

Understanding regions: an integrated spatial approach

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In April 2006 the Victorian Government released *Regional Matters. An Atlas of Regional Victoria*. This publication was the outcome of a whole of government approach to regional information and explores ways in which integrated understandings of regional issues (such as skills shortages or community wellbeing) can be developed.

The Atlas is being used by many organisations, particularly agencies which are dealing with complex inter-related issues and which deal with diverse stakeholders (for example, CMAs, health service networks and regional development agencies). This paper will outline the nature of the Regional Atlas project and publication, showing how the model of information delivery which it has developed can be utilised across a wide range of regional policy situations.