



## LANDS surveying alert

### *EDME Calibration Baseline Certification, Disclaimers on Identification Surveys & Survey Audit Modernisation*

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### **EDME Calibration Baseline Certification**

The Queensland EDME baselines are observed (recertification) and new Regulation 13 certificates issued for the baselines, every two years. Historically the baselines were all measured in the one field campaign in the same year.

The process has now changed in that the baselines have been divided into two campaigns, Northern and Southern and each will be done on alternate years. The Southern baselines on the even calendar years and the Northern on the odd years.

Division of Qld EDME baselines into the two campaigns is shown below.

<b>Southern Baselines</b>	<b>Northern Baselines</b>
Tungamull	Goonyella
Childers	Mackay
Caboolture	Mica Creek
Gold Coast	Townsville
Leyburn	Walkamin

It is expected that the field campaigns will still be undertaken in August/September with the new Regulation 13 certificate issued shortly after. Where practicable please avoid performing EDME tests around the time that baselines are scheduled for recertification.

The Department has recently finalised the recertification of the Southern baselines. The Goonyella baseline was also recertified due to confirmed pillar movement. The new Regulation 13 certificates and calibration software are available on the Department of Resources (Resources) webpage.

Goonyella will be recertified again in 2023 as part of the Northern EDM Tour.

For more information, please visit the Resources webpage for legal traceability of length or contact your local Resources office. [Calibration of survey equipment | Business Queensland](#)

### **Disclaimers on Identification Surveys**

There have been a significant number of instances where inappropriate disclaimers have been placed on identification survey plans. Surveyors are reminded of CSR 3.4.1 which includes the following.

*A survey plan must not include any statement which may infer that the accuracy of the survey does not comply with surveying standards (for example, a disclaimer referring to the 'fitness for*

*purpose' of an identification survey or inferring the lack of suitability of boundary marking for particular purposes).*

### **Survey Audit Modernisation**

Thanks to those individuals and the Surveying Industry Associations for providing comments on the draft changes to modernise survey auditing. Due to the 80+ responses received, the implementation of the project has been delayed. The Project Team will soon be reviewing the current project plan and implementation schedule and will advise of the new schedule, this will include further consultation with the industry commencing in early 2023.

### **Review of the Cadastral Survey Requirements (CSR)**

The CSR annual review is progressing well. Further consultation with the Surveying Reference Group, and distribution of a consultation draft to the industry of the proposed CSR version 8.1 will occur early in 2023. The timing for the release of the new version will be influenced by the passage of the Land and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2022 which is anticipated to occur early next year.

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](mailto:Surveying@resources.qld.gov.au).

### **Departmental Titling Services Ceased**

The following Department of Resources' business centres ceased providing titling services on Friday 16 December 2022.

- Bundaberg
- Cairns
- Gold Coast (Robina)
- Ipswich
- Sunshine Coast (Nambour)
- Townsville

Titling customers will now need to engage directly with [Titles Queensland](#) as Department of Resources' counters no longer accept titles lodgements or provide titles searches.

### **Historical Directions to Surveyors**

Historical directions have now been added to our publication portal and can be accessed using the following link.

<https://www.publications.qld.gov.au/dataset/historical-directions-to-surveyors>

### **Christmas Closure**

Department of Resources' offices will be closed from 26 December 2022 to 2 January 2023 and will re-open on 3 January 2023.