



# **NEW MAPBOOKS FOR CFA**

## **BACKGROUND**

Over the past few years, CFA has been reviewing and updating the provision of hard copy maps. The requirement to review the way CFA produces Map Books has been based on a number of internal and external factors including:

- Change in Mapping standards
- Privacy legislation
- Country Call Taking (CCT)
- Rural Road Numbering (RRN)

CFA in partnership with Spatial Vision and the Department of Sustainability and Environment's Spatial Information Infrastructure (SII) group are developing five new books that will replace the eleven that are in service across the state. This new approach provides many benefits for CFA, however it does result in a major change to the way books are produced and updated. Map Books will no longer be produced in house or owned by CFA. However, through contractual arrangements, CFA retains a significant influence and a substantial controlling interest in the direction and format of the books. Producing Map Books in house has been beneficial for CFA however this process has had a number of fundamental problems including

- Ineffective use of Volunteer time
- Data correction/update issues
- Ambiguity relating to data custodian responsibility
- Funding

## **SALES**

Map Books will be available for purchase by other Emergency Services, the general public and CFA personnel. Non CFA personnel including other Emergency Services, general public, general business can purchase books directly from Spatial Vision - 9691 3000 or <http://www.spatialvision.com.au/>. Books will be made available to purchase by Volunteers and Career personnel through Regions progressively as the books are released.

## RELEASE DATES

The five books that are being produced cover the following areas and will be updated every two years.



Dates of when the first edition of the books should be available are listed below.

Central	June 2006
North West	September 2006
South West	December 2006
North East	March 2007
South East	June 2007

## REPORTING OF CHANGE REQUESTS

Each book includes a "Vicmap Book Feedback" page that is to be photocopied and sent (faxed or posted) to SII. This form allows for a Map Book user to describe the issue and provide supporting evidence. This report will be either dealt with by SII or forwarded on to the appropriate data custodian. For example, if a map book user reports an inconsistency with a road name via the "Vicmap Book Feedback" form to SII, SII will forward this on to the appropriate data custodian (municipalities are the custodian of road names). The municipality will seek a resolution to the reported change request and provide feedback to SII and the official database will be updated. This official database is the source from which Spatial Vision acquires data to include in map books and where CAD acquires data for their dispatch system.

Early notification of change requests is important. A lead time of up to six months is required to allow sufficient time for change requests to be investigated, source data amended where appropriate and the changes reflected in the updated Map Books.



## CHANGE REQUESTS, FEEDBACK AND EDITS

The process for collecting data and reporting change requests has changed significantly. The new process feeds directly into the State's spatial data maintenance programs and allows for a single view of data to be used in both the hard copy books, and in the call taking / dispatch centres. CFA, Spatial Vision and SII are working to ensure that change requests reported through the new process will be resolved and included in both the future version of the Map Book, and in the CAD system.

STAKEHOLDER	BUSINESS	ROLE IN CHANGE REQUEST REPORTING
Spatial Information Infrastructure (SII)	"Official source" of Victorian spatial framework data, Vicmap.	Coordination of change requests across data custodians, including gathering disseminating, reporting and processing and Vicmap maintenance.
CAD	Emergency call taking and dispatch	Use digital data in call taking and dispatch
Data Custodian	Responsible for specific data sets (i.e. CFA responsible for Fire Stations)	Provide official resolution to reported change requests.
Spatial Vision	Production of Map Books	General support and facilitation and attendance to Map Book change requests. Producer and custodian of Map Books.
Map Book User	End user of Map Books	Detection and reporting of change requests to SII.

