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**Dear Dr Munro**

The Spatial Industries Business Association represents surveyors and other disciplines in the spatial information industry in private practice. Many of our members carry out the cadastral surveys that create and maintain the land title system in Queensland.

While decisions to alienate Crown land or change its tenure are decisions for the government, we would like to remind legislators that the Torrens Title System that we have in Queensland requires that the land parcels subject to these changes require appropriate measurement and location. This is the basis of the Torrens System and the reason there are so few land disputes in this country.

If the Government does decide to accelerate the alienation of Crown land, then the practical process of doing so may also come under scrutiny for a number of reasons including cost, time necessary for completion, registration requirements and resources within Government, and the like.

We have no specific comment about the philosophy or policy of alienation of Crown land, but urge the Government, having made decisions at that level, to consult with those charged with the practical application of those decisions.

Registered Consulting Cadastral Surveyors are charged with the day to day application of the legislation in this regard and are very familiar with the practical implications of legislative changes likely to be required. They are also familiar with new and emerging technologies that could resolve issues while maintaining the integrity of the land titling system in Queensland.

The Association is prepared to assist with that consultation once the high level decisions are made.

We also work closely with the Surveying and Spatial Sciences Institute which represents the profession of surveying more broadly, and who will have an interest in technical and professional aspects of any change to land tenure in Queensland.

Yours faithfully

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