Data Supply Metadata s1

Project	Alpine Fault Tararua LiDAR	10.074
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Summary of Data	NZ Aerial Mapping (NZAM) collected LiDAR sensor data over the Tararua area of interest totalling approx nine sq km. The data was processed into various digital map data products. The products included in this data supply are: •Project extent data •DTM point cloud •Above ground point cloud •Unclassified point cloud •Contours •Orthophotos •Metadata file
	Please refer to the report section <i>Product Generation and Data Supply</i> for details on these products.

Data Acquisition	 The project area is that shown in the ESRI Shape file "Extents" that accompanies the dataset. A map showing this area of interest is included in Appendix A. LiDAR and digital imagery was collected on 27th Sept. 2010, using NZ Aerial Mapping's Optech ALTM 3100EA LiDAR system and Rollei AIC medium format digital camera. The data was collected flying 1,200 metres above the ground, and using a field of view of 19.5 degrees either side of nadir. The system PRF was set at 70kHZ.
	A geodetic reference mark that NZAM has established and maintains at Masterton, was used for the collection of GPS receiver station data during the aerial data acquisition.

	The LiDAR sensor positioning and orientation (POS) was determined using the collected GPS/IMU datasets and Applanix POSPac software. This work was all undertaken in NZGD2000 coordinate system using the data collected at the geodetic reference mark for the DGPS processing.
Data Processing	The POS data was combined with the LiDAR range files and used to generate LiDAR point clouds in New Zealand Transverse Mercator (NZTM) map projection but NZGD2000 ellipsoidal heights. This process was undertaken using Optech DASHMap LiDAR processing software. The data was checked for completeness of coverage. The relative fit of data in the overlap between strips was also checked. The point cloud data was then classified into ground, first and, intermediate returns using automated routines tailored to the project landcover and terrain. These, and subsequent steps were undertaken using TerraSolid LiDAR processing software modules TerraScan, TerraPhoto and TerraModeler. The Rollei camera images were developed into 8 bit per channel uncompressed TIFF format images. The LiDAR POS data was transformed for use with the camera, and this data was used with the automated classified ground LiDAR point cloud data to produce orthophotos with a ground sample distance of 0.2m. Comprehensive manual editing of the LiDAR point cloud data was undertaken to increase the quality of the automatically classified ground point dataset. This editing involved visually checking over the data and changing the classification of points into and out of the ground point dataset. Attention was particularly focused on areas of vegetation. The Rollei orthophotos were used as a backdrop when undertaking the manual editing.

Product Generation & Data Supply	The supplied products are all in terms of NZTM, and Wellington 1953 vertical datum. The dataset has been tiled in 1:2000 NZ Topo50 map sheets The folder <i>Ground</i> contains the LiDAR point cloud points that have been classified as ground returns as well as supplementary points added to the dataset. This dataset is in ASCII XYZ (mE mN O) file format. The folder <i>Above Ground</i> contains the LiDAR point cloud points that have been identified as having elevations greater than the points in the DTM dataset. This dataset is in ASCII XYZ (mE mN O) file format. The folder <i>Unclassified</i> contains all the LiDAR point cloud points that were collected by the LiDAR sensor. This dataset is in LAS 1.1 file format. Every point is in class 1, default. The folder <i>Othophotos</i> contains the 0.2m GSD orthophotos. The Rollei AIC camera is a semi-metric camera and so the orthophotos are subject to mismatches at photo stitch seam lines. The folder <i>Contours</i> contains 0.5m contour interval contours. The contours were interpolated using the LiDAR ground point cloud dataset. The 2.5m interval contours have been assigned to level INDEX. The rest of the contours in level INTERMEDIATE. This data is provided in ESRI Shape file format.
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Exceptions	No exceptions with the dataset have been noted.
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Appendix A: Project Area and data tile layouts

Area of interest shown as purple outline.

