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\$1.4Billion and Growing

The emerging Australian Spatial Industry generated \$1.4Billion in revenues and contributed \$12.6 Billion to GDP in 2006-7 according to a new independent study by ACIL Tasman and reported by the Commonwealth Research Centre for Spatial Information (CRCSI).

A major finding of the study indicates that inefficient access to spatial data reduces the direct productivity of some industry sectors such as the environment, mining, energy, forestry, agriculture and fisheries by between 5% and 15%.

“The study confirms the enormous future potential from increased adoption of spatial information and from new applications across a wider range of industries,” said Peter Woodgate, Chief Executive Officer of CRCSI.



V-TOL Aerospace UAV Flight Services Sample Spatial Data*

“V-TOL Aerospace, operating its Unmanned Aircraft Vehicles (UAV) in support of CRCSI projects and other early adopter UAV based SI end-users, is at the leading edge of this emerging and exciting industry. The demand for timely, hi-resolution and affordable spatial imagery is on the increase and our flight services are being developed to meet this future need,” V-TOL Chief UAV Controller Mark Xavier said.

V-TOL Aerospace is the technical adviser to CRCSI on UAV technology and UAV Flight Services. UAV Flight Services has been established by V-TOL Aerospace to supply commercial UAV products and services in the Australasian market place.

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