

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



The [President's Message](#) including highlights from the recent Board and Council meetings is available on the website. Updates include:

- NZIS strategic plans
- Certification
- Governance review
- Workforce strategy
- International engagement.

CONFERENCE COUNTDOWN - Just Over a week to Go!

It's not too late to register and join over 200 other people at this year's conference in Nelson 17-19 May. We have a line-up of fantastic speakers so check out the full

programme and conference details at www.nzisconference.org.nz



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 - [Land Title Specialist \(Cadastral Surveyor\)](#), Far North District Council.
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NZIS ADVOCACY

NZIS advocates for prioritisation of ASaTS funding in a letter to Minister of Finance

NZIS has written to the Hon. Grant Robertson, Minister of Finance, highlighting the growing risk of the current Landonline system. The [letter](#) sets out the urgent need to prioritise funding of the Advanced Survey and Title Systems (to replace Landonline) that is critical to the delivery of land titles and new houses. Copies have also been distributed to the Minister of Housing and Urban Development, the Hon. Phil Twyford and the LINZ Minister, the Hon. Eugenie Sage and the LINZ CEO, Andrew Crisp. [Read the letter](#).

Justice Select Committee inviting submissions on the Privacy Bill

Members have been alerted through the March **legislation scan of proposed legislation** that a Bill reforming the Privacy Act 1993 was introduced on 20 March 2018. The Bill is now open for submissions to the Justice Select Committee until 24 May 2018. Read the details on the proposed reforms and how to make a submission: <https://www.parliament.nz/en/pb/sc/committees-press-releases/have-your-say-on-the-privacy-bill/>.

Training bond agreements

Find out about the legal aspects of training bond agreements and the generally accepted length of bonding period: <https://www.employers.co.nz/training-bond-agreements-news-april-2018-newsitem.aspx>.

Environment Court Decision on Whether Conversions of Cross-lease titles constitute a subdivision under the RMA

The case was heard in the Environment Court in Auckland on 23 April 2018. NZIS was represented by Glaister Ennor and Warren Haynes presented a submission for NZIS. The decision was reserved and is expected by the end of May and will be posted on the website.



SCHOOL OF SURVEYING

Graduate Recruitment – Advertising and Interviewing 2018

The School of Surveying wishes to advise that the student recruitment period in 2018 will be:

Job Advertising/Marketing Period

Starts 16 July - Finishes 31 July

(Please note - students return from their mid-year break on Monday 11 July.)

An A4 advertising poster should be (save as a Word or PDF document) attached and [emailed to: surveying@otago.ac.nz](mailto:surveying@otago.ac.nz)

Interviewing Period

Starts 1st August - Finishes 10th August

Employers seeking assistance (interviewing space, presentation rooms etc) are requested to adhere to these dates.

Employers are also invited to advertise on the OUSA Students web site at a cost of \$25 (contact: Jackson Clark claja921@student.otago.ac.nz for details).

For further information please phone: 03 4797585

CASE NOTES

This month we report on seven appeals covering diverse situations associated with subdivision, development and land use activities from around the country.

- A successful appeal resulting in an increase of the number of dwellings from two to three as permitted activities in certain residential zones in the Auckland Unitary Plan;

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- A largely unsuccessful application for judicial review of a decision by Queenstown Lakes District Council to approve a non-complying residential development;
 - An appeal to the High Court against a decision of the Environment Court relating enforcement orders served on the appellant for unauthorised works on an esplanade reserve adjoining a property at Avondale, Auckland;
 - Two decisions on applications by Auckland Council for a declaration on the interpretation of the multiple provisions in its own unitary plan and the hierarchy of the general rules, overlays, Auckland-wide provisions, zones, precincts and standards, and the priority where there are conflicts between different provisions;
 - Two applications for declaration involving situations at Wanganui; one an interpretation of “existing ground level” and another on the acceptability of an engineer as a “suitably qualified and experienced geotechnical engineer”.

[Read the full summaries and previous notes.](#)

HEALTH AND SAFETY

The Health and Safety at Work (Asbestos) Regulations 2016 came into force on 4 April 2016. There were several transitional savings and related provisions which meant that some provisions did not take effect until 4 April 2018. These are set out in Schedule 1 of the Health and Safety at Work (Asbestos) Regulations 2016. [Read more](#)

More resources and information is available on the [Health and Safety At Work](#) web page.

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