



Women's Leadership Award

Winner: Judi Dawton

Judi Dawton is a highly respected public service leader. Judie is the Director of the Spatial Data Policy section within the Data Management and Analytical Branch at the Department of Industry, Innovation and Science. She manages a small team with oversight of secretariat services for the ANZLIC – the Spatial Information Council, a cross-jurisdictional group of senior officials that develops and influences policies and strategies for access to and use of geospatial information. Judi's role includes working collaboratively with government agencies, industry and the research sector to identify emerging spatial data technologies, challenges and strategic directions. This has included participating in consultation for the development of the industry led 2026 Spatial Industry Transformation and Growth Agenda. Judie believes strongly in the democratisation of spatial information and the continued proliferation of spatial open data in government and Industry. Judi provides advice to Government to ensure national spatial data infrastructure outcomes for Australia. Judi continues to be one of the strongest voices in the spatial industry and is a beacon across government for an outcome driven approach to use open spatial data.