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Clarification of the Process for Boundary Conflict Surveys

Kia ora Mark,

Following on from a recent Institute of Cadastral Surveying Workshop discussion, the ICS seeks to clarify our mutual understanding of the process for the resolution of Boundary Conflict Surveys.

During the development of the CPBRM Act 2016 and at various survey meetings and presentations afterward, the process of dealing with boundary conflicts between post-legislation surveys and surveys approved in the interim period was variously described. It was understood (by Canterbury Surveyors) that the process would be a collaborative and open procedure where the signing surveyor would work with LINZ Knowledge People (or Expert Panel) to find an agreeable solution where conflicts were identified on a post-legislation survey that required “correction” of the approved interim period definition. Further, there was a perceived understanding that LINZ would potentially be able to apply some financial contribution if justified, to enable the signing surveyor to complete the necessary additional capture, validation and reporting that would be triggered as part of the solution.

The process would be vital in order to “maintain the health of the cadastre” and so retain “confidence in the Survey System” - as you had often stated at formal meetings along the way.


Any financial assistance would be recognition of the additional effort by the signing surveyor to resolve a conflict that cannot be left unattended, or overlooked or even fudged.

If the process is refined to be one that simply defaults to following the provisions in s172 of the LT Act 1952, then it is the ICS’s view that this would not only be a failure of the intentions of both parties (LINZ and the Cadastral Survey Profession), but it would be an injustice to the signing surveyor and most importantly, their Clients as Landowners. The

injustice being that the onus of effort, time and cost is loaded onto the latter in order for them to recover losses from the Crown.

The ICS would like to have a clear process identified – or at least work with LINZ (and the NZIS if required) and agree a mutually acceptable process for dealing with Boundary Conflict Surveys.

Regards,



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