

# **The Changing World of National Mapping in Ireland**

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## **ABSTRACT**

The paper describes the step changes being made in Ordnance Survey Ireland, the 177 year old national mapping agency of Ireland, to ensure that it continues to meet the needs of its customers, its owner (the government) and its other stakeholders. The strong culture and heritage of the organisation provide great strength but also need to be adapted to allow the necessary flexibility and innovation as the organisation builds for the future. Initial, positive results are now becoming apparent and are described. The changes provide a valuable case study for many other organisations undergoing profound, rapid change.

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