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Survey Audit Modernisation Consultation Feedback

Thank you to everyone who provided feedback on the department's initial proposal to modernise our current survey auditing processes, as outlined within Surveying Alert issue 51. This initial proposal has generated considerable interest from the surveying profession and other stakeholders following the release of the discussion paper. It will take the department longer than anticipated to work through all the feedback.

Therefore, it will not be possible to begin implementation of any proposed revision of the audit process during October, as was indicated to some stakeholders. In the short term, there will be no change to the department's current survey auditing processes. Any proposed changes, developed in consultation with the profession and stakeholders, will be communicated in advance of any future implementation of the survey audit process reform.

After review of all the feedback gathered to date, the department will hold further extended industry engagement to discuss the outcome of the review and continue development of options for reform. Future engagement opportunities to modernise survey auditing will be advised in due course.

Review of the Cadastral Survey Requirements (CSR)

The CSR annual review is also under way. Thank you to those who provided comments and feedback on the CSR during the preliminary consultation phase that ended in June. The timing for the release of the new version of the CSR will be influenced by the passage of the Land and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2022 which is anticipated to occur at the end of the year. Further consultation with the Surveying Reference Group, and distribution of a consultation draft of the proposed CSR changes to industry will occur prior to the finalisation and release of the next version of the survey standards.

All feedback and suggestions for consideration in the next review of the CSR may continue to be submitted to the department at any time via surveying@resources.qld.gov.au.