



WALKING THE TALK - S+SNZ BECOMES A FOUNDING PARTNER OF THE DIVERSITY AGENDA

In the spirit of S+SNZ's strategic aim to '*Improve the diversity of S+SNZ by attracting a broader range of members*', we have become a Founding Partner of the Diversity Agenda. This is an exciting industry-wide campaign that is galvanising scores of Kiwi companies around one common goal: 20 per cent more women into their industries by 2021.

The Diversity Agenda started as a collaboration between Engineering New Zealand, the New Zealand Institute of Architects (NZIA) and the Association of Consulting Engineers (ACENZ). It already has more than 50 other organisations signed up as Founding Partners and Change Makers. The campaign will address critical issues like retaining and promoting women to leadership roles and ensuring pay equity. [Read more.](#)

(Photo: Rebecca Strang, President signing the agenda contract with Engineering NZ's CEO, Susan Freeman-Green).

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SEMINAR COMING UP - Positioning & Measurement and Engineering Surveying Streams

26 October, Novotel Auckland Airport.



This is a must for people who need tools and techniques for engineering and positioning in the New Zealand context. Presentations and discussions will cover topics such as UAVs, Scanners, Satellite Based Augmentation Systems (SBAS) and the New Zealand Vertical Datum 2016. This is an annual event which is a joint S+SNZ professional stream initiative. The first seminar held in 2017 was highly successful with nearly 140 attendees. The day provides a unique opportunity for technical development and networking. The Novotel Hotel at Auckland Airport has been chosen as the venue to make it easy for anyone living outside of Auckland to fly-in and fly-out on the same day. [Book your place here.](#)



REMINDER - OVERDUE MEMBERSHIP FEES

If you haven't paid your membership fee, this is now well overdue. Your membership is important to us and we don't want anyone to lose their membership benefits or privileges. This year's special focus will be on certification, advocacy for our profession with territorial authorities and the profession's vision for the future.

The **easiest way to pay** is to log-into www.surveyspatialnz.org, click on **Dashboard** and then **Account Balance**. You will be presented with a **Make Payment** option. Otherwise please contact National Office, admin@surveyspatialnz.org.

NZSEA AWARDS



17 October, Te Papa, Museum of New Zealand, Wellington

Don't miss the event that keeps you up with the latest and greatest in New Zealand's rapidly evolving spatial sector. Join us to toast the 2018 winners at the annual NZ Spatial Excellence Awards. This gala occasion promises to be the spatial industry's most important and prestigious event for the year. [Buy your ticket here.](#)

ADVOCACY



Environment Court Decision on Cross Lease Titles Released

The long-awaited decision has been received on Don McKay's application that was supported by S+SNZ. The application was for a declaration from the Environment Court, that the conversion of cross-leased titles to fee simple titles is not a subdivision within the meaning of section 218 of the Resource Management Act 1991. [Read the background, the decision and Thomas Gibbon's Case Summary.](#)

Proposed Legislation Scan

A refreshed Legislation Scan as at 28 September has been added to the website. This scan and earlier versions are available in the [Resources section](#) of the website (log-in is required).



LINZ Update on the Land Transfer Act 2017

As previously advised, the Land Transfer Act 2017 is expected to come into force on 12 November 2018.

In September, we submitted the final draft regulations that support the Land Transfer Act 2017 (LTA) to Cabinet for consideration. Subject to approval from the Governor-General, these regulations will come into effect from 12 November 2018.

The Registrar-General of Land has revised the draft standards and the directive to take into account the feedback LINZ received during the [final consultation stages](#). These will be published on our website on Thursday 11 October 2018.

We are also developing a set of factsheets showing the key changes customers will need to know about. You can find the factsheet for surveyors on the LINZ website <https://www.linz.govt.nz/land/surveying/csd-preparation>. We are currently developing a fact sheet for lawyers and legal executives, and one for local councils. Both of these factsheets and any transitional guidance, will be available on our website and provided to the relevant member organisations towards the end of October.

The Landonline application will also be updated to reflect these changes. Further guidance on this will be available towards the end of October.

What's changing?

The new Act will ensure New Zealand can continue to rely on a modern, world-leading land transfer system. The Act will bring the key changes below:

- terminology changes
- a new definition of 'fraud' which effectively aligns it to current case law
- changes to the compensation rules regarding assessment/valuation of loss
- an exception which allows the court to restore a title to the former owner in cases of manifest injustice
- correction powers around compensation in cases where landowners haven't taken reasonable care in managing their property
- land covenants in gross can be permitted
- non-disclosure provisions to suppress landowners details on the grounds of safety.

We will continue to update the LINZ website and Landonline throughout October with more information - www.linz.govt.nz

CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Coming up in November - Good Survey Practice Seminar

Monday 26 November, Novotel Auckland Airport. Watch out for the opening of bookings on the [Tickets and Events](#) page.

CASE NOTES

Summaries of cases from Thomson Reuter's "Your Environment".

This month we report on eight court decisions covering diverse situations associated with subdivision, development and land use activities from around the country;

- A successful appeal against refusal of consent by Auckland Council to an application for subdivision on the outskirts of Warkworth;
- An unsuccessful appeal by an Auckland property owner against convictions for damaging a historic basalt boundary wall in Epsom, Auckland;
- An interim and a final decision on a road stopping appeal at Hamilton;
- A final decision on an appeal relating to a boatshed and jetty in Queen Charlotte Sound;
- A sentencing decision resulting from a successful prosecution of a subdivider of land at Pyes Pa, Tauranga, whose actions caused environmental damage;
- A costs decision resulting from an appeal against the consent of Auckland Council to a development and subdivision at Papakura;
- A successful appeal by an applicant against refusal of consent by Tasman District Council to a proposed subdivision of rural land to facilitate extension of a quarry that is an important source of rock for roading in the area.

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

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