- Drainage
- Cadastre
- Marine
- JPEG 2000
- Data custodianship
- Data pricing and access
- Metadata Subgroup
- SSI-ASIBA-CRC SI- WALIS Nexus
- Local government
- Spatial Technology in Schools annual competition
- Marine Group
- SLICP
- New SLIP Focus Areas
- Governance (committees)
- WALIS Forum
- WALIS News and e-News
- Workshops/seminars
- AZNLIC contribution to national agenda
- ABS Census Data



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## ***WALIS Community***

The WALIS Community is made up of a network of people and technology to share the power of geographic information and to continually improve its usefulness and accessibility.

Formal membership of WALIS currently comprises State government agencies, Commonwealth agencies and Local Government. Associate membership is represented by private sector organisations, industry advisory bodies and community organisations.





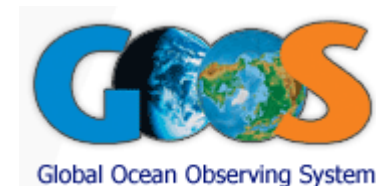
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## ***Some WALIS Partners***

- **Australian and New Zealand Land Information Council (ANZLIC)**
- **Spatial Sciences Institute (SSI)**
- **Australian Spatial Information Business Association (ASIBA)**
- **Cooperative Research Centre for Spatial Information (CRC-SI)**
- **Australian Bureau of Statistics (Federal)**
- **Public Sector Mapping Agency (Private)**
- **Curtin University – Dept of Spatial Sciences**
- **UWA Geography**
- **TAFEWA**
- **Other private through the WALIS Advisory Committee (WAC)**
- **Office of Spatial Data Management (OSDM)**
- **South Coast Regional Information Planning Team (SCRIPT)**
- **South West Catchments Council**
- **WINGIT**
- **CSIRO**



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## ***WALIS International Forum 2009***

- Next Forum to be held 11-13 November 2009
- Perth Convention Exhibition Centre
- Keynote Speakers, Exhibitions & Workshops.
- Key speakers include:
  - Dr Michael Goodchild
  - Dr Kristine Asch



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## ***Future Directions***

Working in emerging areas such as health, social, community education, infrastructure, development.

New and changing policy issues – pricing, access, data quality, security & privacy, custodianship.

Greater industry and community involvement  
Marketing to the mainstream.



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## *Questions*

