# International Member Regional Update Australia

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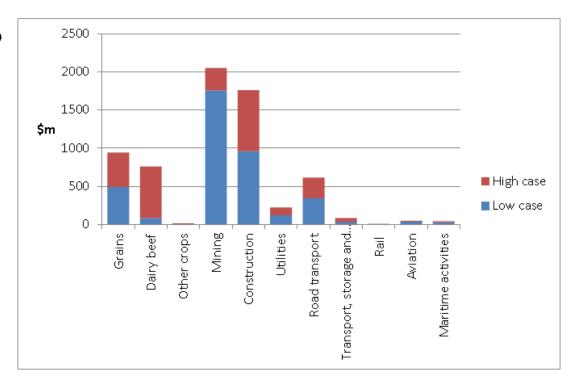
#### **Outline**

- Decided to structure this presentation around issues suggested in the Agenda as possible topics for the Advisory Board's Working Groups:
  - Economic Value of GPS;
  - Spectrum Issues;
  - Assured PNT;
  - Affordability Options;
  - International GNSS Contributions;
- So I will comment briefly on each of these from an Australian perspective.



#### **Economic Value – Acil Allen Study**

- Builds on the findings of the 2008 Allen Consulting report 'Economic benefits of high resolution positioning services'
- Estimates that Australian GDP in 2020 will be between \$7 billion to \$14 billion higher due to the benefits of augmented GNSS positioning services
- Overview and sector reports available at <u>www.ignss.org</u> for information and comment



(Source: Andrews for Space Coordination Office, IGNSS 2013)



#### **Spectrum Issues**

- Australia has legislation against the use of GPS Jammers;
- Resourcing for ACMA to enforce could be an issue in a country as large and as sparsely populated as Australia;
- Australian Defence Department holds Space Licence for GPS:
  - required before ACMA can act;
  - What about other GNSS systems?... I believe ITU is encouraging member states to act anyway but still...



## **Assured PNT**



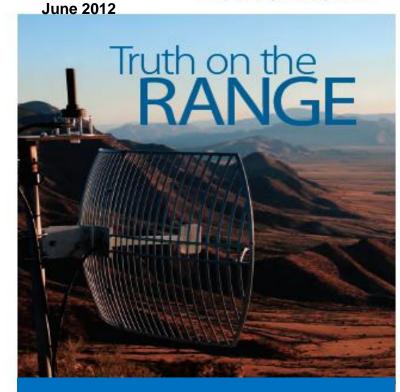
#### **Locata – Beyond GNSS**

Locata: An Australian-designed, terrestrial, GNSS-like technology involving time synchronised ground stations ("Locatalites") able to:

- Augment GNSS (e.g. open-cut mines) or;
- Replace GNSS (e.g. vulnerable applications) or;
- Be used where GNSS never could operate (e.g. indoors);
- Within coverage area of local transmitter network.

(Source: Rizos, 2012)

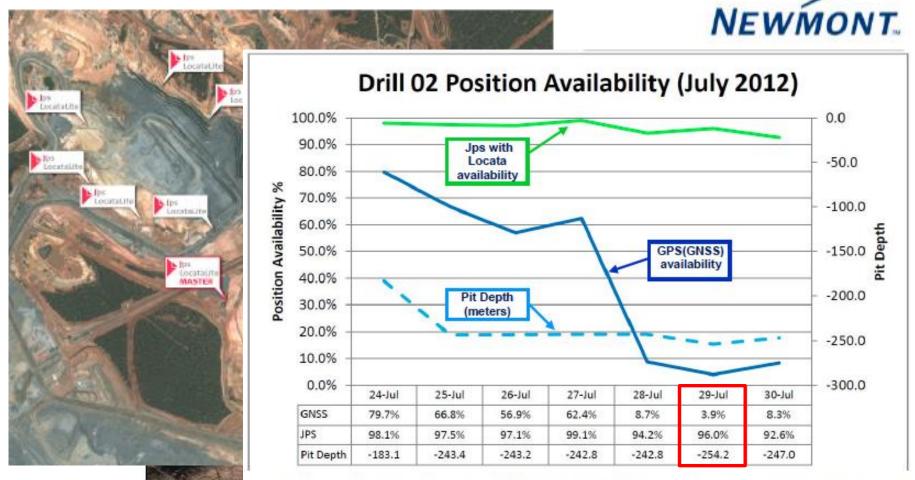




Sole-source contract from US Air Force to cover > 2,500 sq. miles White Sands Missile Base as "truth" when jamming GPS



#### Leica + Locata - Application in Open Cut Mine



Typical example of position availability for a drill rig operating in South Pit at Newmont Boddington Gold over a 1-week period in July 2012. Positioning available from Jps Locata is compared directly again high-accuracy GPS-only availability

(Source: Rizos, 2012)



### **Affordability Options**

- I assume this applies to options for improving future affordability of the GPS System, in which case I have nothing specific;
- Only additional comment is to ideally include consideration of any possible impacts on users and on the additional/augmentation infrastructures on which they rely.

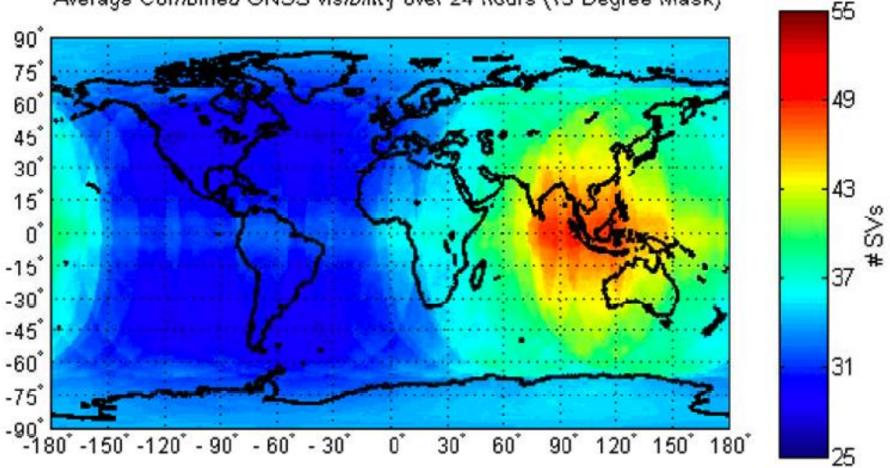


#### **International GNSS Contributions**



#### Australia's Advantage in the Multi-GNSS Era

Average Combined GNSS visibility over 24 hours (15 Degree Mask)

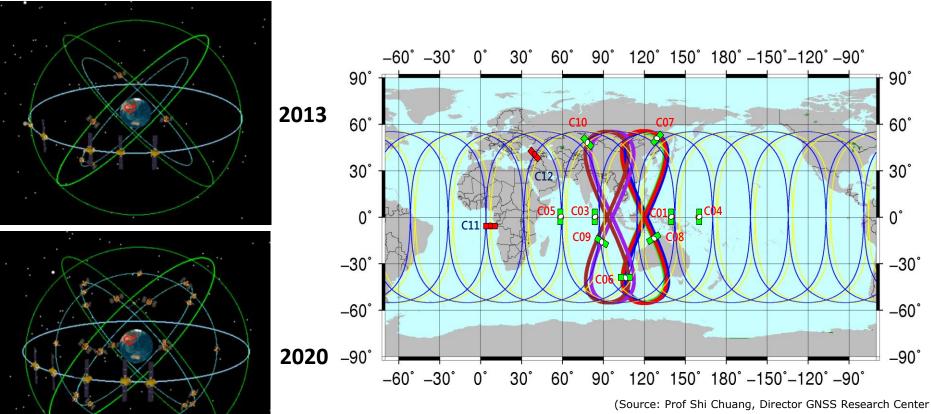






#### China: Beidou

- 2013: 5GEO+5IGSO+4MEO (Regional Service)
- 2020: 5GEO+3IGSO+27MEO (Global Service)

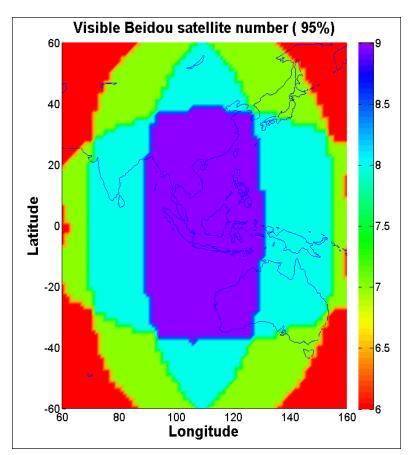


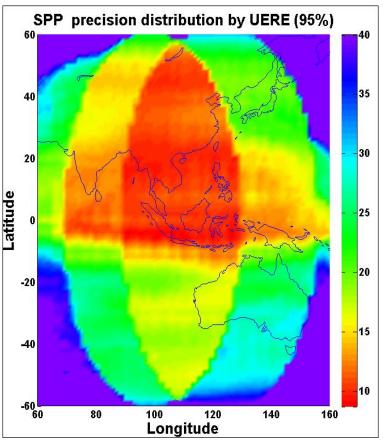
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#### **Single Point Positioning Performance of Current Constellation**





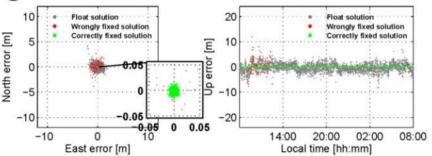
- Beidou Short Messaging capability already proven invaluable during natural disasters;
- Space Based Augmentation capability (SBAS) also integrated into system architecture.

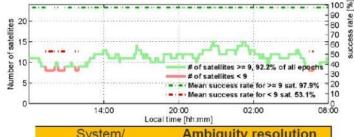
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# Single-frequency RTK ambiguity resolution + positioning results – cut-off elevation: 35 deg







Frequency	success rate % for cut-off [deg]					
	10	15	20	25	30	35
BEIDOU						
B1	96.4	96.1	86.9	83.4	66.8	51.5
GPS						
L1	79.4	68.9	52.6	33.4	19.3	9.0
COMBINED					1	
B1+L1	98.1	100	100	100	99.4	97.0

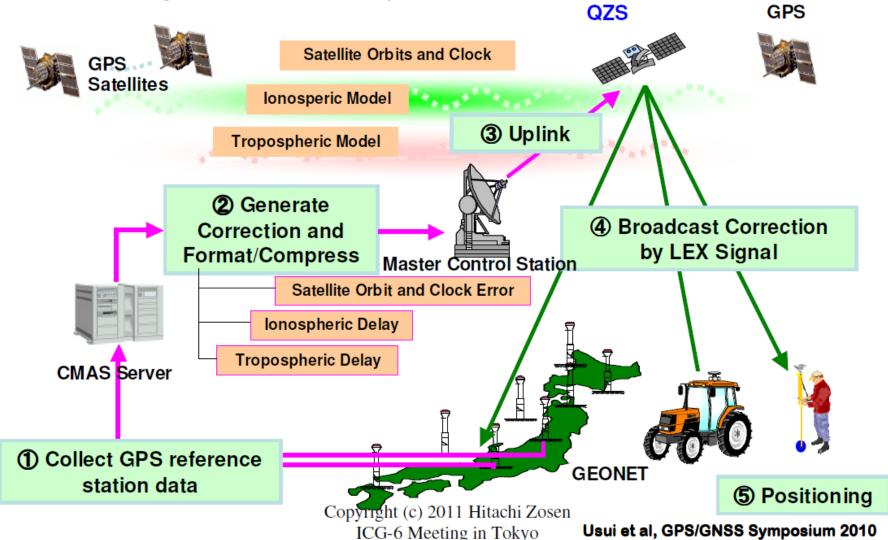
24 h of data (21/04/13)

- Multi-path less of an issue?
- L1 only so very low cost receivers can do this;
- L1 and L5 will give even better results.

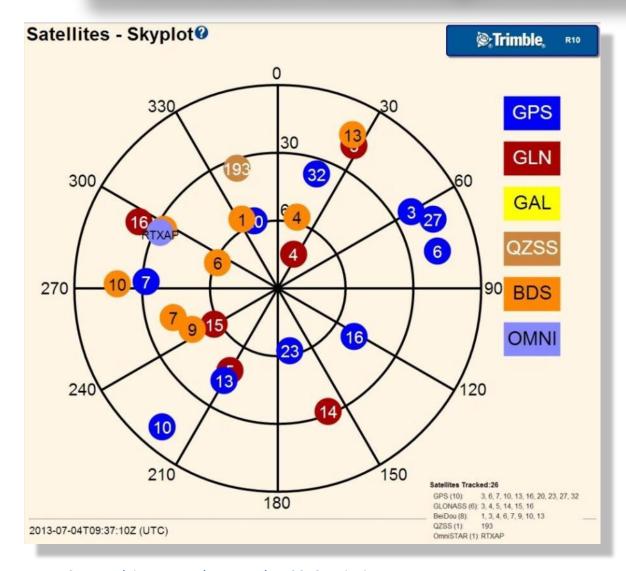
(Source: Robert Odolinski, Teunissen, and Odijk, GNSS Research Centre, Curtin University, Presented at CSNC 2013)



# Australian Interest in the Augmentation Capabilities Built into QZSS



#### Australia's Advantage in the Multi-GNSS Era



- P QZSS's IGSO and Beidou's GEO and IGSO orbits mean they will bring significantly improved results for many users in the Asia Pacific Region;
- Probably more significant than addition of GLONASS.

#### **GNSS Strategic Plan**



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ENSURE THERE IS
LEADERSHIP FOR THE
AUSTRALIAN GNSS
COMMUNITY

ADOPT A WHOLE-OF-NATION APPROACH TO A SUSTAINABLE, MULTI-GNSS-ENABLED NPI

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- Developed by the Australian Spatial Consortium;
- Recommendations seen as contributions to new Australian Government Satellite Utilisation Policy

MITIGATE

VULNERABILITIES IN EXISTING AND FUTURE GNSS INFRASTRUCTURE

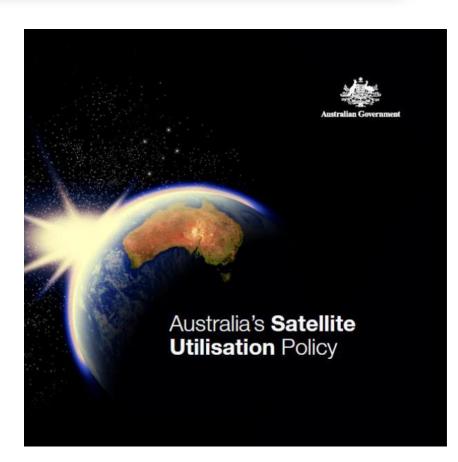
AUSTRALIA'S UNIQUE GEOPOLITICAL ADVANTAGE



## **Satellite Utilisation Policy**

- Australia's national space policy, released on 9 April 2013;
- Outlines Australia's space aims and capabilities;
- Aims to ensure ongoing, cost effective access to space capabilities for Australia;
- Called for Infrastructure Plans for Earth Observation and for PNT;
- Seemed to be bi-partisan support for the policy prior to recent Federal election but yet to see details of the new Government's "position".

(Source: Andrews for Space Coordination Office, IGNSS 2013)



#### Thanks for your attention

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