



**ASIA-PACIFIC**  
SPATIAL EXCELLENCE AWARDS

## NATIONAL WINNER

### Stuart Minchin

Dr Minchin has extensive experience in environmental and information sciences, particularly in the earth observation and water resource management area. Dr Minchin's leadership in his role as Chief of the Geosciences and Environment division at Geoscience Australia, have transformed the award-winning work undertaken with the Australian Geoscience Data Cube into a national operational digital service "Digital Earth Australia".

Stuart's other key achievements include:

- He was one of 9 experts appointed by the Australian Government to review the status of Australia's space industry, and to recommend a way forward.
- He developed and led the team responsible for a significant cross agency effort to map the ocean floor in the vicinity of the last known whereabouts of the missing Malaysian Airliner MH370.
- He led Australia's delegation to the UN-Global Geospatial Information Management Committee of Experts and was Australia's Principal Delegate for ongoing negotiations with this UN effort.
- He has served as Australia's Principal Delegate to the Intergovernmental Group on Earth Observations overseeing Australia's extensive contributions to this group.

Stuart's long track record of conceiving, developing and delivering transformational and innovative projects, his outstanding leadership and his unwavering commitment to the progression of our field makes him a very worthy candidate for the 2019 SSSI President's Award.