



LANDS surveying alert

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Director of Surveys

Following the retirement of Russell Priebbenow, and the recent Machinery of Government changes, Ken Sherwood has now been appointed as the Director of Surveys. Ken holds a Bachelor of Applied Science (Surveying) degree and has Post Graduate qualifications in Survey Practice and Management. Ken became a licensed surveyor in 1995. Following registration, he worked in the private sector in SE Qld.

Ken joined the department in 1998 as a surveyor in the Townsville office, then becoming Information Manager in 2005, and Regional Manager in 2008. In 2012, Ken moved to the South Region of the department where he was responsible for the Lands portfolio, which has included, State Land Administration and Management, Vegetation Management, Spatial information, Surveying, Natural Resource Sciences, Investigations and Planning teams.

Surveying Reference Group

The Department of Resources is continuing with business and legislative improvement activities associated with surveying and spatial information. This includes the current review of the Cadastral Survey Requirements and progression of legislative amendments for surveying legislation. In order to maximise the outcomes of these activities, the department sees the involvement of the surveying industry as critical.

To this end, the department flagged the creation of a working group with the industry (see [Surveying Alert issue 42](#)) to further explore significant issues currently impacting on surveying.

The Department is now seeking to establish a Surveying Reference Group with industry and academia. This group is separate to the Focus Group that has been working over the last few years on digital transformation under the Cadastre Queensland Transformation program.

Involvement in this new group is open to all surveyors across Queensland, and the best outcomes are only possible with a diversity of experience, location and business sizes involved.

You are all encouraged to consider joining this group. Nominations can be made by providing your contact details through email to surveying@resources.qld.gov.au by 31 March in order to be part of the first meeting in April.

CSR review update

The timeline for the review of the Cadastral Survey Requirements has been somewhat impacted by Covid19. Amendments in response to your submissions are currently being finalised. The draft for version 8 is expected to be released to all surveyors before June for consultation. The primary

forum for this consultation will be through the new Surveying Reference Group.