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Toitū Te Whenua LINZ Update

ANZ Metadata Working Group - Meeting 9

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**Whatungarongaro te tangata
toitū te whenua.**

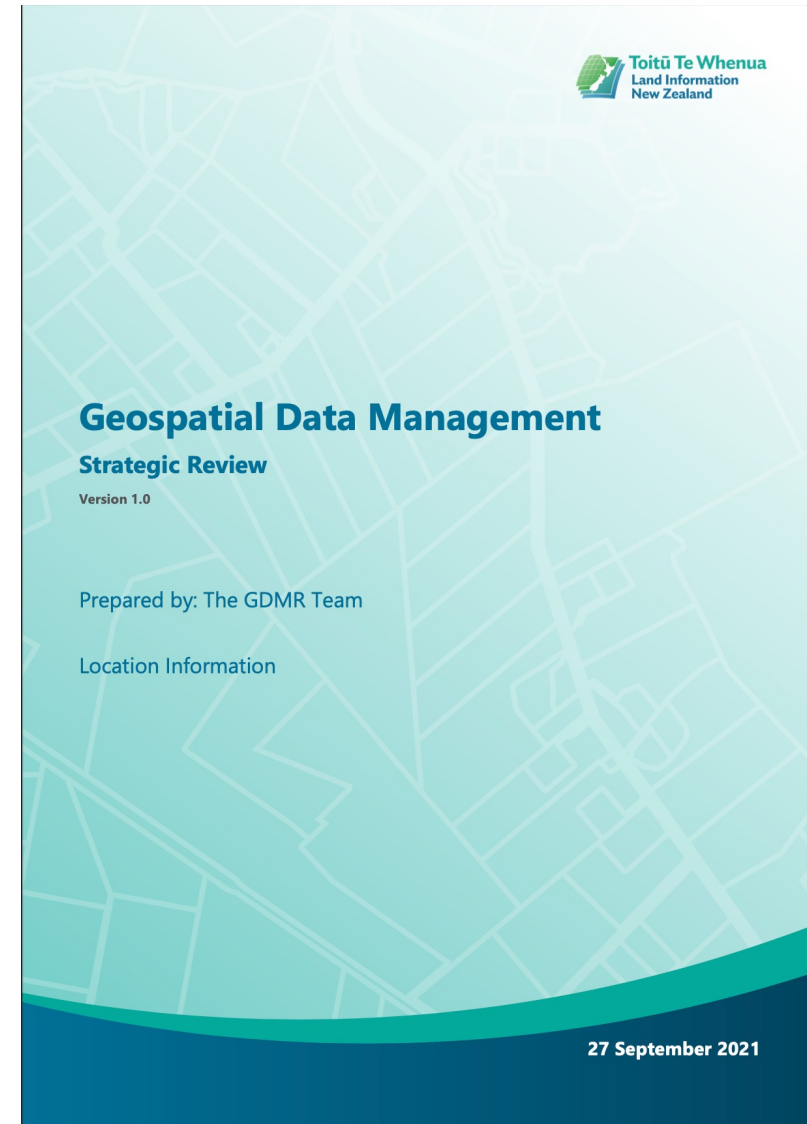
**People come and go,
but the land remains.**



Geospatial Data Management Strategy Review

Goals

- Better data management
- Better customer value
- Improved way of work
- Cloud native systems
- Better intelligence



Background

- LINZ's systems organic growth
- Landscape developed by siloed projects
- Lack of enterprise investment
- Significant data management risk

Improving Data Management



- Data Governance
- Master Data Management
- Metadata Management
- Common Data Tools
- Data Supply
- Data Quality

Metadata Review

Metadata Goals

- A need for modern standards
- Basic but extendable
- Community driven collaboration and improvement
- Support for cloud-based workflows
- Better internal management

Solution Epics



Redefined Internal Standards



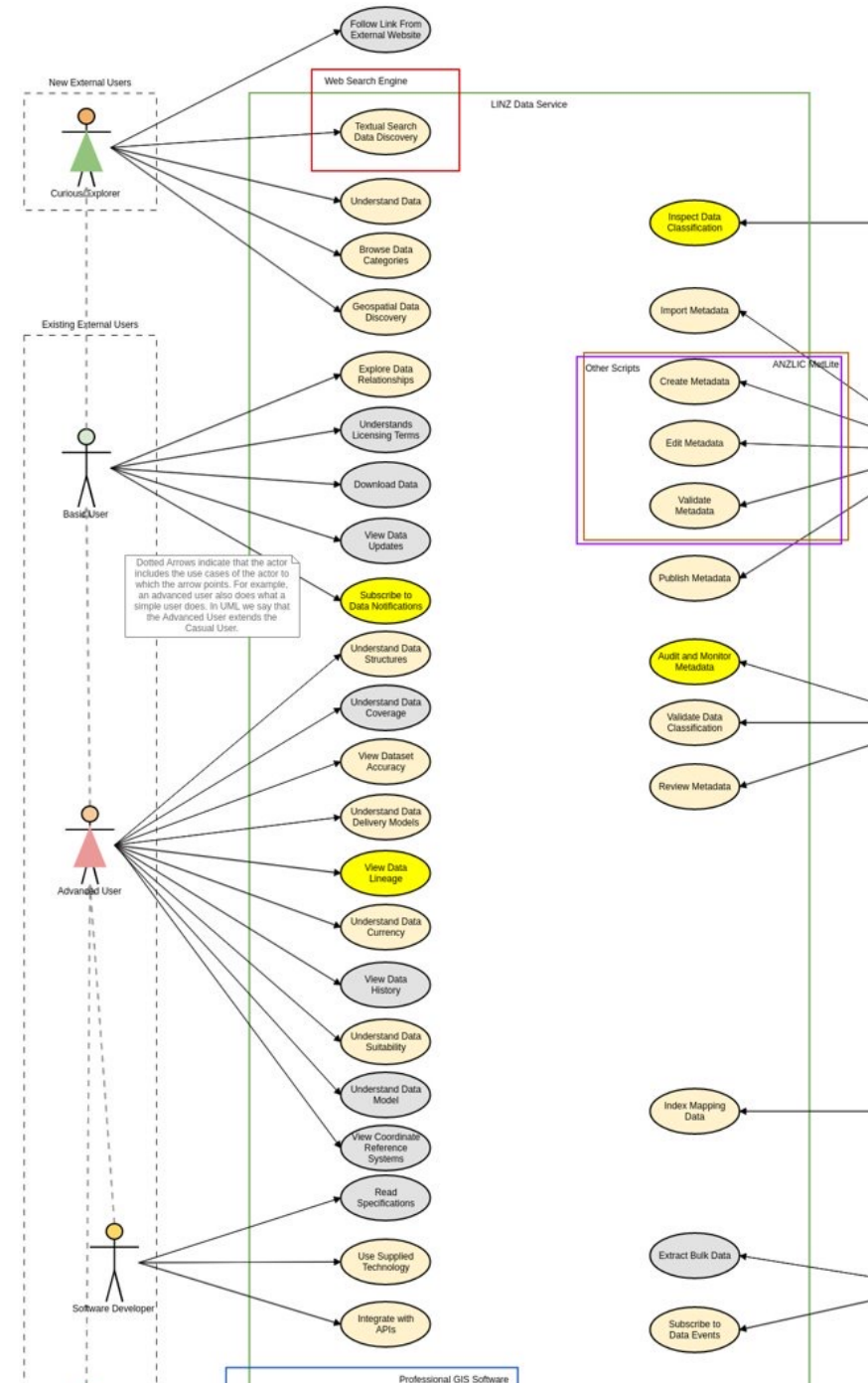
Modern Publishing Standards



Central Metadata Catalogue

Metadata Management Requirements

- Engage with domain experts and consumers
- Inform metadata field specification
- Identify user roles
- Understand use cases



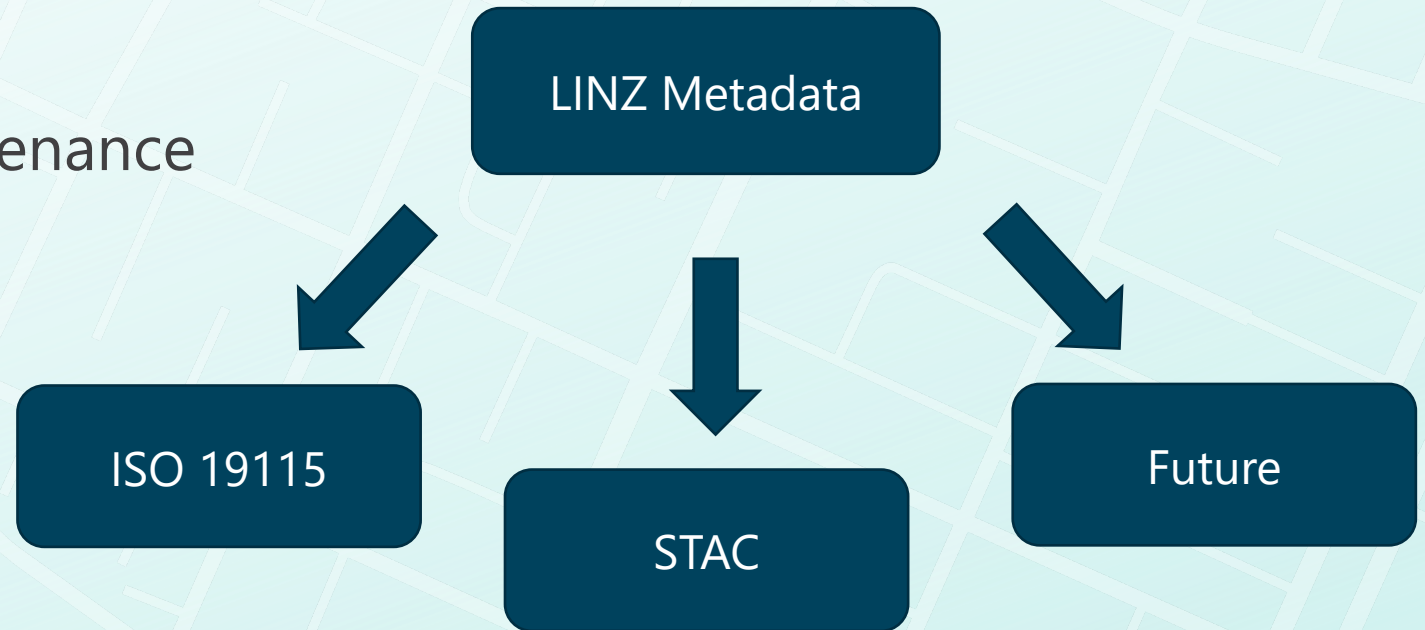
Internal Metadata Fields

- Simplify data management
- Maximise value
- Bridge legacy & future

| Field | Internal | Published | Description | Example |
|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--|---|
| Collection Identifier | MANDATORY ★ | MANDATORY ★ | Persistent unique identifier for the Collection. Guidelines: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Identifier must never change, irrespective of where the dataset is stored. • Should be system generated. | c75800c4-8157-11eb-8dcd-0242ac130003 |
| Collection Title | MANDATORY | MANDATORY | The name by which the Collection is known. Guidelines: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Same as dataset title field | "NZ Aerial Imagery" or "Historic Aerial Photos (1939-2008)" Not recommended: "Historic Aerial Photos" (when the date range is known) |
| Collection Description | MANDATORY | MANDATORY | Narrative summary of the content. Guidelines: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Same as dataset title field | Recommended: "The NZ Aerial Imagery set provides a collection of all of the available aerial imagery for New Zealand. The collection is part of the National Imagery Coordination programme and contains rural and urban imagery from 2002 onwards" |

Metadata Publishing

- Internal specification to STAC
- Internal specification to ISO
- Smart defaults reduce maintenance



Central Metadata Catalogue

- **Productivity** – Quickly find and get access to data
- **Agility** – Collaboration across all LINZ's datasets and their metadata
- **Control** – A central location facilitates data governance
- **Consistency** – Same tool to manage all metadata
- **Discoverability** – Enable the searching across all datasets



Topographic Data Management Improvements

Credit: Name

Background

- LINZ did not hold a "master data" copy of all Aerial Imagery.
- Aerial Imagery data structure wasn't standardised.
- Data cleansing had to be completed in order to use Aerial Imagery.
- Metadata held in a table with a custom schema.
- Historic Aerial Photos and Elevation Data on hard drives in office.

Basemaps



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Problems

LINZ needs to manage its own "master data" assets with standardised data formats, data structures and metadata.

Existing quality control, processing and publishing workflows often involve transferring large amounts of data using hard drives and specialised software or hardware.

Solutions

Improve metadata and master data management.



Solutions

Enable bulk data processing in the cloud.



Value Proposition

Creating easy, informative and consistent cloud based

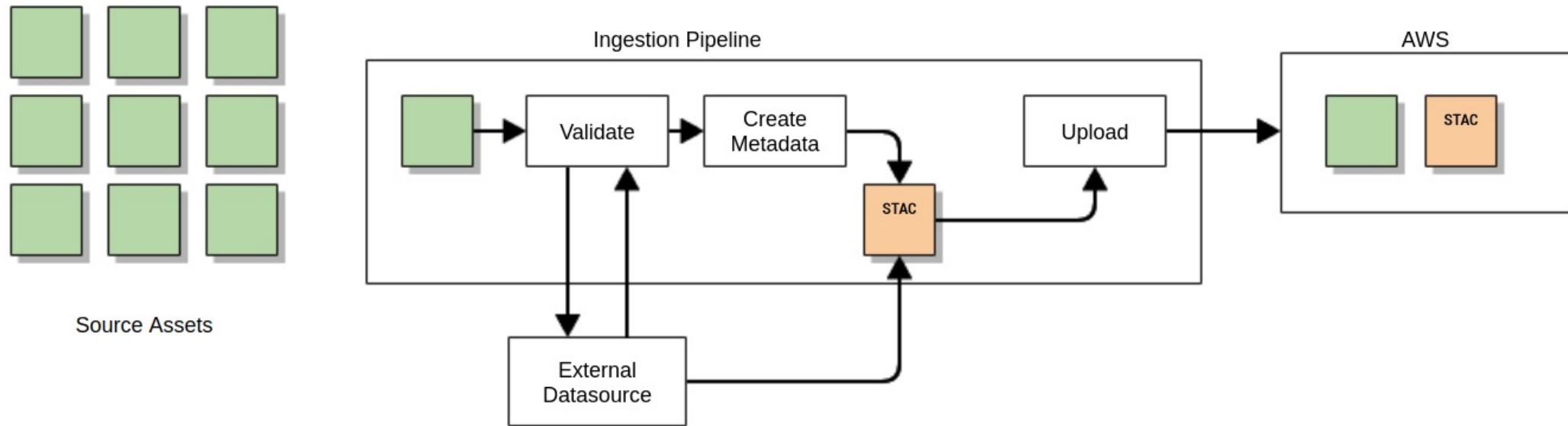
- metadata creation
- data transformation
- quality control / validation

workflows for topographic data.

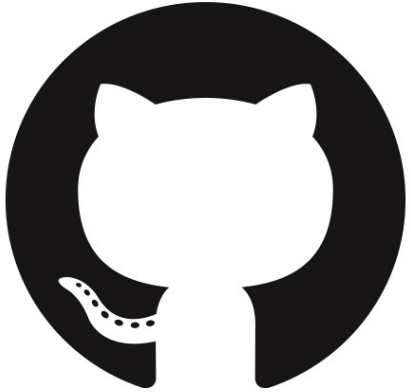
Target Outcomes

- Secure our "master data" assets
- Standardise metadata creation
- Utilise cloud optimised data formats
- Automate existing processes where possible
- Shorten timeframes from data delivery to feedback or publishing
- Enable new derived products / innovation

Topo Processor Workflow



LINZ STAC Extensions



<https://github.com/linz/stac>

Aligned with <https://stac-extensions.github.io>

Schema and website soon to be available from stac.linz.govt.nz



The screenshot shows the GitHub repository page for 'linz/stac'. At the top, it indicates the repository is public and has 9 unwatched items, 4 stars, and 0 forks. Navigation tabs include Code, Issues (7), Pull requests (2), Discussions, Actions, Projects, Wiki, Security, and Insights. The repository is currently on the 'master' branch, with 13 other branches and 7 tags. A commit by 'billgeo' is highlighted, titled 'Add more info to README (#83)', which includes 77 commits. Below this, a list of files and folders is shown, each with a corresponding commit message and timestamp. The files include .github, extensions, .editorconfig, .envrc, .eslintrc.cjs, .gitignore, .kodiak.toml, .prettierrc.cjs, CHANGELOG.md, LICENSE, README.md, package.json, shell.nix, validate.sh, and yarn.lock. On the right side, the 'About' section provides the repository's name 'Toitū Te Whenua LINZ STAC extensions', the website 'stacspec.org', a 'metadata' button, a 'Readme' link, and the license 'CC-BY-4.0 License'. The 'Releases' section shows 7 releases, with the latest being 'v0.0.7' (Latest) from 3 days ago, and a '+ 6 releases' link. The 'Contributors' section shows 12 contributors with their profile pictures. At the bottom, the 'Environments' section shows 1 active environment named 'github-pages'.

| File/Folder | Commit Message | Time Ago |
|-----------------|---|--------------|
| .github | build(deps): bump cachix/install-nix-action from 13 to 14 (#81) | 2 days ago |
| extensions | Add more info to README (#83) | 18 hours ago |
| .editorconfig | feat: Add editor configuration (#54) | 13 days ago |
| .envrc | feat: Support Nix (#67) | 3 days ago |
| .eslintrc.cjs | feat: unit testing with ospec (#76) | 3 days ago |
| .gitignore | feat: Introduce STAC template (#9) | 2 months ago |
| .kodiak.toml | feat: add kodiak toml file (#17) | 2 months ago |
| .prettierrc.cjs | ci: create release pipeline (#30) | 20 days ago |
| CHANGELOG.md | v0.0.7 | 3 days ago |
| LICENSE | chore: use license plain text (#19) | 2 months ago |
| README.md | docs: Mention how to push branch and tag at the same time (...) | 18 hours ago |
| package.json | v0.0.7 | 3 days ago |
| shell.nix | feat: Support Nix (#67) | 3 days ago |
| validate.sh | feat: Create aerial photography extension (#66) | 10 days ago |
| yarn.lock | feat: unit testing with ospec (#76) | 3 days ago |



Toitū Te Whenua LINZ STAC Extensions

The [SpatioTemporal Asset Catalog \(STAC\)](#) family of specifications aim to standardize the way geospatial assets are exposed online and queried.

This repository is for STAC Extensions that Toitū Te Whenua LINZ is working on. These may become [STAC Community Extensions](#) if other data managers find them to be useful.

Extensions

- [Aerial Photography](#): Aerial photography details for photos.
- [Camera](#): Camera details for photos.
- [Film](#): Film details for photos.
- [Historical Imagery](#): Aerial survey photos.
- [LINZ](#): Toitū Te Whenua LINZ-specific settings.
- [Quality](#): Dataset accuracy.
- [Scanning](#): Scanning details for photos.

Collection Example

```
1  {
2    "stac_version": "1.0.0",
3    "stac_extensions": [
4      "https://linz.github.io/stac/_STAC_VERSION_/linz/schema.json",
5      "https://stac-extensions.github.io/version/v1.0.0/schema.json",
6      "https://stac-extensions.github.io/projection/v1.0.0/schema.json"
7    ],
8    "type": "Collection",
9    "id": "collection",
10   "title": "A title",
11   "description": "A description",
12   "license": "Apache-2.0",
13   "linz:created": "2015-06-23T00:00:00Z",
14   "linz:lifecycle": "Under Development",
15   "linz:providers": [
16     {
17       "name": "Example",
18       "description": "Example description.",
19       "roles": ["custodian"],
20       "url": "https://www.exampleurl.com"
21     }
22   ],
23   "linz:security_classification": "Unclassified",
24   "linz:updated": "2015-06-23T00:00:00Z",
```


Collection Example cont.

```
25 "extent": {  
26   "spatial": {  
27     "bbox": [[172.9, 1.3, 173, 1.4]]  
28   },  
29   "temporal": {  
30     "interval": ["2015-06-23T00:00:00Z", null]  
31   }  
32 },  
33 "summaries": {  
34   "datetime": {  
35     "minimum": "2015-06-23T00:00:00Z",  
36     "maximum": "2019-07-10T13:44:56Z"  
37   }  
38 },  
39 "links": [],  
40 "quality:description": "Example quality description",  
41 "quality:horizontal_accuracy": 1,  
42 "quality:horizontal_accuracy_type": "Nominal",  
43 "quality:lineage": "This is an example dataset lineage description.",  
44 "version": "2.0.0",  
45 "proj:epsg": 32659,  
46 "proj:shape": [5558, 9559],  
47 "proj:transform": [0.5, 0, 712710, 0, -0.5, 151406, 0, 0, 1]  
48 }
```

Catalog Layout in AWS S3

```
s3://linz-elevation/dem/  
├── catalog.json  
├── 2020-wellington-city-1m/  
│   ├── collection.json  
│   ├── BP31_2020_1000_5044.tiff  
│   ├── BP31_2020_1000_5044.json  
│   ├── BP31_2020_1000_5045.tiff  
│   ├── BP31_2020_1000_5045.json  
│   ├── BP31_2020_1000_5046.tiff  
│   └── BP31_2020_1000_5046.json  
├── 2016-otago-1m/  
│   ├── collection.json  
│   ├── CB12_2016_1000_0147.tiff  
│   └── CB12_2016_1000_0147.json
```

Thank you!