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Att: Mr Paul Digney

Geospatial Council of Australia President.

I'm writing on behalf of OSGeo Oceania. We're a community organisation, structured as a not-for-profit with over two hundred members from across Oceania. We are recognised as the local chapter of the OSGeo and OpenStreetMap foundations and our focus is on supporting these communities in Oceania. Our main initiative is an annual conference, which this year will be in Auckland in October.

We would like to congratulate the Geospatial Council of Australia on its formation. It's fantastic to see the unification that was signified in the creation of the Locate Conference organisation back in 2014 continue, with this new union of SIBA/GITA and SSSI.

We see an opportunity to create a relationship between our two organisations, formalised in a memorandum of understanding that would support collaborative and open relationships between our organisations. The MOU would include a commitment to mutual communication about key events, in particular with an effort to enable the participation of both communities at the annual Locate and FOSS4G conferences without time clashes. We would further be open to investigate shared membership benefits and cross promotion of events. In our remit as advocates for the open geospatial community across Oceania, we would welcome opportunities to promote the use of open technology and data and to represent this community in national strategies and other initiatives.

We look forward to discussing this opportunity for collaboration on behalf of our respective members soon.

Yours sincerely,

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Chair, OSGeo Oceania